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To: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

From: Dan Sweat

Subject: Journal Editorial of August 25, 1966
on Urban Renewal Code Enforcement

I talked to Reese Cleghorn of the Journal Editorial Staff Friday about the subject editorial. Reese said he wrote the editorial and that it was simply a matter of the newspaper's calling attention to code enforcement practices of the city over a period of several years and that he felt the time had come to voice the paper's opinion more strongly.

He says that it goes back to the establishment of the separate inspections some six years ago and the placing it back under Mr. Wofford. He gave no indication that anyone from the department had talked to him recently but did mention the Lightning situation and the name of Wayne Kelley and Willie Williams which would suggest to me that he possibly has talked to some of the dissidents in Vine City.

He said so far as he was concerned the editorial was aimed at Wofford and the enforcement program and not necessarily the people in the Atlanta Housing Authority.

Since my discussion with him, I have obtained what I believe to be accurate figures on public housing in Atlanta over the last ten years. I have attached a summary of these figures. You will note a wide gap between the 7,576 completed housing units and the 20,994 displaced families. This report does not

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take into consideration the private sector of the housing market and I would imagine that a considerable amount of low and moderate income private housing has been constructed in Atlanta over this ten year period.

I hope that we can document this information through our CIP study and I will follow up with the CIP to try to make sure that we can obtain this information.

You will note I have shown the total figures and also broken out the units constructed or planned inside urban renewal areas. I am afraid that I would have to admit that we don't show up very well with low income units constructed inside urban renewal projects. However, I don't think this represents the true criteria for measuring the success of our urban renewal program.

I do feel, however, that there should be a complete study of our housing patterns and the City policy on low income and moderate income housing construction. The CIP should shed much light on our current situation and perhaps we can use the CIP Housing Study as the jumping off point toward a comprehensive housing plan for the city.

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