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Mph. Min.

Oct. 23

Jackie
Dear Cherry homes

I rec'd your literature in the mail from time to time. I am disappointed in what I hear about you. What is the American people believe in, when our official state is not clean? They are to be an example. I will not write for you. That is why I think "we" the people should let you know.

Taking furniture to your home and then taking it back is not the best thing. It does not look good in any way. who can we trust? It is the every day living that counts.

I do not think you should
degrade other people - like you
did to Van White. I know him.
I have heard him talk in a
personal way.

If we cannot trust our
Candidates that are running; it
is very serious thing, I think.
I am sorry, but I cannot
vote for you. Also, I heard you
in person - speaking.

Would like you to answer if
you feel led to do so.

Sincerely
D. Lorraine Baconth
115 2nd Ave So. 305
Mpls, Min. 55401

Lorraine Bacon
River Gate Apt. 305
115 2nd Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55401



Minneapolis Fire & Police Joint Council
1811 University Ave
Mpls. Mn. 55418

Please refer this letter to
Jochei Cherryholmes



I Regret That I am
unable to attend; however
if it wasn't for you blazing
the trail I would not
be where I am today.

Robyne Robinson
KHSP-TV

1/24/94

Dear Bunny,

Here are the words I spoke on Martin Luther King Sunday at Hennepin Church. It was an honor to convey Van's suggestion and to see it carried out in the naming of Border Memorial Chapel.

Van contributed to his city and his church in so many ways. Please know that his commitment, convictions, and ideas live on. His church can and, I believe, will be the standard-bearer of his legacy.

Yours in Christ's work,
Bruce Maylath

Border Chapel dedication, MLK Sunday, 1/16/94

Today is a special day. It's Sunday, and today we praise God's creation.
Today we see plainly that all God created was good.

Today is a special Sunday. On this Sunday every year we celebrate the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. But coincidentally, it was also on this Sunday more than 35 years ago that the congregations of Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, at that time all white, and Border Methodist Church, at that time all black, joined—right here in this sanctuary. Only once before in United States history had two such congregations tried to integrate—and in that instance, in Nebraska, the outcome was far from happy. The results here were measurably happier, although not without their rough spots. Combining two congregations and two cultures is never easy and we continue with the effort today.

Today, after all, is a day to celebrate. It's a day to celebrate what God has put together. In his Ford Hall speech in Boston in April 1963, Martin Luther King noted that in America the most segregated school is the Sunday school. Consider that statement in light of today's front-page story in the *Star Tribune*. Today, in so many places in America, his words still ring true. Yet several years before King's speech, Border and Hennepin Churches had *already* shown that it didn't have to be that way. In that same speech the Rev. King stated that our aim must be, with God's love, "to heal the broken community." Today, in all too many places in America, the community remains broken. Yet this church stands out as a place where the community can heal.

The agenda for healing remains unfinished. Last year at this time, the Adult Education Council sponsored one of its most popular and best-attended classes ever, called "The Unfinished Agenda: African-Americans and the Church." It was a time to look back at our history, at Border's history, and to

note with pride the contributions African-Americans have made to Christ's Church. It was during one of those class sessions, a session that focused on Border Church, that Van White mentioned how much the chapel reminded him of the sanctuary at Border.

You remember Van. When the members of Border joined Hennepin, Van joined, too, and served in many positions. Later, he represented the near north side as the first black member of the Minneapolis City Council. Last year he reminded us of Border Church's history, first in our class and then at the Martin Luther King Dinner held last January in our Social Hall. And then he died in July, and his funeral was held right here in this sanctuary.

How lucky we were to have Van—and to hear his stories. Or maybe it wasn't just luck. Maybe God had a plan that we hear them, for last year we got to hear the stories of Erma Craven, Emma Gage, and Miriam Bennett. This year all of them are too ill to make it here today. But they're here in spirit. In faith, we know that Van is here in spirit, too. And in the spirit of God's love for His creation the trustees and Administrative Council took up Van's suggestion, naming our chapel after Border Methodist Church and remembering all the contributions Border members have made—indeed, the contributions all African-Americans have made here at Hennepin since the two congregations joined, for the members from Border paved the way for other persons of color.

Think of the symbolism. A sanctuary stands on either end of our church building, one named for Hennepin and one named for Border, joined in the middle by rooms for education. With education we knew that we could no longer live apart, and with education we continue to realize that we must go forward together.

With that in mind, the church put in place the Committee on Religion and Race, a standing committee within the United Methodist Church structure.

Otis Anderson and I co-chair the committee and serve with Emily Lilja, Ramar Davis, Mary Anderson, Charlotte Lyell, Patricia Jemie, Jennie Simon, Steve Bergfalk, Sarah Dickinson, and Quantis Stanton. (Ask them to stand). Many are senior highs who had already established their own committee before ours was formed. They're working hard on efforts you'll hear about soon.

The trustees and Recyclers have been working hard on refurbishing the display case outside the chapel so that it can house artifacts from and articles about Border Church. I urge you to take a few minutes to see what they've done. they're still gathering display items. If you know of any, please contact Bob Covington, who will be doing today's lectionary readings. If you're a trustee or a Recycler please stand. We thank you for all you've done and are doing.

Finally, we dedicate this day to the members of Border, who, together with members from Hennepin, saw a way to overcome segregation. If you were a member of Border Church, please stand. If you ever attended Border, please stand. If your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents ever attended Border, please stand. If you were a member of Hennepin when it joined with Border, please stand. If you're a member of Hennepin Church today, please stand. And if you're visiting Hennepin, please stand.

All ye who sojourn through snow and cold, behold Hennepin/Border! A Methodist Church united, under God.

Please turn to the persons around you, shake hands, and say, "Welcome to Hennepin/Border!"

SHARON AND BRUCE MAYLATH
2240 SARGENT AVENUE
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55105



Mrs. Van White
800 Washburn Ave. N.
Minneapolis, MN 55411

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December 18, 1989

City Council Member Van White
 307 City Hall
 Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Mr. White:

On behalf of the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights, I would like to express our appreciation for your effective leadership and contributions you have provided to the citizens of Minneapolis.

Your dedication and deep concern to the fundamental principles of civil rights and justice in the City of Minneapolis as a City Council member is greatly appreciated.

The Commission wishes you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ophelia G. Balcos

Ophelia G. Balcos
 Chair

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cc: Executive Director Emma Hixson
 Mayor Don Fraser
 City Council President Alive Rainville

ARCHIE GIVENS ATRIEUM
314 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

November 20, 1989

Councilman Van White
307 City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota
55415

Dear Councilman White:

This letter is not one that we anticipated writing to you and it is with regret that we do.

We so wanted you to be with us forever and our hopes for this were turned upside down.

You have been our lifeline for many years and we do want to thank you for your support, your generosity, warmth and kindness.

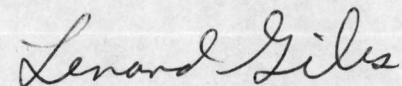
Please do come and visit with us when you can.

Our best wishes are with you and Mrs. White and your family in the future.

Once again, we say thank you.

Sincerely,

THE ATRIUM



Leonard Giles

LG/fd

The Atrium
314 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN. 55401



COUNCILMAN VAN WHITE
307 City Hall
Minneapolis, MN. 55415



790 Dupont Ave N.
Minneapolis, MN 55411
Nov. 7, 1989

Dear Jan White,

A few of my students wanted to write to you after the election and their letters are enclosed.

We've appreciated your two visits to our school, Northside Family Learning Center and your work on behalf of our students who live in your ward.

Best regards,
Ruth Hammond

1023 5th AVE N
Minneapolis MN 55405
November 8-1989

Dear Van White,
I'm Sorry you lost. I hope next time you will win.
I Think you're a good man. you can help people.
Thank you for coming to our School last week.

Sincerely yours,
Nao Yang

1152 4th Ave N.
Mpls MN 55405
Nov 8 - 89

Dear Ken White.

I'm sorry you lost.
I hope next time you will win.

Sincerely yours.
Mao Yue

WALTER F. MONDALE

2200 FIRST BANK PLACE EAST
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55402
(612) 340-5690

November 4, 1989

The Honorable Van White
Minneapolis City Council
City of Minneapolis

Dear Van:

As you recall at the dinner honoring Nellie Stone Johnson we had our picture taken together which I understand you have been using in your campaign. Since that time, I understand it has been suggested that your use of this photograph is fraudulent.

I wish to set the record straight. While I do not endorse in contests such as these, you are an old friend of mine, we have worked together on many matters, you have supported me in many campaigns, and you have been a fine City Councilman. In no sense can your use of our photograph be considered fraudulent in any sense whatsoever.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,


Walter F. Mondale

Linda G. Callender
1625 North DuPont Avenue • Mpls., MN 55411

Feb. 22, 1989

Dear Van,

Thank you for the excellent job you've done helping to improve the quality of life in north Minneapolis as well as for the city as a whole.

Your letter of Feb. 17, 1989 was a strong statement of your active contributions to our community.

You can count on my help this campaign.

Sincerely,
Linda Callender

MISS DUPONT NG
MDS. MN. 55411



Van White Volunteer Committee
To Treasurer Harold Underwood
1704 Lyn Curve Avenue, North
Minneapolis, Mn. 55411

Linda G. Callender

1625 North DuPont Avenue • Mpls., MN 55411

12/12/88

Councilman Van White,

Enclosed is a copy of the
Mpls Fireman's Graduation. You asked
me to send you a copy for your
newsletter. I think we need to
let our young black men and women
know more about this area and
that there is a need for more
minorities to apply.

My son's name is Alan M. Johnson.

Thank you,

Mrs. Ellen Johnson

P.S. You do not have to return the photo.

Would this photo be alright to
put in the Spokesman, I was thinking
of putting an article in?

822-8687-

4540 - Oakland Ave So
Mpls. 55409



Councilman Van F. White
City Hall
350 - S. 5th St.
Mpls. MN.

December ? 1988

Minneapolis Fireman's
Graduation



LEADERSHIP MINNEAPOLIS

December 17, 1979

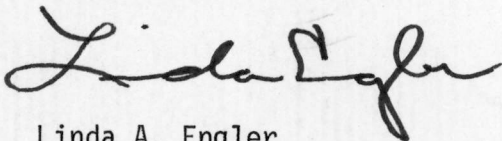
Mr. Van White
800 Washburn Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Dear Mr. White:

On behalf of the participants in Leadership Minneapolis and those persons who are involved in planning each day session, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation as part of the faculty for the Local and Regional Government session held on December 7. In reviewing the evaluations, the participants found the day to be very informative.

Thank you again for your willingness to participate.

Sincerely,



Linda A. Engler
Program Coordinator

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15 South 5th Street Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

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MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

MELVIN G. HOAGLAND
Area Superintendent

NORTH AREA OFFICE
1203 University Avenue Northeast
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413
Telephone 612/379-9005
November 21, 1979

Mr. Van White, Alderman-elect
800 Washburn Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Dear Mr. White:

Teachers have long seen the value of "role modeling" - the example set by successful adults - as a motivating force for students.

We know that your time is limited, as it is for anyone engaged in achieving his or her career goals. We are proposing that you participate with us in developing a new, career-oriented role modeling program for students in the North Area of the Minneapolis Public Schools. The goal would be to develop a small but effective core group of people in a variety of careers who might be either occasionally or regularly available to visit elementary and secondary classrooms to discuss their careers with students. More important, the students would need to know the means by which you - as one of the career models - achieved your career goal. Was it by following the example of a role model? By education? By sheer hard work and persistence? Or by a combination of all of these?

Our first request is that you attend a seminar with a representative group of teachers and school support personnel on Thursday, November 29, 4:00-6:00 p.m., to discuss how we could develop such a program. We are prepared to provide a \$25 honorarium for each of the 8-12 resource persons attending such as yourself. The seminar will be held at the Curriculum Resource Center, Sheridan School, 1203 University Ave. N.E. We plan to group the 8-12 resource persons, all of whom would be members of either the Black, Hispanic or American Indian community, into five career clusters. These include:

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| A. Business and Manufacturing | B. Health and Personal Services | C. Communications |
| D. Public Services | E. Transportation | and the Arts |

The purpose of the seminar would be to introduce teachers to potential career-oriented role models for their students - persons who might be available later this school year for classroom presentations. It would also offer an opportunity for teachers to offer some tips about the kind of presentation and materials or activities that would be most effective with their students, depending on the age level.

We would hope that as a result of the November 29 seminar you would be willing to volunteer for one or more classroom visits later this school year.

Thank you for your willingness to consider participating in this venture, which could have positive long-range effects on students' career motivation.

Sincerely yours,


Anne R. Desmond
North Area
Human Relations Coordinator

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OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

LYALL A. SCHWARZKOPF, CITY CLERK
311 CITY HALL, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55415
PHONE: 348-2215

November 14, 1979

Mr. Van White
800 Washburn Avenue North
Mpls, MN 55411

Dear Van:

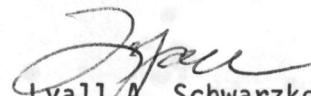
I was pleased to hear that you will be able to attend a one day orientation meeting with department heads. Enclosed is a tentative schedule of those persons who will talk to you. We have not set the room for the meeting.

As soon as the schedule is firmed up and the room set, I will contact you again.

Alderman elect Scallan will not be able to attend the Council meeting on Wednesday, November 21, but is tentatively planning to be with us in the afternoon. I hope he can make it. I will plan to meet you at 9:00 am on Wednesday and brief you on what will happen at the Council. Then after lunch we will review procedures and provide you with other information.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Lyall A. Schwarzkopf
City Clerk

LS:pd
Enclosure





MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

807 N.E. BROADWAY, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

February 4, 1974

Mr. Van White
1718 Thomas North
Minneapolis, MN

Dear Mr. White:

We were very encouraged by your appearance at the meeting last Saturday, February 2, 1974. I have been meeting with Van Byers, Bert Davis, Van White and Cozy Breedlove concerning problems in the community. We are very concerned with the rate of crime, robbery, assaults and lack of involvement by the adults in the community. We are trying to draw the attention of people in the community to some of the problems that face us. This meeting was a start and we plan more. I think that the people that were there from the administration became aware of the concerns of the silent majority. When I say silent majority, I mean people that have not expressed themselves before. Cozy was very outspoken and I will not apologize for him because I think at one time or other we have all felt the same way. This is one thing we are going to have to get away from because it does not help our situation. We have to put the past behind us and think of the future.

I think we have an administration that we can relate to. Chief McCarthy seems very responsive to our needs. We just have to point some of these needs out to him and the Mayor. I want to throw out some names to you concerning a task force to be presented to the Mayor and Chief of Police in dealing with some of the problems in the community, and the reason why I have suggested these people.

Bert Davis

Director of the New Way. He is out in the community and realized some of the major problems that confront the young blacks on the North Side.

Van Byers

Director Afro Culture Arts Center, Sabathani Community Center. He is aware of the youth problems on the South Side and is able to deal realistically with all agencies.

q 26-8059

Jean Cooper

Newspaper Editor has information concerning all aspects of the community, and is moderator of the Talk In Show seen on Saturdays on Channel 11.

Harry Davis

Minneapolis Star and Tribune will be of great assistance due to the many committees he serves on.

John Evans

President of Urban Coalition. He is new in this area but has the know how that is greatly needed.

Herbert George

Newscaster of great influence in the community because of his concerns.

Lillian Warren

Newscaster of great influence in the community.

Van White

Manpower services. He knows the community and is acceptable to all segments of the community.

Henrietta Faulconer

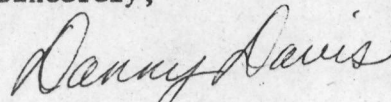
Project De Nova. She has warm relations with the courts; very valuable for task force.

Dorothy Woolfork

Community leader on the South Side, due to her many activities.

I would like to hear from you concerning this list of people for the committee. Also, if your name is listed would you be willing to serve!

Sincerely,



Danny Davis
822-6946 / 348-6017

DONALD M. FRASER
5TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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DALE MACIVER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 27, 1972

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Mr. Van F. White
WHO
1800 Olson Highway
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411

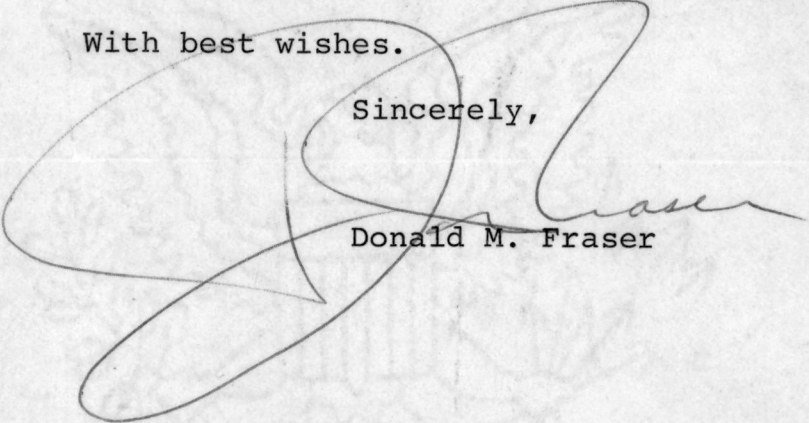
Dear Mr. White:

Thanks very much for sending me a copy of your letter to Secretary Romney regarding the funding needs of the Willard-Homewood project.

We are hopeful that some additional money might be available for Minneapolis urban renewal activities next year. The Senate has just approved an additional \$40 million for the Section 312 rehabilitation loan program, and I am sure that your project would put its share of congressional "add-on" to good use.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Donald M. Fraser

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 22, 1972

Mr. Van F. White
1800 Olson Highway
Minneapolis, Minnesota
55411

Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the letter that you sent to Secretary George Romney on May 23, 1972.

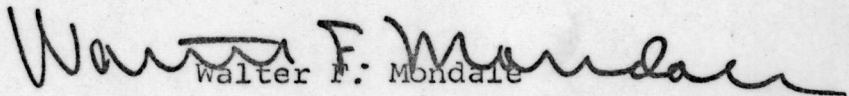
I enjoyed learning of the existence of the Willard Homewood Organization and the serious problems that this Organization has been working on. I will certainly do whatever I can to be of assistance and if there is anything specific, I hope that you will please feel free to get back in touch.

I have consistently supported increased funding for housing and community development programs and I will continue to do so. Unfortunately, much of this money has been impounded by the Administration even though Congress has appropriated it.

I am taking this opportunity to contact HUD to express my interest in the possibility of a Demonstration Program.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,


Walter F. Mondale

DONALD M. FRASER
5TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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June 10, 1971

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Mr. Van White
Chairman
Willard-Homewood Organization
1147 Dupont Avenue North
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411

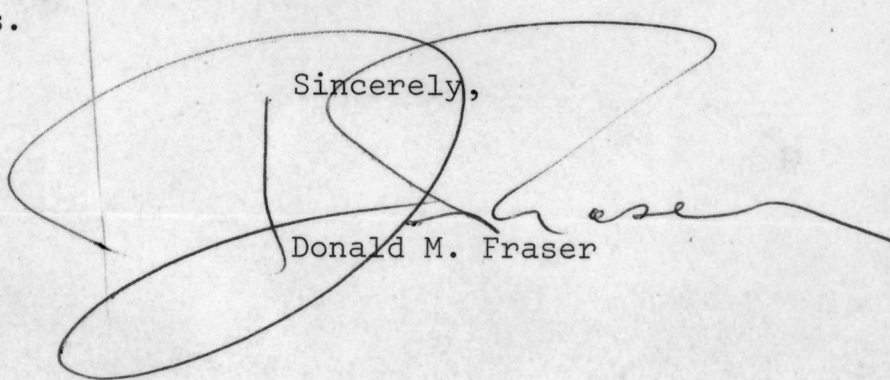
Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for sending me the progress report on the Willard-Homewood Organization. W.H.O. can play a key role in strengthening the Willard-Homewood area, and I'll be happy to lend my support to your efforts.

I'd like to have an opportunity to meet with your group sometime when I'm back in Minneapolis.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Donald M. Fraser

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July 15, 1971

Mr. Van White, Chairman
Willard-Homewood Organization
1147 Dupont Avenue North
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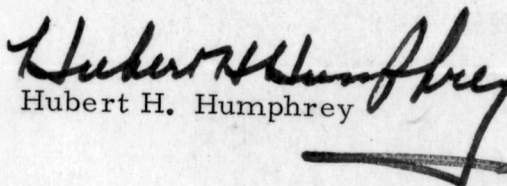
Dear Mr. White:

I was so pleased to hear about the splendid success of your neighborhood rehabilitation program. The kind of effort you are putting forth is a major contribution to the entire urban rehabilitation and development program.

Thank you for keeping me informed of the progress of this work.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Hubert H. Humphrey

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 10, 1971

Mr. Van White, Chairman
Willard-Homewood Organization
1147 Dupont Avenue, North
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411

Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for your letter of June 2nd regarding
Willard-Homewood Organization.

I appreciate being informed of developments such
as this and being brought up to date on the progress that
has been made. It is very encouraging to see local
citizens working together in an effort to improve their
community.

I hope that you will feel free to call on me whenever
and if ever I can be of assistance to your organization.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Walter F. Mondale
Walter F. Mondale



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

360 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601

REGION IV

IN REPLY REFER TO:

February 23, 1971

Mr. Van White
Chairman
Willard-Homewood Organization
1718 Thomas Avenue North
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411

Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for your letter dated February 9, 1971.

I want to assure you that every effort is being made to work out our differences with the City of Minneapolis regarding their Workable Program and that progress is being made. I am sure if you will contact your local housing authority as well as the city representative, he will assure you of this.

I wish to commend your organization for their interest in the housing program. It is citizen groups like yours that can make our efforts successful.

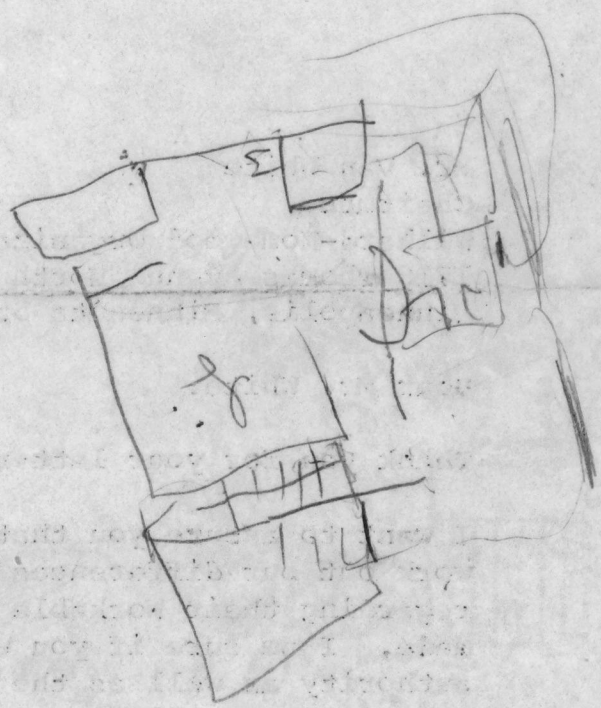
Sincerely,

George J. Vavoulis
Regional Administrator



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I am sure that you are very busy at the moment and I am sure that you will find this letter of interest. I am sure that you will find this letter of interest. I am sure that you will find this letter of interest.

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