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Mr. W. P. Kelly
Acting Director
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Office of Economic Opportunity
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I join with the majority of our people who believe the Job Corps has merit; that it is doing a good job in most instances, and that it will improve as time goes by.

Naturally, there are financial benefits to this community, and the Breckinridge Job Corps Center has added many fine citizens to our city who are to us now just "home folks."

On numerous occasions, Job Corpsmen have assisted nearby communities in various projects like restoring the home of a widow with several children, and clearing debris that obstructed vision of kids at a school for retarded children. Last Christmas they came to our city, as well as other cities in the area, and presented some wonderful programs.

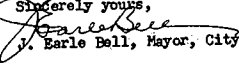
The local Center has cooperated with us to the fullest extent, and personnel there is always anxious to provide programs for civic groups, aid in local projects, and all of us are constantly being invited to visit the Center and see first hand what is taking place.

There have been some undesirable moments, naturally, but I realize a venture of this type cannot operate on a basis of perfection. The Breck Center has a capable director in the person of Jim Fornear, and others affiliated with the Center are some of the finest folks I have ever known.

One of the big jobs now, as we see it, with the Job Corps program is that of public relations and getting more people to personally visit and see what's going on instead of sitting back and forming opinions on hearsay.

Wishing you much success in your new role as Acting Director of the Job Corps, I am

Sincerely yours,


J. Earle Bell, Mayor, City of Morganfield, Kentucky.