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Mr. Robert Melvold
Editor
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Dear Mr. Melvold:

Having recently been appointed Acting Director of Job Corps, I would very much like to know how you, a leader of a community in which a Job Corps Center is located, feels about that Center.

I am, therefore, taking the liberty of asking for your frank and honest appraisal about:

- how it has benefitted your community
- how the young people in the Centers have participated in community affairs
- how they engaged in community projects
- how the Center has proved to be a good neighbor

I would be most grateful for your views. I'm sure they will be invaluable in my goal to improve all phases of the Job Corps program.

May I hear from you soon?

Sincerely,

We are not located in the town of the Job Corps Center. We are in a town near-by. However, many from our community have visited the center and heartily endorse it. From our personal observations we feel it is doing an excellent job. From the news releases from there we learn that they do cooperate and participate in the Clinton Community.

We have printed features on the activities of the Center. We feel the whole area needs to be acquainted with the work there and feel sold on it. Naturally not every girl there has been without problems and some have developed but the assets and those who have benefited by it far outweigh the problems.

W. P. Kelly
Acting Director
Job Corps