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Mr. W.P. Kelly
Director, Job Corps
Office of Economic Opportunity
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

In reply to your letter asking my opinion of Job Corps, There is not too much I can tell you as specific answers to your questions.

Principally, this is because the JC center here is for women and, obviously, not as involved in community projects as a men's center. I have visited the WJC center several times on various stories and have found it to be apparently well run and effective.

There are no loud complaints from residents that I know of--but, again, it is in a downtown area where there is not too much contact with easily outraged old ladies, as in the Florida fiasco.

The nearest Men's Job Corps center, as you know, is the conservation camp at Fenner Canyon in the Palmdale area and when I last visited there some months ago, community acceptance appeared to be good. There has never been the residential uproar there that has accompanied the installation of the urban center at Clearfield, Utah, and the proposed Women's Job Corps center at Saugus.

Incidentally, I spent three days at Clearfield last week to learn how Thickol has attempted to overcome community resistance there, tying it in to problems the company is experiencing in Newhall-Saugus. I came away with the distinct impression Thickol is doing a hell of a good job and have done a story which is due to run in The Times next Monday.

Sorry I can't be more informative...but at this moment I seem to know a hell of a lot more about Utah than I know about Los Angeles.

Sincerely

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