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Mr. Kelly:

Mr. Spallholz will be out of the city until mid-April. In his absence, I am taking the liberty of answering your recent letter to him.

As with any project of this type, benefits are difficult to measure. I am sure that a good part of what is paid to the Job Corps staff as salary finds its way into the economy of our area. Any new money injected into the area's economy, of course, multiplies purchasing power.

Because of the distance of the Center from Portland (approximately 30-miles), I'm afraid there has not been much opportunity for the young people to participate in community affairs or projects.

With the exception of one or two isolated instances, the community-Center relationship has been excellent. I have talked with many of the people who have had direct contact with both the girls and staff, and everyone is very high in their praise of both.

As a member of the Portland Community Council (not a very good one as far as participation is concerned), it has been my personal experience that the Center enjoys the benefit of a highly competent and dedicated staff. I've been very impressed with the operation of the Center and the efforts put forth to develop a close relationship with the community.


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Executive Vice President

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