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Mr. W.P. Kelly, Director
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Office of Economic Opportunity
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Job Corps, and how the community feels about the job it is doing.

My contacts have largely been indirect, but are, I believe, representative of those of many. And I am happy to be able to report that, with few exceptions, the impressions are most favorable.

Aside from the obvious economic benefits to this area, the Job Corps boys and their leadership have participated in a wide variety of constructive projects, both on and off the job, and have amassed a considerable reservoir of good will. Their behavior (again with a few inevitable exceptions) has been excellent, and has been compared favorably with that of other young people resident in the area.

I could enumerate several examples, but let two suffice:

The first contingent, in the very earliest days, engaged in flood damage rehabilitation and earned high marks for the way they pitched in. And recently, the job they did for the community of Cave Junction in razing an old building and salvaging the building materials was much appreciated.

I assume that your questions pertain specifically to the Fort Vannoy Job Corps camp, and my replies are directed at it. But I also would like to commend the job which has been done at Tongue Point, this despite the locally-distressing necessity of converting it from a boys center to one for girls in mid-session.

Every cent spent on this program is an investment in the future of this nation. My largest current concern is that the amounts available are inadequate to maintain the program at an optimum level, let alone to expand it to the degree many feel it should be.

Sincerely,

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