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Mr. W. P. Kelly
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Our Publisher-Editor, Mr. Thomas Vail, handed on to me your letter of March 8, asking our appraisal of the Women's Job Corps Center in Cleveland.

We are well aware that the Cleveland center is giving some 325 girls new and constructive experience, training and supportive personal guidance everyday.

As for your four categories of results:

1) We can see no great concrete benefit to Cleveland.

2) The young women are participating in sports, art and some other community affairs. They have formed some personal relationships with others in this community.

3) We are not aware of their engaging in community projects. We hear that limited funds have reduced their chances to mix into community life.

4) The center has proved to be a good quiet neighbor. It caused no disturbance in an area full of disturbances, the Hough neighborhood. Its new Director, Zelma George, has plans to hurry City Hall into demolishing condemned buildings nearby to create recreation space for the girls. That would be a good kind of disturbance.

I have complained to your men, Herbert J. Kramer and David Gottlieb, that OEO fails to tell us what it is accomplishing in sophisticated terms. I asked for more than mere service figures and Dr. Gottlieb did send me some information on what real follow-up is done and what evidence he has on the actual results of this rehabilitation work.

The Job Corps Center here has its successes. A few are spectacular. I don't doubt that most of its girls are helped in some degree. Nobody who understands reclamation work like this expects total metamorphosis of a majority.

I hope this reply is useful.

Sincerely yours,

Todd Simon
Associate Editor

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