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

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter asking for my frank and honest appraisal regarding the Job Corps Center located at Lincoln, Nebraska.

It has benefited Nebraska by acquainting Nebraska with problems of other States. However, in this area I do not believe the citizens of Nebraska feel that they have the responsibility of providing this service for individuals from other States. The acceptance of other individuals from other States makes many Nebraskans feel that problems of untrained youths exist in other States but not in Nebraska. We know this is not true as our educational training program in Nebraska presently does not meet the needs of all our youth.

In my opinion, we need a uniform manner in providing card file records of these individuals. I passed legis-lation two years ago which required the schools to report dropouts to the State Commissioner of Education. I have not checked to determine how complete this program is.

The young people in the Job Corps Center in Lincoln have participated in community functions — the most widely accepted of which has been their participation in the centennial promotion of the State.

I have not personally visited the Job Corps Center as yet but plan to do so. I have made arrangements for the wives of the Legislators to tour the Lincoln Center.

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