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Mr. W. P. Kelly
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Executive Office of the President
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for asking for my opinion of the
Iroquois Job Corp of Medina.

Your director, Mr. Raymond Calgane came to me before any boys came to the Medina Job Corp and explained its workings, its endeavors and its aims. He also attended every civic, fraternal and service club meeting to explain the programs and he did a great selling job, which was very necessary because our people, from what they had read and heard had built up resentment for the Job Corp. Because of Mr. Calgane's selling ability our community took on a wait and see attitude.

How to sell this program to our community presented a problem, so we decided the best way to do this was to ask help from the people of our community. We held a public meeting which was well attended. The Job Corp was explained by Mr. Calgane and from this we developed an Iroquois Job Corp Leisure Time Committee made up of clergymen, schoolteachers, retired administrators and citizens. This committee meets the first Tuesday night of every month. This committee (with Mr. Calgane's direction) developed plans for a group of retired teachers who volunteered to teach some of the boys at the Job Corp to read and write. A music program and an athletic program was also developed, as well as community church service and a Christmas appreciation dinner and many other things.

It is amazing to see these young raw recruits when they first come and then a few months later see them develop into polite fine young gentlemen.

The boys at the Job Corp have been of great service in our community doing work for our village, work that we could not have had done otherwise because there was no labor available.