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W. P. KELLY
Director
Job Corps

Dear Mr. Kelly:

When Job Corps first came into our community there were mixed comments on the part of our citizens, in reference to the objective of the Corps, problems that may arise on the part of the Corpsman, etc. Rumors started in all probability from articles in various news media that were all on the negative side. We now have members of the Staff living in the City and many of our residents who work on the center. This in itself will create an increase in our economy.

The Corpsman make use of our churches, attend some school events and a few in town on liberty. Staff personnel have also joined our local civic organizations and will become involved in affairs of the community as time goes on.

We have attempted through the efforts of the Center Public Relations and the Community Relations Council to involve Corpsman in community projects. This phase has been slow in developing due to our citizens wait and see attitude, and the problems of the staff in organizing a new center. Although in the last month civic organizations seem to be more active and desire to become better acquainted with the members of the center.

When the Center became a reality in this area, irregardless of the rumors pertaining to same, we of the City felt cooperation must exist for the good of all concerned. Staff personnel of the Center have accomplished their part in this goal. Corpsman have presented very few incidents in their visits to the City and I cannot foresee a greater amount percentage wise, at this time, than those caused by our own local youth.

I personally feel the McCoy Job Corps Center is a fine addition to this area.

Sincerely,

W. D. Shownen
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Chief of Police