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Mr. William P. Kelly, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of March 8, 1967.

I am grateful for the opportunity to express to you certain facts and my personal comments concerning the operation of a Women's Job Corps Center in the city of Omaha.

With the hindsight of 21 months of experience, I am personally pleased that Burroughs Corporation chose Omaha to establish its Women's job Corps Center. Many of us were skeptical and apprehensive when Burroughs announced its intentions to open a Center here; however, with the passage of time, and a determined effort by Burroughs to promote a proper understanding of its program, our confidence has grown to the point where many of us now take a measure of pride in the Center and the city's contribution to it.

I confess to you that many citizens are still skeptical of the entire Job Corps effort, but few offer alternative answers to the basic problem to which the Job Corps addresses itself.

It is my understanding that the Omaha Center's young women have contributed over 3,000 hours of volunteer work to various fund drives held annually in Omaha. This has included the United Community Services, March of Dimes, Salvation Army, Cerebral Palsy, and others. This is one of the ways that the Center has been a good neighbor.

In turn, I can point with pride to the fact that over 100 businesses and organizations have cooperated with the Center in establishing a successful on-the-job training program, an indication of the way the young women have been accepted.