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Dear Mr. Kelly,

In refer^ence to your letter dated March 8, I will try to answer the questions.

I have only been in Excelsior Springs a few months so I am not quite what you would call a community leader. It was kind of you to label me that anyway.

If I had been here a little sooner I am afraid I would have a different opinion on the Job Corps Center here than I do. I had heard there were certain problems when the facility opened. I think most new things do experience problems however.

About the first assignment I had when I got here was to do a feature story on the Job Corps Center.

I quickly found that public opinion was adverse concerning the ~~facility~~ facility because of the bad start.

Since that time I think public opinion has improved.

I think Dr. Leo Schmidt and L.L. Edge had as much to do with the change as anyone.

Dr. Schmidt established new rules at the center and Edge turned out some real good copy on the changes.

I think you have an excellent public relations man in Loy Edge. He has cooperated with news media in this area beyond the call of duty. I think because of this effort, the public has begun to realize the importance of the facility. They now realize the Job Corps is a good neighbor.

The girls have been invited to participate in many civic activities and are welcomed most everywhere as far as I know.

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