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DEAR MR. KELLY:

IF YOU HAD REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE CAMP KILMER JOB CORPS CENTER JUST SHORT OF A YEAR AGO I WOULD HAVE BEEN FORCED TO SAY THAT WE WOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO GET THEM OUT OF OUR AREA.

HOWEVER, I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT RECENT MONTHS HAVE BROUGHT A BETTER PICTURE OF THE CENTER AND THE CORPSMEN. THE LONG HOT SUMMER WAS JUST THAT AT KILMER IN 1966, BUT BETTER CONTROLS, ETC. HAVE BROUGHT A CESSATION OF THE INCIDENTS WHICH CAUSED ONE AREA TOWNSHIP TO PETITION TO CLOSE THE CENTER.

PLAINFIELD HASN'T SEEN TOO MUCH OF THE CORPSMEN SINCE THEY SEEM TO TURN TOWARD NEW BRUNSWICK AND OTHER AREAS NEARER THAN PLAINFIELD IN THEIR OFF-TIME.

NOT ONLY HAVE REPORTS OF TROUBLE DIMINISHED, BUT WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS STORIES OF CORPSMEN PARTICIPATING, BENEFICIALLY TO THEMSELVES AND THEIR NEIGHBORS, IN PROJECTS OF MANY KINDS.

IT IS ENCOURAGING TO SEE KILMER AREAS BEING USED BY THE CORPS, AND OTHER AREAS BEING ACTIVATED BY RUTGERS UNIVERSITY. THIS GHOST CAMP WAS A SAD SIGHT FOR SOME YEARS.

MY ONLY COMPLAINT ABOUT EMPLOYMENT HAS COME FROM ONE LOCAL RESTAURANT OWNER WHO CLAIMS HE HAS SOUGHT HELP FROM THE CENTER AND HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET A PROPER REPLY.

I WOULD SAY WE CAN LIVE WITH THE CENTER VERY NICELY IF THE PRESENT DISCIPLINE CONTINUES.

SINCERELY,

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