

CITY OF
CHARLESTON
WEST VIRGINIA

DALLAS W. BIAS
CHIEF OF POLICE



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Executive Office of the President
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Sir:

My apology for my belated answer to your letter of March 8, 1967, which was misplaced in my office.

I am attaching a copy of a list of activities in which the Job Corps girls have taken part in this community.

As you know at the outset, the Charleston Job Corps Center for Women being one of the first, we were besieged with complaints, rumors and prejudices which were overcome by factual reporting, and the community for some time has come to accept and even to encourage the Job Corps enrollees.

Your question as to how the Job Corps has benefited the community might be a controversial question by different people as to whether it has or has not benefited the community; however, from a personal standpoint in my official position, I feel that it has benefited the community in that the conduct of the girls, in their mixed association and the acceptance thereof by the community, has in fact helped to overcome the underlying racial prejudices which are obvious in all predominately white communities. While at first there were many objections to its being located in the center of town, by the influence of the predominately three "P's", which were police, prejudice and politics, it has become a community educational value to meet the trend of our times.

Yours truly,
Dallas W. Bias
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