

The main source of income for our Citizens prior to your establishing a plant here, was the lumbering industry and poultry farming. These sources of employment were not enough to provide jobs for our Citizens and our population was decreasing at a rapid rate.

The jobs provided by your plant have affected our economy to the extent that we are now a progressive community. Approximately thirty new homes have been built within the City limits in the past ten years, we have been able to pave all of our streets, increased the capacity and modernized our water system, provided better lighting for the City streets and have attracted many new business establishments.

Taxes received by City in 1962 amounted to \$14,028, as compared to \$8,729, in 1953. This increase would not have been possible if Talon, Inc. had not provided the payroll for our people.

You can see from the above facts that if Talon, Inc. was to close its operations here in Cleveland that our Citizens now working for Talon or the service employees in other businesses who are dependent on your payroll would have to seek employment outside of this area and would be forced to move and sell their homes at a substantial loss. The fact that assessed valuations of property in the City would be decreased by the loss of Talon, Inc. would in turn require a much higher tax rate to carry the expenses of the City. This would discourage the location of another industry and force present businesses to relocate in other areas.

The loss of Talon, Inc. payrolls expended within the City would adversely affect merchants, doctors, restaurant operators, financial institutions, churches, etc. Therefore, the closing of your plant would be disastrous to our City and we sincerely hope that such a thing will never happen.

S. W. REYNOLDS, *Mayor*.

APPENDIX C

OFFICE OF CLERK SUPERIOR COURT,
Cleveland, Ga., March 11, 1964.

Mr. L. R. COOPER,
Plant Manager, Talon, Inc.,
Cleveland, Ga.

DEAR MR. COOPER: I want to personally express my thanks to you and Talon, for locating the Plant in White County in 1953. Well do I remember the conditions that existed here prior to the establishment of your plant here. The only source of employment we had before Talon located here was from Portable Sawmills and Poultry growing which only gave a small amount of employment to our People.

The employment of our people by your plant has had a remarkable effect on the whole economy of our County. Many new businesses have been added, homes have been built or modernized and roads paved through every community in the County. As our youths finished school, they now have employment here in their own County, heretofore they had to seek employment elsewhere.

The valuation of property has made a considerable advance as many new modern homes have been built throughout the County.

If Talon should ever close its operation here I am fearful of what would happen to White County and its People. A great number of the People would be forced to sell their homes at a loss and seek employment elsewhere. It would also cause many businesses to close their doors.

If Talon should ever decide to close its plant here it would be a great disaster to our County. We sincerely hope that this will never happen.

Sincerely,

CLIFFORD CAMPBELL.