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 Judge, Superior Court of New Jersey
 Ocean County Court House
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Re: Urban League of Greater New
 Brunswick, et al., vs. Township
 of Piscataway, et al.

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JUDGE SERPENTELLI'S CHAMBERS

My dear Judge Serpentelli:

Following our status conference of Monday last, I conferred with appropriate municipal officials regarding the scheduling of this matter.

With respect to the early scheduling of applications by individual developers who may differ with the conclusions reached in the Lerman report, we certainly have no objection to that proceeding during January, 1985. We are not quite certain that the Township will take a position as to each application, other than to maintain that each developer should have the right to process his application before the Planning Board or Zoning Board, as appropriate, in the normal course. Therefore, it is unlikely that our participation in that phase of the hearing will be extensive.

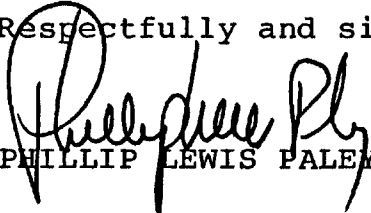
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With respect to the remaining issues regarding Ms. Lerman's report and questions as to Rutgers, the State University which we discussed, the Township will not be prepared to go forward during January, 1984. The reason for this is the absence of a municipal planner, which has been the case for approximately one month. As I represented to the Court, the Township is in the process of interviewing applicants. The Township has scheduled several interviews for December 26, 1984, and it is unlikely that a municipal planner will be retained early in the year. Depending upon the planner's background and familiarity with Piscataway, some time will be required for him or her to review Ms. Lerman's report, Mr. Nebenzahl's earlier submissions and the other documents earlier submitted to the Court, so that an educated judgment can be made with respect to the suitability of any particular parcel of land.

I wanted to communicate our position as early as possible, so that appropriate plans could be effected. We will, of course, notify Your Honor promptly upon our appointment of a planner, and will be happy to discuss with Your Honor further subsequent scheduling of the hearings.

Of course, it is unlikely, given this posture, that we can comply with the guidelines proposed by the Court at our status conference, with respect to the provision of any reports, and appropriate extensions are therefore requested with respect to this matter.

Respectfully and sincerely yours,



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