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letter to Plechner from Nat'l Committee Against
Discrimination in Housing, Inc. re: the amount of
vacant land currently available for development in the Borough
of Helmetta.

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Mr. Richard F. Plechner
351 Main Street
Metuchen, New Jersey 08840

Re: Urban League of Greater New Brunswick,
et al. v. The Mayor and Council of the
Borough of Carteret, et al.

Dear Mr. Plechner:

I am writing principally with regard to the issue of the amount of vacant land currently available for development in the Borough of Helmetta. At the trial, Helmetta presented evidence that there is currently no developable land for housing within the municipality.

Since the date of Helmetta's presentation, it has come to our attention that other acreage within the Borough may be available for the construction of housing. We understand that approximately 7 acres, owned by Robert Maglie, and about 47 acres owned by the Helme Company are currently available for such purposes.

With respect to Mr. Maglie's property, we are advised that the 7 acres constitutes the vacant land remaining from his unsuccessful attempts to obtain subdivision approval for the entire parcel from the Borough. A few units have already been constructed upon the original tract, which was about 9 acres. Regarding the Helme Company land, we are advised that it is now offering these 47 acres for sale. Further it is our understanding that a few years ago, a developer, in corporation with the Helme Company, sought to construct approximately 1,600

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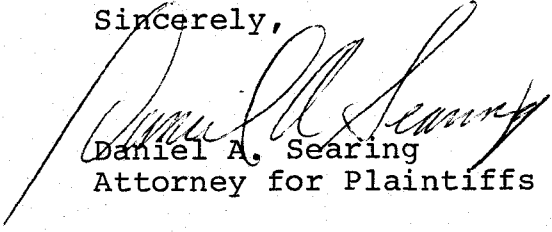
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in scheduling depositions of experts for January 21 and subsequent days as scheduled. Plaintiffs are thus proceeding toward trial as scheduled on February 2.

Plaintiffs do agree that a meeting of all counsel would be useful, particularly on the demographic, census and judicially noticeable material that plaintiffs have been attempting to secure agreement on to assist in keeping the trial as short as possible. To date we have received no cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,



Daniel A. Searing
Attorney for Plaintiffs

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cc: All Attorneys