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Urbana Youth Council Mount Airy North Carolina

Dear Members,

We are in receipt of your letter requesting certain committees and boards to reconsider action taken concerning use of the Madoc Center by the Youth of Urbana.

This action was taken by the Madoc Center Board of Directors after certain actions resulting in damage to the building were reported and verified. This action was not taken to penalize any certain group, but to help maintain an orderly use of the Center. The Housing Authority has expended approximately \$2700 to add storage, carpet, and other needed improvements to the Center, and proper supervision is necessary to insure that every group can enjoy the use of the Center.

I would also like to point out that the decision to curtail this youth activity would have been suspensed as soon as proper supervision was provided, but the very next day, this office received a memo from the Neighborhood Youth Council of the Yadkin Valley Economic Development District that the two (2) youths working in the Center had been fired. We strongly objected to this by our letter of December 12, 1969, to the Neighborhood Youth Council Director, as we felt no effort had been made by the Neighborhood Youth Council to seek adequate supervision.

As for your Request Number One: The Housing Authority would be unable to pay anyone to supervise Center activities as we now provide the structure, utilities, and maintenance, and no funds are available to pay additional personnel under this type of work.

Your request to reconsider the Madoc Board's decision was discussed last night at a Minority Group Housing Committee meeting, and it was the feeling of everyone in attendance that a coordinated effort should be made to seek ways to solve this problem.