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March 20, 1970

Att. Harold Flannery
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Flannery:

Mr. John McFerren has already informed you a great deal concerning our problems here in Fayette County, but what he has told you of is only part of the many injustices and indignities we are being subjected to. There is no justice in Fayette County for the black people.

Please find inclosed a copy of my letter to Mayor Watson, who is also the president of the Gallaway Development Corporation. This development corporation is a "booby-trap" if I ever saw one and I don't want any part of it. Since there is no legal justice in Fayette County I will need help to get out of it.

I am president of the Fayette County Cooperative Stamping & Manufacturing Company, Inc. To my way of thinking this development corporation was made to force us to go through their channels or not be able to get a Small Business loan. We already had two development corporations in Fayette County, and each one of them have been instrumental in bringing in industry. This one was devised as integrated. If you notice by the minutes inclosed there were seven board members of which only three are Negro. In one of our Civic meetings I stated my belief that this was only a vehicle to get control of our stamping plant, and what chance would we have with only 3 out of 7 on the board. Almost immediately another board meeting was called (copy inclosed of the letter) for the purpose of expanding the board. In this meeting two more Negroes were put on the Board of Directors. This notice in the Commercial Appeal is the first we knew that we had committed ourselves for \$41,000.00. We don't know what this really means. This is Fayette County.

We are having phone trouble and mail trouble as you can see by the copies of letters to the F.B.I. and Postmasters, both of Memphis and Washington. There has been no apparent change. We have to get a return receipt in order to be sure our mail goes through. One man in New York told me it took two weeks for my letter to get to him.

I have written to every member of Congress, but I feel a great many of my letters were not permitted to go through as there is such a small response. Please find inclosed the packet which was sent to them. This packet will only confirm what Mr. McFerren has told you. Please see that we get immediate action as pressure is building up more almost by the day.

Very sincerely,

Hayward C. Brown

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Dear Mr. Brown:

Mr. Rumsfeld has asked me to respond to your recent letter concerning the need for law enforcement in Fayette County. Mr. Rumsfeld is no longer a member of Congress; he is now the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The Legal Services Program, a division of the Office of Economic Opportunity, does provide funds for projects designed to deliver free legal services to those unable to engage a private attorney. However, our appropriation for Fiscal Year 1970 is severely limited. Little or no funds will be available for the establishment of new programs.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the U. S. Civil Rights Commission at 405 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. in hopes that they may be able to assist you.

I hope this information proves helpful.

Sincerely,

Terry F. Lenzner

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