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Columbia Planning

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Phone call June 6 to Dr. Berry
to change dated to June 30 and
July 1.

Same letter sent to attached list

Dear George:

From the outset of our planning for Columbia, we have been determined to create the best possible environment for the growth of people. We have hoped that the institutions that developed in Columbia would be keenly responsive to the needs of people at all stages of life.

This purpose has stirred an encouraging response.

The regional and national representatives of key Protestant denominations have met this week in Howard County to establish a Cooperative Ministry and a Religious Facilities Corporation, which has already received pledges of over a million dollars.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore has pledged its cooperation with the Protestant denominations in the establishment of a unique interfaith housing program for Columbia.

The Johns Hopkins Hospital and Medical School has announced its interest in establishing a satellite hospital and medical clinics in Columbia and has appointed Dr. Joseph F. Sadusk, Associate Dean for Community Medicine, to make a full study and exploration of this possibility.

The Howard County school staff is working with Dr. Robert Anderson of Harvard and Dr. William Alexander of Florida University to study possible new curricula for use in Howard County schools, including those that will be built in Columbia.

The Howard County Library Board took initiative in the organization of a special study on information storage and retrieval that led to the Stone Report on new library opportunities in Columbia.

The National Symphony has announced its plans to start regular summer concerts at the Columbia Pavilion of Music in the summer of 1967. We welcome the Symphony as the first of what we hope will be many cultural activities and institutions in the new community, including cooperative relationships with the Peabody Conservatory, The Maryland Institute, and others.

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We have established a "Columbia Association" to establish programs and maintain many of the community facilities. John E. Slayton, former city manager of Vancouver, Washington, has been named director of this new organization. We are also working hopefully towards the possible establishment of a private college and a conference center, both of which would give special emphasis to opportunities and problems of human development.

At this stage of planning and development, we feel it would be helpful for those who are involved in these development plans to sit down and discuss where we are and where we are headed. Opening a continuing discussion of this kind may lead each of us to a discovery of interrelationships between the various programs that are new and especially meaningful to each of the agencies and institutions involved.

In order that we may have a full opportunity to share ideas, examine the future, and establish a sound basis for cooperation, we plan to meet for an evening and a day here at The Village of Cross Keys. The meeting will begin on June 24 at 6:00 P.M. with reception and dinner. The evening session will end at 10:00 P.M. We will assemble the next morning, June 25, at 10:00 A.M. and continue through to adjournment at 4:30 P.M. Transportation and overnight expenses for those staying in Baltimore will be reimbursed by CRD.

Enclosed with this letter is a list of those being invited. Wallace Hamilton of our staff will be in touch with you in the next few days to answer any questions you may have, and arrange details.

I hope very much that you can be with us. We believe that this can be an important and productive session.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

James W. Rouse

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