my job is enjoyable to me. I like this job because it is a challenge to me.

In 1948, I called a group of Johns Island people together to organize what is called the Progressive Club. We set our goals and agreed to work together to attain them. First, we felt that those of our group who were living on plantations or other private lands should be encouraged and helped to buy lands of their own and build their homes so that they and their children might have freedom to attend schools. We set up an Adult Citizenship School to help the adults in reading and writing so they would be able to register and vote at the proper time.

In 1950, we asked the School Board to build us one Consolidated School with four years high, plus the needed buses that our children may ride to school just as the white children do. This was done and all of the above mentioned goals for the Johns Island people were reached and as a result that is now smiling. This makes me happy also.
School to teach older Indians could not figure, read, or write. Great help. Most of them become registered and voting citizens. This gave them a sense of being citizens that have to be recognized by the other group who has been keeping them from getting the things needed to make enjoyable, happy lives. Because of the organization, the people did away with foolish beliefs or beliefs worked together as they promised and work closer than ever. In 1962, they built a huge building large enough to house a store, gymnasium, and sleeping quarters. This was a place for grocers, school supplies, and was the public. The children are playing baseball, table tennis, and skating in the gymnasium. We have workshops, folk festivals, and religious group meetings. The living quarters house the people who attend workshops and folk festival who live too far to attend daily workshop meetings. This made them proud of themselves. They show it by expressions.
Wednesday, Sept 14, 1966

My biggest problem in English is adding commas where they should be added (subject/verb)

Write a composition

Don't make my job of enjoyable to me

Work for Monday Sept 26

2.
3. There is between a house and a home
4. Thing which means most

A composition is a group of (relayed) paragraphs developing a broad topic.

Composition on the

Subject: I like my job

My job is working with Texas Ports and underwater people. I like it because it is a challenge to me and each time I have been able to help groups at the above mention to achieve some of the things that they were depriv of. Some of which made a life more meaningful and happier to them. To make any kind of progress in life, one has to organize and plan. And, go about with felly, 3rd, work together and set your goals.

In 1945, I organized the group on John's Island, called Progressive Club, for the purpose of getting parents who were living on other people's farms and plantations to do away with felly and save their money until they get enough to buy small lots and build homes for themselves, that their children will be able to stay in school. We asked the county lines us Consolidated School with four year high school. Plus school buses for our children. We bought an old buisness an adult CO
Progressive Club Sea Island Center  
River Road  
John's Island, South Carolina  
November 20, 1964

Office of Manpower, Automation & Training  
Department of Labor  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

As President of the above Organization since 1948 and also President of the Citizens Committee of Charleston and Charleston County since 1959, of which both Organizations are chartered by the State Department of South Carolina, of which charters signed by the Secretary of State, Mr. C. Frank Thornton, of which charters read; that, the said Organizations hold or desire to hold property in common for religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable or other eleemosynary purpose. The said Corporations are non-profit. Charter numbers 1145 and 1859.

I am a native of John's Island, Charleston County and South Carolina. I have been having meetings with my people month by month, over the years, trying to obliterate ignorance, to promote health, social, educational and civic welfare and to combat juvenile delinquency and to secure a more richer and abundant life to ourselves and to our posterity.

The people with whom I work, are some of the poorest ones on God's earth, I believe. If I were to tell you all the conditions of some of the homes I have visited, I don't think you would believe that this kind of condition still exist in America, until this day and time!! Because of these unbelievable poverty Stricken People of whom so few people in rich America knows anything about, I shall request that as many of you, if you please, to come to John's Island and let me take you all over the Sea Islands and over Charleston County that you may get a view of what I am talking about. Whatever day you decide, please call me at No. 25621 at 244 Spring Street, in Charleston or 766-9147 Progressive Club Center, River Road, John's Island, S.C. Because of the above conditions we obligated, denied ourselves and borrowed and begged for money to help build a Center that our boys and girls and adults could have a place on the Island where they can play Basketball, Table Tennis, Skating and other games. We have also had workshops on Citizenship. We have had a few Folk Song Festivals, of which were well attended by both races. We can't have these too often because of the lack of money.

Now our people are asking us to help them in many things of which we cannot give them help unless we can get a Grant from the Office of Manpower, Automation & Training, Department of Labor. The following are the things these poor people are
asking for: Thirty parents who make from $600.00 to $2,000.00 per year with 2 to 3 children in their homes, forty of these children too young to go to school, causing the school age children to stay out of school two to three days out of the week to take care of the younger ones when the mothers and fathers are out working to support them and the homes. This condition causes many of our children to drop out of school. Poverty and missing of so many classes are the reasons. They become too old and too large for the low grades and younger children tease them about this and they become ashamed and quit school. These parents have asked us to set up services as:

1. Day Care for pre-school age children from 7A.M. to 6P.M.
2. Classes in Sewing, Knitting and Ceramics for 10-21 age group, in the evenings from 7 to 9 P.M.
3. Evening classes in Basket Ball, weight lifting etc., music, and workshops on Moral and Citizenship responsibilities, including taking part in registration & voting and how to use voting machine.
4. They also asked if we can give jobs to the children out of school and after school.

If we will be considered for the grant asked for, we can use 12 or fourteen persons for the Progressive Club Sea Island Center’s Program and two full time secretaries and two part-time workers at the Citizens Committee Office, 41 Cannon Street. This sat not have all of the information you would like to have but this is the basic of what the people in our community are asking for at this time. I would like to ask for someone from one of those offices to come down and help or show us how to draw up a proposal.

I am sending you this clipping from the Charleston News and Courier for your information as to our work in Charleston County. Please send it back because they do not have another copy.

A Grant of $12,640.00 for a two year program, will help us to set up a working staff of people whom we feel are capable of running this project well, until our officials of the Power Structure get ready to set up a Community Action Program in South Carolina. We are enclosing an amateurish proposal on expenditures of these funds and realize that we will have to get expert advice on asking up such a proposal, and that is why we requested this chip in the above paragraph.

Gentlemen, if you would give us this badly needed Grant, which would alleviate the cycle of poverty in this area, we are willing to do our part in seeing this become a reality.

Our kitchen at the Center and the sleeping quarters have been inspected by the Board of Health and given the O.K. We have at present beds enough to put 30 children in for their mid-day rest, also a place large enough to feed them. These facts are known by the many hundreds of people who have benefited by our services in one way or another. The above cost is what it will take for 11 months operation per year for two years. One month vacation is taken each year.
# BUDGET PROPOSAL

## Day Care Program for Pre-School Age Children

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Program Expenses (Food & Supplies) | 18,000.00

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## Evening Program for Youth 16-21 Years

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<td>Sewing Instructors (2) two evenings per wk.</td>
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<td>Citizenship Education Instructor one eve. per wk.</td>
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<td>Secretaries for both projects (1 full time 2 part-time)</td>
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### Other Expenses:

1. Expandable Office Supplies | 2,000.00 |
2. Maintenance of Equipment | 1,500.00 |
3. Rental of Facilities | 2,200.00 |

**Total for 1 yr.** | 67,320.00
**Total for 2 yr. period** | $122,540.00

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cc: Office of Economic Opportunity (Job Corps)
    Farmers Home Administration, Dept. of Agriculture (Migrant workers)
Progressive Club Sea Island Center  
River Road  
Johns Island, South Carolina  

January 12, 1965  

Mrs. Godfrey Moss  
Chairwoman, Antipoverty Program  
554 Huger Street  
Charleston, South Carolina  

Dear Chairwoman and Committee:  

As President of the above organization since 1948, and also President of the Citizens Committee of Charleston and Charleston County since 1959, I am submitting this proposal. These organizations are chartered by the State Department of South Carolina, and the charters of each signed by the Secretary of State of South Carolina, Mr. O. Frank Thornton. The charters read: that the said organizations hold or desire to hold property in common for religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable, or other eleemosynary purpose. The said corporations are non-profit. Charters are number 1145 and 1659.  

I am a native of Johns Island, Charleston County and South Carolina. I have been having monthly meetings with people over the years, trying to obliterate ignorance, to promote health and social, educational and civic welfare, and to combat juvenile delinquency -- to secure a more rich and abundant life for ourselves and for our posterity.  

The people with whom I work are some of the poorest ones on God's earth, I believe. If I were to tell you all the conditions of some of the homes I have visited, I don't think you would believe that these conditions still exist in America at this day and time. Because of these unbelievably poverty-stricken people of whom so few people in rich America know anything, I request that as many of you as possible, if you please, come to Johns Island and let me take you all over the Sea Islands and over Charleston County, that you may get a view of what I am talking about. Please notify me of whatever date you decide, by telephone at RA 2-9521 at 244 Spring Street in Charleston, or 766-9147 at the Progressive Club Center, River Road, Johns Island. Because of the conditions noted above, we have obligated ourselves and denied ourselves, and borrowed and begged for money to help build a center that our boys and girls and adults could use. It's the one place on the Island where they can play basketball, table tennis, and other games, or skate. We have also had workshops on Citizenship. We have had a few folk song festivals, which were well-attended by both races. We can't have these too often because of the lack of money.  

Now our people are asking us to assist them in many areas in which we cannot give help unless we can get a grant from the Antipoverty Program. The following are the things these poor
people are requesting:

1. Day care for pre-school age children from seven a.m. to six p.m.
2. Classes in sewing, knitting and ceramics and other crafts for the 16-21 age group in the evenings from seven to nine.
3. Evening classes in basketball, weight-lifting, adult remedial reading, music, and workshops on moral and citizenship responsibility, including taking part in registration and voting and learning to use the voting machine.
4. The creation of some jobs for children who have left school, and after-school jobs for schoolchildren.

These requests have come from approximately thirty parents who make from $600.00 to $2,000.00 a year and have from two to eight children in their homes. About fifty of these children are too young to go to school, causing the school-age children to stay out of school two or three days a week to take care of the younger ones when the mothers and fathers are out working to support the children and the homes. This condition causes many of our children to drop out of schools. Absence from classes and poverty are the reasons. The children become too old and too large for the low grades, and younger children tease them about this and they become ashamed and quit school.

(If we will be considered for the grant asked for, we can employ twelve or fourteen persons for the Progressive Club Center's program, and one full-time secretary and two part-time workers at the Citizens Committee office, 41 Cannon Street.

This may not contain all of the information you would like to have, but this is a basic description of what the people in our community are asking for at this time. I would like to ask for someone from your office to assist us in writing a final proposal if this does not meet the approval of the Governor and the Committee.

A grant of $307,640.00 for a two-year program, or $33,820.00 for one year, will help us to set up a working staff of people whom we feel are capable of running this project well. We are enclosing a proposal on expenditures of these funds, and realize that we will have to receive expert advice in making up a final proposal.

Madam Chairwoman and Gentlemen, if you would give us this badly needed grant, which would help alleviate poverty in this area, we are willing to do our part in seeing this become a reality.

Our kitchen, plumbing and sleeping quarters at the Progressive Club Center have been inspected by the Board of Health and approved. At present we have enough beds to put 30 children in for their mid-day rest, and also a place large enough to feed them. These facts are known by the many hundreds of people who have benefitted from our services in one way or another. The above cost is what it will take for eleven months' operation per year for two years. One month's vacation is taken each year.
cc: Governor of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.

The following persons have signed the above proposal because of the crying need in their organizations:

(signed) Esau Jenkins  
President, Progressive Club  
Citizens Committee

(signed) J. H. Washington  
Pastor, Zion & Hebron Churches

(signed) G. C. Brown  
Pastor, Wesley, St. James, Webster, and Bethlehem churches

(signed) Guy Carawan  
Music Teacher and chairman of Folk Song Festivals

(signed) St. J. Heyward  
Minister on Johns Island
Day Care 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Mrs. DJ walls at 3:45, $300.00/month $345.00

12

Director $4,140.00

12

Mrs. Mathilda Feeman $140.00

12

280.00

80.00

12

250.00

Miss Dorothy Simmonds P.O. Box 656
Summerville, SC, 29483-7252
12

Mrs. B. Robinson, Assistant Director at 500.00 per month

250.00

$1,650.00

12

55.00

Assistant Cook with 10 hours per week, will work for $25.00 per week $200.00

60.00

400.00

Student Assistant for the children in helping Director and Workers 10 days before $35.00

250.00

$3,800.00

General janitorial work, 500.00

60.00

2,500.00

Janitorial Services, Mrs. Alice Irvine $200.00 per mo. $500.00 ($50.00 wk)

200.00

400.00

Recreational and Evening Classes for Youth and Adults:

$2,400.00

Sewing Instructor, Mrs. E. Smith, 2 evenings per week

1,400.00

Crafts Instructor, Mrs. Dorothy Williams, 2 evenings per week

600.00

Boys' Building instructor, Mr. Elmore Cock 1 evening per week

600.00

Music Instructor, Mrs. Washington or Elmore 1 evening per week

200.00

Basketball Coach, Mr. Washington, Horace Jenkins, 2 evenings per week

480.00

Citizenship Education, reading and writing 1 evening per week, Justice, Deeds & Records

600.00

Office Supplies and maintenance of equipment $7,000.00

1,500.00

$2,000.00

1,500.00
The following persons have said they would like to see a day care center for small children and some kind of training in the evenings, as well as after school jobs, set up on John's Island. These people have children in and out of schools. Also they want recreation some afternoons for them.

Children who need day care

1. Mr. and Mrs. Viola Campbell Jenkins

2. Mrs. Emma Jenkins

3. Mrs. Ethel Choice

4. Mr. and Mrs. Doris Deas

5. Mr. and Mrs. Virginia Phoenix

6. Mrs. Fannie Brown

7. Mrs. Josephine Robinson

8. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Washington

9. Mrs. Florence Taylor

10. Miss Hermena Leagre

11. Mrs. Ethel Wright

12. Mrs. and Mrs. Christina Hunter

13. Mr. and Mrs. Elizabeth Pinckney

14. Miss Justine Deas

15. Mrs. Margaret Robinson

16. Mrs. Rosalee Harrison

17. Mr. and Mrs. Wilhemena Simmons

18. Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Pinckney

19. Mr. and Mrs. Mary E. Wine (one out of school)

20. Mr. Willie Benson (one out of school)

21. Mrs. Carrie Fludd (Leagriville) (five in school)

22. Mr. & Mrs. Guy Carawan

If needed, Miss Elise Robinson would do cooking and typing. Many others would come in to help if this grant were made.
BUDGET PROPOSAL

Day Care Program for Pre-School Age Children

Staff:
Administrator or Director of Project ———— $6,000
Director's assistant ———— $1,500
Instructor ———— $4,500
Dietician ———— $2,400
Janitorial Services ———— $2,400

Program Expenses (Food and Supplies) ———— $18,000

Evening Program for Youth 16-21 Years old and Adults

ewing Instructors (two) two evenings per week ———— $2,400
Ceramics & Crafts Instructor ———— $1,200
Basketball Coach ———— $1,200
Bodybuilding Instructor, one evening per week ———— $600
Music Instructor ———— $600
Citizenship Education Instructor, one evening per week ———— $480

Secretaries for both projects (one full-time, two part-time) $3,840

Other Expenses
Expendable office supplies ———— $2,000
Maintenance of equipment ———— $1,500
Rental of facilities ———— $2,200

Total: $53,820

for one year

$107,640

for two years:

(If we cannot get the two-year grant, we would appreciate a one-year grant.)

Person who will like to take lying miss Cornelia Williams

559-1413
December 10, 1965

Mr. Esau Jenkins
Johns Island Rural Center
Bohicket Road
Johns Island, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Our office records indicate that as of this date we have received 43 Questionnaire-Application forms duly signed by parents, or guardians, who are interested in enrolling their children in your center once it has been officially opened. Since the proposed capacity of your center has been established at 52 children, we must receive the remaining completed forms no later than Thursday, December 16, 1965. As you are aware, we are unable to determine the total staff requirements for your center until such time as we have been able to compile necessary information as to the number and age groupings of the children who will possibly be enrolled at your center. These application blanks will be retained at the central office until the project has been funded and your center has been officially approved for opening. At that time these forms will be turned over to the supervising teacher of your center and will then become a part of the enrollee's official records, which will be maintained on a daily basis.

I wish to call to your attention the fact that we now have on file in our office a number of applications for various positions in the overall program. These applications are filed according to job classifications and are also grouped by areas in close proximity of the several proposed centers. We sincerely hope that you will have an opportunity in the immediate future to come into the office and review these applications in an effort to determine whether or not you are interested in a particular individual, or individuals, for employment in your center. Since much of the information contained in these applications is of a confidential nature, we are asking that they not be removed from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The Commission has requested that any applicant who has indicated an interest in becoming a supervisor or kindergarten teacher in charge of your center must be approved before being hired by the Executive Director and Personnel Committee of the Commission. Recommendations for the hiring of this individual must come from the governing body of the center and not from the existing official board in charge of the center. Any

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prospective employee, regardless of job classification, who does not meet the requirements as outlined on the enclosure "Employment Qualifications and Basis of Pay" must also be cleared and approved. This is not to say that personnel who do not meet these qualifications cannot be hired. We are fully aware that in many instances it will be necessary to substitute genuine interest and experience for educational qualifications. However, this must remain the decision of the central office. We ask that you do not at this time definitely commit yourself regarding employment to any prospective employee. This final action must await the approval and the funding of the proposal by the Washington Office of Economic Opportunity. We are asking, however, that you have your staff on a stand-by basis, so that when funding does come your proposed staff will be in a position to enter into a training program, which will be conducted by the central coordinating staff of the program.

On December 6, 1965, we forwarded to you a communication explaining in detail the approximate allowable funds which could be expended for necessary renovation of your center. Because of the cutback in funds, the Commission is interested in learning as to whether or not the existing Board of your facility could contact a reputable contractor and ask him for an estimate for the completion of the necessary renovation, as outlined in the materials presented to you at an earlier meeting. Perhaps through his interest and the use of more volunteer help, it would be possible to accomplish more with the limited funds we will have available for this purpose. We would appreciate your comments and recommendations after you have had an opportunity to fully investigate this proposal.

I sincerely hope that you are being successful in your efforts to establish a new governing Board which will be responsible for the Child Development program at your center. We shall be happy to assist you in the preparation of your charter for submission to the Secretary of State.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your wonderful help and cooperation. Please feel free to call upon us for any assistance at any time.

Very truly yours,

Wesley L. Hillery,
Executive Director

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Enclosure (1)