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In reply refer to: M0-10

November 19, 1984

Mr. Michael D. Dingman
Signal Company, Inc.
11255 North Torrey Pines Road
LaJolla, California 92037

Dear Mr. Dingman:

As a follow-up to our recent meeting, I very much enjoyed our discussion and I am impressed by your earnest desire to develop a positive relationship with the community near the BRESKO facility. On October 26, I had the pleasure of visiting the site. I was given a tour of the facility by George Hudnet, who, as the plant manager, has been extremely cooperative with the city throughout the planning, design and construction phases of the project.

After giving much thought to your generous offer, I instructed my staff to develop a list of projects in the Westport area. Enclosed you will find this list, in priority order, as well as a map noting the location of our proposals. Please keep in mind that these are rough estimates, subject to further refinement.

I await your response to this list, and your guidance regarding how to proceed from this point. The City stands ready to respond immediately to your thoughts and comments.

Thank you for your interest and generosity.

Sincerely,

Mayor

cc: George Hudnet

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WESTPORT IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Priority II

Estimated Cost

A. Improvements to Indiana Street Playground

This playground, in the southern part of Westport, would receive refurbishment of the basketball court, repair and/or replacement of play equipment, trees, benches and sealcoating.

\$29,000

B. Fishing Pier

A small fishing pier would be constructed in the Middle Branch near the railroad bridge, to provide recreation for the Westport community.

\$25,000

Priority III

A. Part-time Housing Inspector

This would fund a City-supervised inspector to do intensive work in the Westport area handling routine inspection and housing and zoning complaints and violations

\$15,000

B. Donation to Baltimore Corporation for Housing Partnership

The BCHP is a public-private organization formed to develop housing for moderate-income families. There are five (5) vacant, privately owned houses in the Westport community, which, through a donation by BRESCO, could be purchased and recycled into moderate income housing.

\$10,000 per house

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Baltimore Maryland 21220

SIGNAL-BRESCO

PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

Priority I

Estimated Cost

- A. Lighting of BRESCO stack
To illuminate the letters on the stack at night, lighting would be installed on both sides of the stack

\$15,000

- B. Improvements to Parcel between Russell Street and Annapolis Road

A preliminary landscaping plan done for this site includes the construction of a berm along Russell Street, with trees and shrubs planted along the berm. The open flat area will be seeded with perennial wildflowers to provide color with little maintenance. Depending upon ultimate usage, trees may be added along Annapolis Road

\$30,000

- C. Improvements to Manokin Street Playground

This existing playground would receive a facelift, including repairing and/or replacing play equipment, replacement of basketball court with tennis court, planting trees, installing benches and seal coating the lot

\$48,000

- D. Westport Softball Field

The ballfield would be reskinned to develop an infield, and sideline fences installed.

\$ 3,000

- E. Landscape vacant lot-Clare Street at Annapolis Road

This small corner lot would be seeded, and trees planted around the perimeter

\$ 3,000

WESTPORT IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Baltimore, Maryland 21230

November 13, 1984

Mayor William Donald Schaefer
City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

*Mr. Schaefer
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ASAP*

Dear Mayor Schaefer,

As President of the Westport Improvement Association I am writing about conditions that are causing much concern in our community. A community that showed you we could work together for a better Baltimore through our neighborhood association. People had hope and expectancy after you visited our Fair and came to our Association Meeting. Things were looking up with the Middle Branch Park, the ballfield and newly constructed Annapolis Road and our cleanups. However, I can still hear the residents say, "Yeah, a new road for more trucks and the incinerator plant." It looks like they were right.

After many meetings concerning the Resco Facility, we were assured the route voted on for refuse trucks would be adhered to-which was the Warner Street route; or, as an alternative, the one crossing Bush Street. We find neither will be used even though money is appropriated and materials purchased according to Mr. George Hudnut that the executive committee met with on October 31st. We the people of Westport who live in this community and stayed with the city are the ones affected by truck conditions in Westport on Annapolis Road. Now much to our concern we find that a cement batch mixing plant is to be installed on the old Klaff Junkyard property on Annapolis Road which would be to the front of Flannigans Asphalt. The Asphalt Plant is bad enough with its noisy diesel run dump trucks coming and going 24 hours a day, spilling sand, gravel, asphalt and residue without the additional traffic from a similiar operation.

We already have (Somar) or L. & G. Cement which is causing many problems from their operation. The owner of this plant was interested in relocating as he said the operation of the plant was not compatable to the Middle Branch Park or its surroundings. Mr. Della went to Bedco and they said they were not interested, even though the property was for sale.

We would like to enumerate further on these problems. They need your immediate attention. The condition of our neighborhood is at stake.

We would like you to meet with our executive committee at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Mrs Virginia Newcomb
Virginia Newcomb, President

Bill Cragg, Vice President

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