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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 23, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JAMES BROWN

SUBJECT SUGGESTS USING WELFARE RECIPIENTS TO CLEAN UP  
AMERICA AND OFFERS TO SERVE AS ADVISOR ON  
BOARD

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THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21235

APR 17 1985

Refer to:  
SEP73

Mr. James Brown  
The James Brown Enterprises  
Executive Park, Suite 116  
1052 Claussen Road  
Augusta, Georgia 30907

Dear Mr. Brown:

This is in response to your letter to the President. Although he would like to answer each letter personally, his heavy workload makes this impossible. We regret the delay in replying.

Thank you for your suggestion. We share your concern that strict work requirements be established for adult public assistance recipients. We believe the key to moving families from welfare to work is in not allowing welfare to become an alternative to work. This can be accomplished by ensuring that able-bodied individuals who receive welfare participate in some kind of work program.

To this end, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 permits the States to require that employable people accept work in a "workfare" program in order to receive assistance under the aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) program. The States' workfare programs may take one of the following forms:

1. The Community Work Experience Program, which enables States to place recipients in non-salaried work to acquire experience and work habits.
2. The Work Supplementation Program, which enables States to set different standards to employable AFDC recipients, convert grants into wages and create additional subsidized jobs; or
3. Work incentive demonstration projects, under which States can test alternatives to current work-related programs.

Implementing strict work requirements provides valuable services to the community, valuable work experience for the participant and an equitable, cost effective approach to overcoming dependency on welfare.

While we cannot implement your suggestion, we appreciate your sharing your views and we will continue to look for ways to make public assistance programs more responsive to people's needs and to make the most effective use of our tax dollars.

Sincerely,

Martha A. McSteen  
Acting Commissioner

✓ cc: The White House, ID# 261006

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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MARCH 12, 1985

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ACTION REQUESTED:  
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 20, 1984

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. JAMES BROWN  
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*M. Bradley*

November 20, 1984

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Sir, Mr. President:

Today is clean up America day. Let's use 1984 for cleaning up our highways, around our school yards, etc., using welfare recipients that are physically able to work. Trucks the Federal government is getting rid of could be used.

This is your new thing and could work similar to the CC Camp and the WPA of the past. It could be called RWC, Reagan Work Compensation. I would like to serve on the board as one of the advisors.

Sincerely yours,  
  
JAMES BROWN

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