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Montgomery, Alabama
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Mr. Robert Finch, Secretary
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
330 Independence Avenue Southwest
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you because the problem I am confronted with you can help me. I am in need of a job, I am 56 years old, in good health and willing to work if hired.

For years I have worked at my own business but due Urban Renewal along with the Trade school which is good, my business has decreased. My husband Social Security check is \$103.00, with this small income and living standard I cannot make it.

I worked with The Montgomery Community Action which is a Federal Program with a project called Find which ended this past February. I was told from the office that at the end of the Project Find to apply for other work through the office. The Executive Director Mr. Charles Sheldon told me that those who worked in the program would be considered for other jobs. So far, no results have come from filling out applications for three program (1) outreach (2) Social Service work and Teacher's Aide. (3) Out of the three applications no results other than two days work from a substitute list, in six months.

I was interviewed by a panel which consisted of five people. The results of which placed me eleventh on an alternate list. After this, I received a phone call from Mr. Sam Cooke from the Community Action Office stating that an Attorney Edwin Marger from the Regional Atlanta Office wanted to come to my home to talk to me. When he reached my home he wanted to know if I had any complaints. This is when I told him about my being an eleventh alternate. There was a meeting with me the following day at the Office of The Community Action Center with, Mr. E. Marger and Mr. R. Nedsmith. Mr. Nedsmith is the Administrator Director. Out of this meeting it was stated that it was seldom that any one was hired from the alternate list.

Later, I read in a Atlanta Journal that Atty. Edwin Marger was working from a Research Department out of Atlanta and I am wondering if that is the complaint department, as he stated he was from. There was an Ad placed in The Montgomery Advertiser and Journal asking for Teacher's aides. There is nothing wrong with this however, they already have over 200 applications for this type of work on file.

There are numerous complaints but many do not for fear of lost of jobs or other types of economic reprisal. I feel that I am being discriminated against because of my years of activity in