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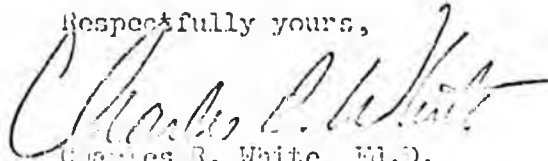
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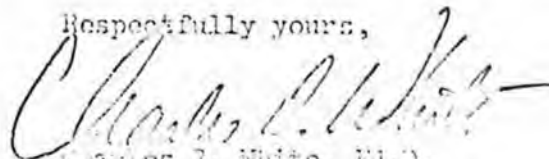
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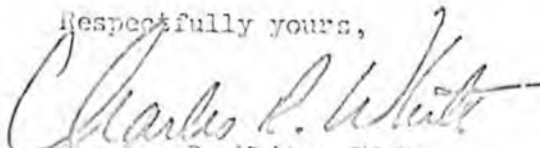
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special educational facilities such as a library, media center,
science laboratory, and additional classroom space; and
- WHEREAS, no special bond issues have been proposed to cover these immediately
needed expansions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 20th day of February, 1975 by the Bristol
Day Police Association Board of Directors that the City of Bristol appropriate
funds immediately for the construction and alterations, and the City of
Birmingham could provide the needed improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a replacement can be provided in order that some
form of recreation can be made available to the students and community.

President

WHEREAS:

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