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Mr. Samuel T. Daniels, Director  
Community Relations Commission  
210 N. Calvert Street  
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Dear Mr. Daniels:

You have recently requested our opinion relating to an alleged claim of religious discrimination against Meadowbrook Club, Inc. (Meadowbrook), by a person who has alleged that Meadowbrook refuses to admit members of the Jewish faith. Specifically, you have asked us to determine whether the Community Relations Commission (Commission) has jurisdiction over Meadowbrook and a new corporation, Meadowbrook Swim Club, Inc., under the provisions of Ordinance No. 103, approved February 26, 1964.

It appears from the record that Meadowbrook was first incorporated on December 24, 1941, and that for several years after this time the swimming pool, operated by Meadowbrook, was open to the public in general. That is, no membership was required, it being necessary only that a ticket be purchased for admission. There is no evidence in the record that the owners of Meadowbrook applied a selective policy prior to 1950. The purpose clause of the incorporation papers contains language, which, *inter alia*, authorizes the corporation to "conduct a swimming pool and recreation centre for that portion of the public which can qualify under the by-laws of said corporation."

In an interview with a staff member of the Commission on October 7, 1964, Mr. F. W. Steiber, an officer of Meadowbrook, explained that the club had a membership list going back fifteen years, and it is apparent that at least since 1950 Meadowbrook has operated with some semblance