Dear Mr. Gilpatric:

Your inquiry about Mrs. Jacobs' project evokes a very
willing response from me: for there is no one among
the younger generation whose work, in housing and
planning, seems to me more promising. Indeed, she has
already opened various fresh lines of investigation
on matters that have been singularly ignored or mis-
interpreted by both planners and urban sociologists.

I first came across her at a conference a few years
ago: she there made a brief address so pointed and
challenging and witty, so merciless to the accepted
clichés and so packed with fresh ideas that I felt
like cheering; and did in fact cheer when called upon
to make a few remarks at the end of the conference.
Her direct, first-hand method of attack, and her
common-sense judgments are worth whole filing cases
of what is sometimes too respectfully called re-
search. I have naturally followed her writings since,
and find no reason to modify my first favorable
impression; quite the contrary.

She has written me at some length about the nature
of her proposed investigation; and I regard her
purpose as important and her competence to carry
it through indisputable; all the more because I am
confident that her results will challenge a good
deal of current practice. You will look far before
you find a more worthy applicant in this field.

Faithfully yours,

Lewis Mumford