

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 1968

~~EYES ONLY~~ *declassified*

MEMORANDUM FOR

Marvin Watson

Can you get Charles Engelhard to serve on the Finance
Committee of the National Committee for Peace with
Freedom? Jock Whitney and Lucius Clay are on for
the GOP.

Please try to get a couple of collectors for Paul Douglas--
the right people could easily raise the money on the phone.

P.L.
John P. Roche

Interim

FEB 2 1968

MRS. ROBERT H. PERKINS
420 WARWICK ROAD, TOWER LAKES
BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS 60010

Jan. 28, 1968

Dear Mr. President:

Please speak out in regard to Georgia-Pacific's irresponsible cutting of our magnificent redwood trees — prime specimens suitable for a park-to-be.

Also please use your good influence to urge speedy passage of a bill to establish this park in the House of Representatives. There is no doubt in my mind that you will sign the bill when it reaches your desk.

My very best wishes to you — you are doing a magnificent job — keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Alice Perkins

(old friend of Paul Douglas)

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EXECUTIVE

SP2-3/1968/LG

February 22, 1968

Honorable Paul Douglas
2909 Davenport Street, NW.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Paul:

The President wanted you to have a copy of his
Special Message on "The Crisis of the Cities",
which is being delivered to the Congress this
afternoon.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President

Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 7, 1968

FOR: Joe Califano

FROM: Fred Bohen *Fred Bohen*

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MC.

William D. Colman has been working with the Douglas Commission on a half-time basis since February 15th and will work through June 1st under the present arrangement.

At my suggestion, Colman worked this out himself with *Paul* Douglas and Bryant. It was sealed some time ago at a meeting of the three men.

Attachment

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON URBAN PROBLEMS
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Howard E. Shuman
David Walker

Nothing else sent to
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March 11, 1968

Honorable Paul H. Douglas
Suite 640
806 15th Street, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Paul:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 29th, enclosing a copy of the statement you issued supporting the President's Special Message to the Congress on the Crisis of the Cities.

We welcome your support of our effort to broaden subsidy of interest rates on home mortgages across the board, and we recognize with you the necessity of lowering the per-unit costs of building if these subsidies are to keep decent housing within the range of low-income people.

We would welcome your continuing assistance during the difficult legislative effort that lies ahead.

Sincerely,

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Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 12, 1968

MEMO FOR MR. CHRISTIAN

SUBJECT: ^x Douglas Committee
Bombing Paper

You may be interested in the attached product of the Douglas Committee which illustrates the press coverage of the Committee's brochure, "A Balance Sheet on Bombing."

Marshall Wright
Marshall Wright

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Sheet on Bombing"

Special Committee

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Committee for

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FREEDOM

^x Citizens Committee for
PEACE WITH FREEDOM
in Vietnam

1028 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036
Telephone: Area Code 202-659-1145

GENERAL


March 14, 1968

FG170/Nail Comm on
Urban Problem

Dear Tom:

In response to your request I am
enclosing the press release announcing
Senator Paul H. Douglas as heading the
President's Commission on Urban Housing.

Sincerely,



Irvine H. Sprague
Aid for
Congressional Liaison

Honorable Thomas M. Rees
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.


March 21, 1908

FOR WILL SPARKS

Please get up a telegram for the
President's consideration.

Marvin Watson

suggestion from John Criswell that Paul Douglas be sent wire on his
76th birthday on March 26th.



March 22, 1968

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FG 738	FG 145-9
LG/San Francisco	FG 265
FG 150	FG 807
LG/Pittsburgh	FG 240
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President and Mrs. Johnson invite you to an informal reception at the White House on Friday, March 29, 1968 at five o'clock, honoring the President's Council on Recreation and Natural Beauty and the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Recreation and Natural Beauty. Please present this telegram at the southwest gate. R.S.V.P.
The Social Secretary The White House.

ALIOTO, Joseph L., Mayor S.Fran.	CAIN, Stanley A., Interior
ALLOTT, Gordon, Senator	CALLISON, Charles H., Nat'l Audubon Soc.
ANDERSON, Clinton P., Senator	CANTY, Don, Urban America
ANTELL, James B., Tulsa, Okla.	CAREY, Hugh L., Congress
ASPINALL, Wayne N., Congress	CASSIDY, William F., Dept. of Army
BACON, Edmund N., Phila. Pa.	CAVANAGH, Jerome P., Mayor of Det.
BAKER, Jr., Howard H., Senate	CHURCH, Frank, Senate
BAKER, John A., Agriculture	CLAUSEN, Don H., Congress
BARCELLA, Ernest L., General Motors Corp.	CLAY, Grady, Landscape Architecture
BARING, Walter S., Congress	COHELAN, Jeffery, Congress
BARR, Joseph M., Mayor Pgh.	COHEN, Wilbur J., HEW
BAYH, Birch, Senate	COOPER, John Sherman
BENDETSEN, Karl R., Champion Papers Inc.	CRAFTS, Edward C., Bur. of Outdoor Recreation
BERRY, E.Y., Congress	CRAMER, William C., Congress
BIBLE, Alan, Senate	DAVIS, Joseph H., Citizens Adv. Comm
BLACK, David S., Interior	DIAMOND, Henry, NYC
BLAKE, Peter J., Architectural Forum Magazine	DOUGLAS, Paul H., Washington, D.C.
BLATNIK, John A., Congress	DRAKE, Dixie, League of Women Voters
BODINE, Leo V., Nat'l Assn. of Mfg.	DUNN, William E., Assn General Contract ors of America
BOOTH, Arch N., Washington, D.C.	EDMONDSON, Ed., Congress
BORUM, Rodney L., Commerce	EDWARDS, Max N., Interior
BOY, Frank T., Congress	ELLIS, James R., Seattle, Wash.
BOYD, Alan S., Transportation	EVANS, James H., NYC
BRANDBURG, Stewart M., Wilderness Soc.	FALLON, George H., Congress
BRIDWELL, Lowell K., Transportation	FANNIN, Paul J., Senate
BROSIOUS, William, Nat'l Assn. of Home Builders	FARR, Fred, Bureau of Public Roads
BROWER, David, Sierra Club	FASSIER, Jean, Redwood City, Calif.
BURDICK, Quentin N., Senate	FAVOR, Homer, Morgan State College
BURRELL, Berkeley G., Nat'l Business League	FISCHER, John, Harper Magazine
BURTON, Laurence J., Congress	FISHER, Harold W., Standard Oil of N.J.
BURTON, Phillip, Congress	FISHER, Joseph L., Resources for the Future Inc.
BYRD, Robert C., Senate	FISHER, Yule, Nat'l Highway Users Cong.

EXECUTIVE

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March 26, 1968

*
Honorable Paul H. Douglas
2909 Davenport Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

Our fondest thoughts and best wishes are with you, my friend, as you celebrate your 76th birthday.

Bird joins in the hope that the coming year will bring you the fullest measure of all good things. God bless you always -- in every way.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

LBJ:WRS:EH:mff

CC: Juanita Roberts, Will Sparks, Eliska Hasek, Marvin Watson (FYI),
Loyd Hackler, Mary Hooper, CF *Bill McSweeney*

Event: 3/26/68

Req'd by: DNC & Mr. Watson

EXECUTIVE

SP 3-236/FG216

April 5, 1968

Dear Paul and Emily:

Your friendship has brought me happiness and strength through the years. I am deeply grateful for its reassurance now.

The unity of this nation is strengthened, and the day of peace thus advanced, by our shared determination to place this nation's future above all else. Mrs. Johnson shares all the pride and hope I find in your support.

Sincerely,

J.B.

Honorable and Mrs. Paul H. Douglas
2909 Davenport Street, NW.
Washington, D. C. 20008

LBJ:CMM:jam

*I know you pray as did that 740
may ^{now} soften some LBJ*

April 5, 1968

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Dear Paul:

I am heartfully grateful for your kind message. It strengthens my deep faith that Americans will come together in this critical hour, placing the cause of peace and freedom above any personal or partisan concern. This is the paramount interest that my own decision seeks to serve. I am proud to be encouraged by your confidence.

Sincerely,



Honorable Paul H. Douglas
Suite 640
806 15th Street, NW.
Washington, D. C. 20005

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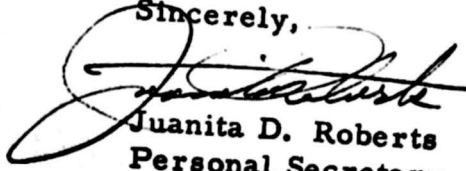
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

EXECUTIVE
PR 6-1/2

Dear Senator,

It's a pleasure to
forward this picture
to you.

Sincerely,


Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Honorable Paul H. Douglas
2909 Davenport Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

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To Senator Paul Douglas
With admiration and warm best wishes,



April 25, 1968 - 1

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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With best wishes
Lyndon B. Johnson

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Honorable Paul H. Douglas
Chairman
National Commission on Urban Problems
Suite 640
806 15th Street, NW.
Washington, D. C. 20005

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On May 25, 1968 the following telegram was sent:

You are cordially invited to attend the signing of S.5, The Truth-In-Lending Act, at the White House at 11:30 A.M., Wednesday, May 29. Please arrive at the northwest gate by 11:15 A.M., and present this telegram for admission. Also, please confirm your attendance by return wire.

James R. Jones, Special Asst to the Pres.

On May 27, 1968 the following telegram was sent with a change in time.

The Time of signing S.5, The Truth-In-Lending Act, has been changed to 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 29 at the White House. Please excuse any inconvenience and confirm any change in your attendance by return wire.

James R. Jones, Special Asst. to the Pres.

CLARK, Champ, NYC	DREYER, Stanley W. Chicago, Ill.
LEWIS, Michael, Baltimore Sun	EGO, Marian, West Roxbury, Mass.
PORTER, Sylvia, NYC	FALCK, Walter W., Annapolis, Md.
BAILEY, Mary L., Austin, Texas	FRIEDMAN, Cathy, Wash., D.C.
BRADY, Dorothy, U. of Penn.	GREENE, Shirley, NYC
CAMPBELL, Persia, Flushing, NY	HAKEL, Milton, St. Paul, Minn.
CANOYER, Helen C., Cornell University	HANDY, Juanita, Providence, R.I.
DUBRUL, Jr., Stephen M., Lehman Brothers	HEFTER, Tom J., Madison, Wisc.
EDWARDS, Corwin D., U. of Oregon	LAKE, Henry, Louisville, Ky.
GENTRY, Louise, Penn. State University	KLAMON, Joseph M., StL
GRANT, Richard H., NHamp.	LAPAKKO, Tobey, St. Paul, Minn.
HOLTON, Richard H., U. of Calif.	LEE, Stewart, Beaver Falls, Pa.
LAFOLLETTE, Bronson C., Madison, Wisc.	LICHTY, James, Madison, Wisc.
LAMB, Gerald A., Hartford, Conn.	MCEWEN, Robert J., Chestnut Hill, Mass.
LANIER, William L., Macon, Ga.	MATSON, William, Harrisburg, Pa.
LEE, John G., Farmington, Conn.	MILLER, Sacha K., Springfield, Va.
LEWIS, Edward S., NYC	OSTROFF, Harold, NYC
LOW, Florence, Texas A & M	PALUMBO, Edwin, Providence, R.I.
MARIN, Kenneth J., Grand Rapids, Mich	POPE, Helen, New Haven, Conn.
MARGOLIUS, Sidney, Washington, NY	PURVIS, Eve, Indpls.
NELSON, Helen, Sacramento, Calif.	REDFERN, Sterling, Creve Coeur, Mo.
PIERCE, William J., Ann Arbor, Mich	REUTER, Ralph R., NYC
STULBERG, Louis, NYC	ROBERTSON, R.C., Phoenix, Ariz
TAYLOR, Otrie, LosA	SANDBACH, Walker, Mt. Vernon, NY
WARE, Caroline, Vienna, Va.	SCHOENFELD, Susan, White Plains, NY
WAYMER, Mattie, Atla	SHEA, Dermot P., Cambridge, Mass.
ABEL, I.W., United Steelworkers of Ame.	SHIPE, J. Orrin, Madison, Wisc.
DUBROW, Evelyn, NYC	SMITH, Robert, Mt. Vernon, NY
HAYNES, John, Westbury, NY	VOORHIS, Jerry, Chicago, Ill.
POTOFISKY, Jacob S., NYC	WARNE, Golston, Amherst, Mass.
REUTHER, Walter P., Det., Mich	WILLNER, Don, Portland, Org.
AUSTIN, Dorothy M., Cleve., Ohio	WOODWARD, Harry, Southfield, Mich
BROOK, Thomas, Storrs, Conn.	ZWEMER, Richard A., Montclair, NJer.
BRYANT, Agnes, Det., Mich	ALLISON, Junius, Chicago, Ill.
CAPLOVITZ, David, NYC	BARRETT, Roger S., Chicago, Ill.
CHRISTIANSON, Edwin, St. Paul, Minn.	BATTEN, William M., NY
CLEVELAND, Frank, Columbus, Ohio	BAUMANN, Henry A., Fairfax, Va.
DICESARE, Velia T., Hyde Park, Mass.	BECKER, Lawson E., Grand Rapids, Mich.
DOUGLAS, Paul, Wash., D.C.	BLISS, James J., NYC.

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May 31, 1968

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Photo

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Maggie ordered photo of Truth ~~and~~ in Lending with Sen. Douglas, Mrs. Sullivan
on this date which was held on Wednesday, 5/29/68

Mrs. Ellis in Sen. Proxmire's office called--

Room 2311, NSOB

Paul
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FILE MEMO:

See: C.F. ND 19/CO 312, for information memo, 6/5/68 re Paul DOUGLAS, NATIONAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR PEACE WITH FREEDOM IN VIETNAM, STAR/DC, Charles ENGELHARD, Jack WHITNEY, Charles TYROLER, Abbott WASHBURN, Stephen P. GOLDMAN, Archbishop LUCY, George MEANY, John J. McCLOY, NATIONAL COMMISSION ON URBAN PROBLEMS, Max M. KAMPELMAN, Gen. J.D. HITTLE, David E. BIRENBAUM, Henry Kissinger, Robert A. SCALAPINO, Paul SEABURY, Leo CHERNE, Jack VALENTI, Murray BARON, Allan NEVINS, FREEDOM HOUSE and Leonard SUSSMAN and DOUGLAS COMMITTEE.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON URBAN PROBLEMS

ROOM 640, 806 15TH ST. N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

PHONE: 382-8226

June 28, 1968

Dear Mr. Levinson:

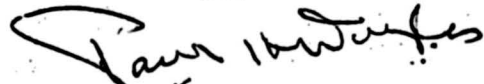
I am happy to send you Volume 2 of the Hearings of the National Commission on Urban Problems.

As you will note, it covers a wide range of the topics assigned to us to study -- building codes, housing and related problems in the inner city, zoning, land use, and housing costs, special problems of the inner fringe, public housing and renewal, urban design, urban technology, and governmental structures (local, metropolitan, regional, state, and national) to deal with all of these issues. The index should be helpful in locating questions of particular interest to you.

The remaining three volumes of hearings are at the printers, and additional research reports will be issued while we complete the final report and recommendations.

With all best wishes.

Faithfully,



PAUL H. DOUGLAS

Mr. Larry Levinson
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D. C.

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Corcoran, Foley, Youngman & Rowe
1511 K STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

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July 8, 1968

CABLES
FOLYN
CORCORAN
YOUNGMAN

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

I have heard there is a possibility you may fill the Court of Appeals vacancy here in the District with someone other than young Fred Vincent.

If this is true, I would like to urge upon you once more the possibility of John Douglas, the son of Senator Douglas.

I realize he was active for Bob Kennedy but this is a form of loyalty both you and I can understand--he was appointed by President Kennedy and he served under Bobby for many years in the Department of Justice.

He is unquestionably a lawyer of very high distinction. You may remember I recommended him to you for a vacancy on the District Court here but, I gather, he was not interested in a trial court position.

In the last few years there has been no one more loyal to you than Senator Paul Douglas. (Funny world, isn't it?) He has done a great job with the "Peace with Honor in Vietnam Committee" which has supported you right up the line, while ostensibly being independent. One thing Paul Douglas really wants is to see his son a judge.

Another possibility, of course, is to promote Gerry Gesell to the Court of Appeals. I am sure you will agree he would do a first rate job whatever bench he was on.

A third possibility is Dave Ginsburg, who has served you well over the years. I have no idea whether he would be interested in the judgeship but he is certainly qualified.

Respectfully,

James Rowe

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON URBAN PROBLEMS

ROOM 640, 806 15TH ST. N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005
PHONE: 382-8226

July 17, 1968

Mr. President

I am happy to send you the Commission's report on "The Challenge of America's Metropolitan Population Outlook."

The major findings are underscored in our Foreword, in the charts and tables prepared by our staff on pages 52, 54, 56 and 58, and in the authors' summary chapter beginning on page 51.

We hope these projections of recent and current trends will be useful to others, as they have been to our Commission, in shaping decisions about the future.

With all best wishes.

Faithfully,


Paul H. Douglas
Chairman

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August 8, 1968

Mr. Paul H. ^XDouglas
Suite 410
806 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Paul:

Many thanks for your note of July 22. As you know by now, the Congress has acted on the Three Sisters Bridge, despite our efforts. I do appreciate your note and, as you have probably guessed, I am in agreement with you.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President

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The White House
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WHILE I KNOW YOU ARE ABSORBED WITH MANY BURDENS, MAY I EXPRESS
MY PERSONAL HOPE THAT YOU VETO THE HIGHWAY BILL. IT IS TERRIBLE
FOR WASHINGTON AND FOR OTHER PLACES AS WELL AND I THINK A VETO WOULD NOT
ONLY BE RIGHT BUT IN THE LONG RUN POPULAR AS WELL. BEST PERSONAL
WISHES

PAUL H DOUGLAS.

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Paul H. Douglas
Mr. Hoover*

The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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PAUL H DOUGLAS.



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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON URBAN PROBLEMS

ROOM 640, 806 15TH ST. N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005
PHONE: 382-8226


August 26, 1968

Mr. Joseph Califano
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Califano:

We are pleased to send you this copy of our fourth background study, on the special plight of the large poor family in trying to find decent housing. It is for release on September 1.

Faithfully,



PAUL H. DOUGLAS
Chairman

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FILE MEMO:

See: C.F. PG 600/Task Force/N*, for corresp., 9/25/68 re TASK FORCE TO PREPARE A DETAILED
OUTLINE OF NEW INITIATIVES, and Sen. Paul DOUGLAS.



The White House
Washington

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THE PRESS SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

THIS IS THE TEXT OF A TELEGRAM SENT TO HONORABLE PAUL DOUGLAS
BY DOCTOR UROSH L SEFFER ON DECEMBER 7 1968.

DEAR SENATOR DOUGLAS:

IN THE NAME OF THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AMERICANS OF SERBIAN ANCESTRY
WE APPEAL TO YOU OUR BELOVED FRIEND AND A RECOGNIZED DEFENDER
OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY EVERYWHERE TO DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR

SOFTENED GENOCIDIC PERSON MILOVAN DJILAS.

YOU MADE US MOST HAPPY WHEN YOU MARCHED RECENTLY IN CHICAGO
TOGETHER WITH US DURING DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING SOVIET INVASION
OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. KEEP FAITH WITH US AND WITH ALL ENSLAVED PEOPLES
INCLUDING THE BRAVE AND DEMOCRATIC SERBIAN PEOPLE IN COMMUNIST
OCCUPIED YUGOSLAVIA. STOP THE DJILAS BLASPHEMY AND SAVE OUR
BELOVED UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND YOURSELF FROM AN ETERNAL SHAME
DOCTOR UROSH L SEFFER PRESIDENT SERBIAN NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL
OF AMERICA 3909 WEST NORTH AVE CHICAGO ILL 60647 PHONE
312-772-7378.

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cc
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MEMORANDUM FOR

December 11, 1968

Larry Levinson

Paul
As you know, Senator Douglas has given his report to the press with a Sunday, December 8th release date. Further, the Senator held a press conference to "background the report."

Given the Senator's action, Bob Wood and I recommend that you release the President's statement Saturday with a Sunday release date. In addition, Bob and I propose to hold a joint press conference on Thursday or Friday to background the Kaiser Committee report.

Here is my redraft of HUD's draft of the statement releasing the Kaiser Committee and Douglas Commission reports. Also, enclosed is the official Committee report with Mr. Kaiser's letter to the President.

What is your reaction? We are waiting your okay to set up the press conference.

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National Commission on Urban Problems
x

Howard
HOWARD R. MOSKOF
x

cc: Robert C. Wood

attachments.

HRM:pm

CS/

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1968

FOR DON LEGATES

FROM Larry Levinson

Put this in our Task Force file on
the Douglas Commission -- 1968.

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Douglas, Paul

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★ Urban Problems

Parts I through VI of Report filed * Oversized attachment

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON URBAN PROBLEMS

ROOM 640, 806 15TH ST. N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

PHONE: 382-8226

December 4, 1968

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

When you established this Commission on January 12, 1967, you directed us to report to you and to the Congress. In addition, Section 301 of the Housing Act of 1965, as amended, requires that our Report be made to Congress on or before December 31, 1968. When Congress amended Section 301 to amend the reporting date from March 1968 to on or before December 31, 1968, I pledged that we would report as soon as we possibly could and that there would be no needless delay.

Our Report is now finished. In line with our legal obligation and my stated pledge, it will be released shortly.

It has always been our intention to report to you prior to the release and publication of our Report. On November 11, 1968, I wrote to Mr. Califano requesting such a meeting during the weeks of November 25 or December 1. At that time I enclosed a copy of the final draft of the Report, except for two sections which have subsequently been sent to him. Minor changes have been made in the Report since then and we are, of course, ready to submit the formal document.

Yesterday I met with Mr. Califano. To my surprise and dismay, he proposed that we submit our Report to the President-elect. I refused to do that on the following grounds:

1) The President-elect does not take office until January 20th. I have no intention of breaking the law by withholding our Report until that time. I would not consider reporting to anyone but the President of the United States until that date. I think it would be improper to report to a non-President.

2) Our members have been extraordinarily faithful, hard working, and public spirited. They have met on more than 70 working days. The attendance has been phenomenal. Hearings were held in over 20 cities. We have organized some 40 research reports and are publishing about 20. They have worked through four drafts of a comprehensive and an honest Report. They have been splendid.

December 17, 1968

Dear Senator Douglas:

I have received a copy of the Report of your Commission on Urban Problems, and wish to thank you for this major effort to study and answer the many questions our citizens are asking about life in our cities.

The wealth of material contained in your report and in the studies sponsored by the Commission will be an important source of ideas and information for years to come. It recognizes many of the needs that must be met, and moves us further along the road we have begun to travel in the past few years.

You have pursued this task with the determination, intelligence and integrity that made you a great American legislator and statesman.

On behalf of the citizens of the Nation, who owe you so much already, I thank you and the other outstanding members of the Commission for this great service to our Nation.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

*I'm in Bethesda with the files. Hope you
don't get it.*

Honorable Paul H. Douglas
Chairman

*National Commission on Urban Problems
Room 640, 806 15th Street, NW.
Washington, D. C. 20005