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May 16, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR MARVIN WATSON

FROM: Loyd Hackler

The President could make some mileage by instructing Treasury to remove its restrictions on sales of Farmers Home Administration insured loans to rural communities. The current situation: FHA has legislative authority to insure a total of \$450 million in loans each year for all purposes. Its insuring authority has been arbitrarily limited by Treasury to \$35 million, ostensibly to reduce competition in the money market for Treasury notes. FHA now has \$240 million in loan applications pending, and more coming in. The Republicans are beginning to zero in on this, particularly as an instance of the Administration saying one thing and doing another. The President and Agriculture Secretary Freeman have made statements about the quality of rural life being improved, and on the unfavorable comparison between farm and non-farm income. There is great concern about the problems of the cities, yet this small program which would make rural areas more attractive places to live and lessen migration to cities is being suppressed.

It should be noted that the Housing and Home Finance Agency has a similar financing program for urban projects which permits the sale of \$450 million a year tax-exempt notes, and HHFA is not under a restriction. This, contend critics, is favoritism for the urban-oriented agency.

I understand many Congressmen are being pressed by small communities to try to help in clearing their projects (mostly sewage and water systems). The Agriculture Department is planning to ask for removal of Treasury restrictions on the FHA financing.

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April 25, 1966

MEMO FOR Harry McPherson

FROM Joe Califano

The President would like Bob Weaver and Louis Martin at any future meetings that are held on civil rights, particularly where the members of the White House Conference or civil rights leaders are involved.

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FROM (Name) Milton P. Lerner DATE 10/27/65

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March 17, 1966

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to extend to you an invitation to attend a reception to meet the members of the Council to the White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights."

The reception will be held in the White House Mess at 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, March 26, 1966.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Cliff

Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.
Deputy Special Counsel
to the President

Honorable Robert C. Weaver
Secretary of Housing and Urban
Development
Washington, D.C.

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December 17, 1965

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Federal Housing Administration
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Jack J. Valenti
Special Assistant to the President
The White House

This is the award that Administrator Weaver
accepted on behalf of the President at the ^xHouse & Home Magazine
breakfast meeting.

Robert W. Murray, Jr.
Assistant Administrator
for Public Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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December 2, 1965

FOR: Chief of Mails
Chief of Files

Until further notice, mail destined
for the Department of Housing and
Urban Development should be addressed
as follows:

Honorable Robert C. Weaver
Housing and Home Finance Administrator
Department of Housing and Urban
Development
Washington, D. C. 20410


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November 24, 1965

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

With regard to your letter of November 24th, the President approves your taking steps in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 303 to publish your opinion to him of November 23rd dealing with the question whether certain documents executed by personnel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development are effective to bind the Government in accordance with their terms despite the vacancies in the new positions, including the position of Secretary, established by the recent Act creating that Department.

By direction of the President.

Sincerely,

Lee C. White
Special Counsel to the President

Honorable Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
The Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

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November 17, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR

**Honorable Robert C. Weaver
Administrator
Housing and Home Finance Agency**

**Enclosed is the Attorney General's opinion
which you requested in your letter to the
President of June 10, 1965.**

**Lee C. White
Special Counsel to the President**

**Encl. Ltr to Pres., 11/2/65, from Nicholas Katzenbach
(original to HHFA)**

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 16, 1965
9:14 p.m.

Mr. President:

Re: UPI 145 - PHA housing for
Johnson City

The statement to UPI^x was made by^x
Annette Culler^x who works for Lee Skooler,
who is head of Public Affairs. Skooler was
ill today and not in the office.

Skooler and his operation are always
promoting Marie^x Maguire who is
Commissioner of Public Housing.

Milt Semer, Deputy to Mr. Weaver, was
my source of information. He says the
public housing section is making every
effort to receive favorable recognition
by you and they really think they did
something to help.

Disciplinary action is being taken on
this.

Marvin



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NOV 8 - 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President

In response to your memorandum of November 6, 1965, the Housing and Home Finance Agency and its contractors have no requirements for aluminum during calendar year 1966.

Robert C. Weaver
Administrator

Handwritten initials

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STATEMENT BY ROBERT C. WEAVER, ADMINISTRATOR
HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY
AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, 3:00 PM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1965

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For Joe Califano

Some of this boggles the
mind. See p. 15.

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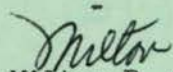
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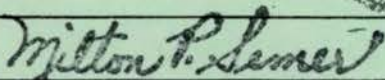
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Attached is the transcript of yesterday's press conference.

We are trying to get another recording to see if we can pick up some of the missing questions.


 Milton P. Semer

FROM (Name)



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11/9/65

ROBERT C. WEAVER, ADMINISTRATOR: "I invited you here this afternoon because there are many questions you may want to ask about the Department of Housing and Urban Development that comes into being at midnight tonight.

"As you no doubt know, President Johnson has decided not to make a recess appointment of a Secretary to head this Department. As the White House announced last Friday, the President will wait to submit a formal nomination to the Senate when Congress reconvenes in January.

"In the meantime the President has instructed each of us who works for the agencies which will become part of this Department to continue in our present positions to implement the programs and policies for which we are responsible.

"This we will do, and I assure you that the many new programs provided for in the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 will be administered promptly and with no delay. Most of our regulations for these new programs are already in effect, and most of the programs have been funded. We will proceed to get these off the ground at once."

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MAN: "What will Mr. Weaver's title be?"

SEMER: "Tomorrow his title will be the same as it is today, Housing and Home Finance Administrator. Except tomorrow you add, in the Department of Housing and Urban Development."

MAN: "In that case, sir, what is the legal duty of the new Secretary? Or will the Department remain the same?"

SEMER: "There will be no new Secretary."

MAN: "I understand that, sir. Presuming there were -- presuming, as you say, that all the other agencies will remain the same, what would be the new Secretary's legal duties?"

SEMER: "Well, if there were a new Secretary that's spelled out in the statute -- the Department's statutes. But that's, at the moment, not a relevant question because there'll be no new Secretary."

MAN: "Is there going to be any Secretary staff, or is there now a staff for the Secretary?"

SEMER: "There is not."

MAN: "Will there be any -- the Department staff -- is there any Department staff hired, other than the agencies involved?"

SEMER: "Not that I know of."

MAN: "Mr. Semer, you have acknowledged then, this in a way is causing some hardship?"

SEMER: "None that I know of. We'll have to wait until tomorrow to see. (laughter) As of today we're the Housing and Home Finance Agency, and all of its -- you know, joys and travails. And the policy position of the administration is to continue tomorrow as we're acting

today. I don't know of any actions that have been taken in anticipation of Departmentalization tomorrow, other than the usual things, such as -- oh, a rubber stamp here and there so that you don't have to change all the stationery."

MAN: "Mr. Semer (off-mike, unintelligible) (laughter)

SEMER: "Well, on the question of whether or not we need a new Department. All I can say is to refer you to the long legislative history that's been made and that argumentation. You have to keep in mind that this agency is not, at least technically speaking, the principle advocate of the Department in the Administration. That is a function of the Executive Office of the President, as you may recall, the Budget Director was the principle witness."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, would -- what do you plan to do tomorrow to mark this great occasion?"

WEAVER: "Well, I think tomorrow what I will do will be what I am doing today, and that is to go ahead with the programs which -- particularly the programs which are authorized in the Housing and Urban Development Bill of 1965. These programs have only recently been funded, as you know in the supplemental appropriation. We have now issued regulations on most of them, about 26 of the programs -- there are 26 new programs, or modified existing programs. And all but eleven have regulations already issued. Next week we will issue at least four. And in the next fortnight we will have all of the regulations issued.

"This means that we will have to add staff. We will have to make some changes in administrative setup of a nature to execute

these programs. We'll have to assign programs to certain constituents. And we will have to go ahead at full speed and implement the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965. And this is what we're going to be doing."

MAN: "None of those programs were dependent on the creation of the Department?"

WEAVER: "No. These programs, as you know were passed -- were provided for in the Housing Act of 1965, which was enacted before the Department was enacted, which makes no -- to which no reference is made to the Department."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, when did you know the President was not going to fill the post of Secretary?"

WEAVER: "Last week."

MAN: "Which day?"

WEAVER: "Last week -- early last week."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, do you expect the Secretary's office to be where yours is now?"

WEAVER: "How do you mean, physically?"

MAN: "Yes."

WEAVER: "Well, I don't know where else it can be -- there's a new building under construction for the Housing and Home Finance Agency, but at the present time it's an enormous hole in the ground. So I would think that this would have to be."

MAN: "Are you familiar with the members of the task force at the White House?"

WEAVER: "Yes, I've worked with them."

MAN: "Could you tell us (words unintelligible)

WEAVER: "I think you can get that information from the White House if they want to release it."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, were you surprised at the delay in naming the new Housing Department head?"

WEAVER: "Well, you mean if I contemplated it two weeks ago, the answer's no."

MAN: "Why didn't you?"

WEAVER: "Well, why should I?"

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, could you give us some idea of what qualities you think the new Secretary should have? (Laughter)

WEAVER: "Yes, the qualities that the President is looking for -- happens to be looking for at the time he makes the appointment."

MAN: "In your consultations with the task force...."

WEAVER: "The task force has not been concerned with this matter this time."

MAN: "Have you been consulted?"

MAN: "The task force has not been concerned with the name or the identity of the new Secretary?"

WEAVER: "No, I don't think it's concerned with that now, I -- I think if you read what the President said, the task force is going to advise him relative to the organization of the new Department. The task force is not going to advise him according to -- what I have seen, as to personalities."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, is this a new task force or is this one that (word unintelligible

WEAVER: "This is an existing task force."

MAN: "An existing task force?"

WEAVER: "Yes."

MAN: "Do you have any knowledge as to why the -- it's been about two months since the President signed the bill, and what he's saying in effect now is that the task force needs two months to study it -- the problem before the Department can come into being. Do you have any idea why they didn't study it in the last two months?"

WEAVER: "Yes. They've been studying the whole area -- looking at the whole area of urban development."

MAN (off-mike, unintelligible)

WEAVER: "Yes."

MAN: "Have you been consulted at all about the Secretaryship and who that man might be? Have you been asked to recommend anyone?"

WEAVER: "No, I don't think I would have been asked to recommend anyone, I think this would have been a rather difficult position for me to have been placed in because my recommendation would have been obvious."

MAN: "(off-mike unintelligible)"

SEER: "Well, I think in all fairness to my boss, the Administrator, who probably has to answer some questions, that is a matter of some legal involvement, and I'd be glad to have a separate meeting with anybody who wants to explore the legalities."

"Let me say just as a general proposition that you're reading from a section called 'the saving provisions' which is usually standard boiling (?) plate in most statutory efforts. And this is

the basis on which the -- well, if you want to call it the legal base for the policy decisions which have been made. I don't think there's really any legal problem involved in supporting the policy direction at this state (?)"

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, what delays, if any, in hiring, or drawing up the fiscal '67 budget, etc., do you foresee coming from the fact that the agency does not -- the new department does not have a head at (words unintelligible)"

WEAVER: "Well, the provisions which would be pertinent here are provided for in the '65 act and we will go ahead with that, as we would have, whether there'd been a department, or not a department. The appropriations will be carrying out the programs which are authorized in that act. And we are now in the process of building (?) up toward that, and we expect to go in ahead and make the necessary appointments. We will have to expand our staff, obviously. And we have, both in our regular budget, for '66, and the supplemental budget -- I mean appropriations -- and supplemental appropriations for that purpose."

MAN: "Are you foreseeing any delay?"

WEAVER: "There will be no delay as far as the programs as concerned, and no delay as far as the vacancies that would be created as a result of the act, for which money has been now appropriated."

MAN: "Is that the task force making recommendations for a year or two years?"

WEAVER: "I don't know what the task force recommendations will be for - I don't know what period they will be, I simply know that they

are in existence, and they have been looking at the matter of urban development in this country. As to what the time of their recommendations would be, whether they will be in the form which could be, of the short range recommendations, or maybe in the form of some long range -- this would be something that you'd have to secure either from the -- secure from the White House, because they're a task force not to me but the President."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, even without a Secretary, you are going ahead carrying out these various functions. Would it not, in your opinion have been easier for these steps to have been carried out with the new Secretary in office?"

WEAVER: "I would say yes and no. Over the long run I think the answer is yes, immediately you might have had a problem of having reorganization and the program, I would have been perfectly willing to have had the more difficult task."

MAN: "Would you explain (?) that again. (laughter)"

MAN: "Dr. Weaver, about ten days ago the FHA (?) issued (words unintelligible) *(Order in Fed Regis)*"

WEAVER: "Yes."

MAN: "After November 9th FHA (word unintelligible) would be conveyed to the Secretary and not the Commissioner. Will that have to be rescinded?"

WEAVER: "I'll let the legal counsel handle that one."

SEMER: "The answer's yes."

WEAVER: "I knew the answer, but it's much more official..."

MAN: "At the time this was published in the current register(?)

there was -- must have been a belief that there would be a Secretary on November 9th."

WEAVER: "I think that was a safe assumption at that time."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, are there any jobs of -- that you feel important jobs to fill as of midnight tonight?"

WEAVER: "No."

MAN (words unintelligible)

WEAVER: "No, no there have been no -- you see, I think you have to recognize this, that the appropriations which we have, which of course we have to fill vacancies are related to the Housing Bill of 1965, and the previous programs authorized by substitute legislation. There has been no appropriation for any departmental personnel per se, beyond the personnel that would be transferred or would be required to carry out the Housing Act of '65, an existing act. So that we will go ahead as we would before because we didn't have any other money. And we wouldn't have had it unless there had been an appropriation for that specific purpose."

MAN (off-mike unintelligible)

WEAVER: "We are now working this out with the Bureau of the Budget and with our own people, and they will be substantial, but I can't give you the figure yet."

MAN: (off-mike unintelligible)

WEAVER: "I would say it would be in the hundreds."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver..."

WEAVER: "Again let me point out this is because of the Act of '65, not because of the creation of a Department."

MAN: "Do you expect all your constituent agency heads to remain

in their present jobs through the appointment of the new Secretary?"

WEAVER: "I have had no evidence to the contrary. I would say yes."

MAN: "How about after (words unintelligible)"

WEAVER: "Well, after that I don't think it's going to be necessarily their choice."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, could you clarify again, sir, your answer to that -- the yes, and no answer."

WEAVER: "I've forgotten what the question was."

MAN: "The question was, you're going ahead with these programs, would it not have been easier to have gone ahead with a Secretary in office?"

WEAVER: "I think the programs themselves are not directly, certainly, in the tuning-up stages -- in the earlier stage effected too much by whether there is or is not a Secretary. On the other hand, over the long run as you look at what we're -- would be attempting to do under the mandate of the Department, which would be to get more comprehensive and orderly approaches to these programs. I think that without the Department, a much less efficient job could be done with it. So that if the delay remains over a long period of time, after the tuning-up stage, after the initiation stage is concerned, the answer is yes, it will be more difficult. The answer immediately is, no. This is of course a time of consideration rather than an abstract (?) and absolute one."

MAN: "Has the -- what (words lost in sound of coughing) the hiatus in the appointment of a Secretary, and now this further gulf(?) of last Friday. And the statements, the White House saying that they want the Department to get off the ground (words mumbled) has that

had an adverse effect on the morale of the Department?"

WEAVER: "I don't -- I haven't seen it yet. I'm sure that this has caused a great deal of confusion in the Department. I think until the employees get an understanding of what was involved there will be a confusion. But I think regardless of whether or not there had been a Department, and there is going to be one on the ninth, or whether there had been a Secretary, or not would not affect 90 percent -- 95 percent of the employees in the Department as far as their job status and job security is concerned.

"So, I don't think the morale would be there. There's always a danger of course of uncertainty bringing what you have suggested. And I'm sure that exactly (?) what I think it will be largely temporary for most of the personnel."

MAN: "Would it be fair to say that you had hoped there would be a new Secretary (words unintelligible)"

WEAVER: "I think it would be fair to say that two weeks ago I'd expected that there would be."

MAN: "Do you know of any steps being taken to avert possible Congressional criticism that mere lip service is being paid to Congressional intent (?) to create a Department 60 days after...."

WEAVER: "No, I don't, but I assume that there has been."

MAN: "Two weeks ago did you have any idea that the new Secretary (words unintelligible)"

WEAVER: "No."

MAN: "You'd say you were surprised, Mr. Weaver that the Secretary wasn't named by now. Were you surprised that it wasn't you?"

WEAVER: "Well, it's kind of hard to answer the one question without the other. You mean, did I expect if it had been, it would be I?"

MAN: "Right."

WEAVER: "I didn't know."

MAN: "Dr. Weaver, some Negro civil rights leaders asked the President within the last two weeks to appoint you. Did any of them consult with you beforehand?"

WEAVER: "No."

MAN: "You are aware that in the last city elections that have been held, an increasing independent Negro voting strength. You're aiming to break up the ghettos in the cities. Do you see this as a hopeful sign of breaking up the ghettos -- independent voting strength of the Negro, in New York and Cleveland brought (?)

WEAVER: "That's a very difficult question to answer. I would assume that again over the long run it could have that effect, I don't think it will have that immediate effect."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, what are your plans on re-submitting your appropriation for request (?) on rent subsidies (words unintelligible)

WEAVER: "Early in the next session that will be re-submitted to the Appropriations subcommittees."

MAN: "Well, there is a report around town that the Administration will scale down (words lost in sound of coughing) requested initially (words unintelligible) offset some of the Congressional criticism."

WEAVER: "That's news to me. And I would doubt it very seriously."

MAN: "Under the new Act, the FHA Commissioners have reduced salaries from what they have -- are getting now. As they continue to function tomorrow and the next day will they be functioning at their present salary level or...."

WEAVER: "Let me say that under the new Act, that is not true,

under the departmental bill there would no longer be those particular positions. So that there would no be a reduction in salary, there would be a reduction in that particular function. Obviously if they continue in their present function under the legal basis which they operate they will continue at the same salaries as long as they're in those functions under those titles."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, the problems of New York City have long been a thorn in the side of your agency. Do you think the election of a new Mayor will change the problems there in any way?"

WEAVER: "I wouldn't say that the problems of New York City have been a thorn in the side of our agency. I would say that the problems of cities are a thorn in the side of a lot of people, and it is why we have these programs to deal with them. In many respects we have a very, very good relationship -- we have had good relationships with New York City. We have the largest programs in the country concentrated there, as you would expect. And with these, because of the magnitude of the problems and because of the complications of the situation and -- that very exciting, but very large city. There have been administrative problems. I think they come more from the size and the complexity of the city, than because of anything inherent in the city administration. So for that reason I would say that we are looking forward to the future, as we have in the past with a certain degree of anticipated interest. And we haven't made any decision. I can answer that question, or somebody could answer that question much better a year from now than they can

today. Actually it remains to be seen as to what type of thing develops locally in New York City. But we have, in the last four and a half years been able to work with New York City just about as well as we have any other large city in the country."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver (technical difficulty)

WEAVER: "This was -- and I'm speaking from memory, and I hope Milton will check me if I'm wrong -- but as I recall, the Act provided that the new Secretary, when he was appointed would look into this and make recommendations to the President concerning it. But since there was no new Secretary, and he hadn't been appointed, since I was not the Secretary, I didn't think this was my responsibility."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, several of your answers imply that you would still like to be Secretary of HUD. Would you still like this job?"

WEAVER: "Yes."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, tomorrow morning if we call your number, will the telephone operator answer 'Housing and Urban Development Conference(?)'"

WEAVER: "I think so. We haven't given the instructions along that line. I think that that would be the answer.

"Yes, I thank you for reminding us, I think we'd better (?) escape this, hadn't we for some air."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, you said, yes, you would like to be the new Secretary. Why?"

WEAVER: "Well, because this is the field in which I've spent most of my adult career. And these last four and a half years have

been extremely exciting. I've a personal involvement in the new legislation. And it's something I think is terribly important and I think terribly satisfying. And I think will be significant."

MAN: "Mr. Weaver, next year when we call the Department of Urban .."

WEAVER: "Housing and Urban."

MAN: "Housing and Urban Development -- will you answer? (laughter

WEAVER: "I think you better wait until next year and call."

MAN: "Thank you."

MAN: "Somebody said one of the reasons why you might not be chosen is because your experience is primarily in housing, and the urban part has to have a broader jurisdiction. Do you think that's a valid weakness, you might say, in your qualifications?"

WEAVER: "I would not like to discuss my qualifications -- this is a rather subjective approach. But I would say that I think if you take some time and even read some of the things I've written, particularly my last two books, the first one significantly under the title of 'The Urban Complex' and the second one on 'Dilemmas of Urban America' I think you'll find that my interests and my concern is more than for housing. And after all, you know, you can't even have a concern for housing if it's a significant one, if you don't have a concern for the environment in which the house exists.

"And one of the things that I feel very strongly about is that the challenge that we face in this country domestically is probably as great in this whole field of urbanization as you'll find in any

other field.

"So I would say that I do have interests other than housing. As for my qualifications, that's for somebody else to decide."

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1965

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TO: Henry Wilson

FROM: Lee C. White *Lee*

It seems to me that the Agency has made the right check and has received the right set of answers. Unless you've some particular "freeze" going on that I am not aware of, I don't see how or why the projects should be held up.

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Federal Housing Administration
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November 3, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lee White
Special Counsel
to the President
The White House

Here is some further information on matters requiring action by November 9th to effect the legal continuation of our activities and transition to Departmental status.

M. P. Semer
Milton P. Semer
Deputy Administrator and
General Counsel

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Dear Marjorie:

I very much appreciated your letter of October 19 concerning Robert C. Weaver and the new Cabinet post.

As you have probably gathered, I intend to be very careful in selecting the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. This is an extremely important post, and I want to get the very best man for it. If Bob Weaver is that man, I will appoint him. But I want to be sure that he is.

I value your judgment and I appreciate your sharing your thoughts with me.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Mrs. Marjorie M. Lawson
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Washington, D. C. 20006

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Friday, October 29, 1965
5:50 p.m.

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FOR THE PRESIDENT

The attached memorandum, if approved, would inform the regional offices in HHFA how to operate as regional offices of the Housing and Urban Development Department.

It is purely administrative. There is not a word in it that confers powers on Weaver or on any other officer that he does not now possess. It affects accounting procedures, deposits, invoices, etc. Its purpose is to assure continuity of administrative operations in the new Department. It is to be signed, not by Weaver, but by the Administrative Officer in HHFA.

As Nick's memo points out, the Department does come into being on November 8. Whether or not a Secretary is appointed, the Department will then exist and HHFA will cease to exist. For that reason I recommend that you approve the sending out of this administrative memorandum next week, so that HHFA regional offices may be prepared to act as Departmental offices on November 9.

Harry

Harry C. McPherson, Jr.

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October 29, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR:

**Hayes Redmon
The White House**

I know of no important news developments for next week.

As you may know, it was agreed by Joseph Califano and Administrator Weaver last Wednesday that we would not issue a statement answering the charges leveled by Representative Ford against the rent supplement program unless later developments necessitated doing so.

**Robert W. Murray, Jr.
Assistant Administrator
for Public Affairs**



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FG 245

October 22, 1965

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Hayes Redmon
The White House**

**Subject: Possible Newsmakers from HHFA
Next Week**

On Friday, October 29, the University of California in Berkeley will hold a ceremony dedicating a new building in the honor of William and Catherine Bauer Wurster. They have been two of the leading forces in getting better cities and promoting good housing and good living environments for our people. Catherine Wurster was an outstanding member of the President's Task Force on Urban Problems. She died last November in a mountain climbing accident. It would be good for the President to send a message which could be read at the ceremony and preserved in the new building. I will send a draft of such a statement to you on Monday. HHFA Administrator Weaver will be the principal speaker at the ceremony.

The Urban Renewal Administration is ready to announce the first two grants in its new program of assistance to cities for demolishing unsafe and unsound buildings. These will be a \$2 million grant to Detroit to cover two-thirds of the cost of demolishing 1,435 unsightly old structures in the city and a \$333,333 grant to demolish buildings harmed in the Watts riot in Los Angeles. The money will be available as soon as the President signs the Appropriations Bill and the Bureau of the Budget allocates the money, some time in the first week of November. I attach three photographs of the typical buildings that will be demolished in Detroit. The Detroit grant will be designated as officially the first grant under the program because the legislation making it possible was sponsored by Senator Hart.

**Memo for: Hayes Redmon; Subj: Possible
Newsmakers from HHFA Next Week
(October 22, 1965)**

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There are no other important upcoming items of news for the coming week.

The Department of HUD comes into existence at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, November 9. No plans have jelled for ceremonies or special observances of the occasion. Any suggestions you might have on how to handle this will sure be welcome.

**Robert W. Murray, Jr.
Assistant Administrator
for Public Affairs**

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Milt Semer says he doesn't mind doing your work, but he wants you to pay attention and read this before Nov. 9!

HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. C. White

Special Counsel to the President
The White House

Subject: Proposed Department Interim Order 1

I am attaching copies of proposed Department Interim Order 1 to be issued by the Secretary (or person designated to act as Secretary) of Housing and Urban Development immediately after he takes office.

This proposed Order contains the minimum legal provisions necessary for the continuity of the performance of the functions transferred to the Secretary by the Departmental Act.

Although continuity is largely provided for in the Act itself, major organizational units and offices which will lapse under the Act must be reestablished, and changes in nomenclature of some officials must be made.

Also, in order that current supplies of forms may be used without waste, authority would be conferred on the Federal Housing Commissioner and the Public Housing Commissioner to take action in their own names on behalf of the Secretary.

In addition to the necessary changes in titles made by the Interim Order, certain other specific titles, such as the many "Assistant Administrators", should be changed to avoid confusion. This could be cared for by an order of the Housing and Home Finance Administrator immediately before Departmental status.

The attached Order would be of a temporary or interim character, and its provisions would remain in effect only until modified or superseded by the Secretary.

Milton P. Semer

Milton P. Semer
Deputy Administrator and
General Counsel

Attachments

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TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

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LYNDON B. JOHNSON

THE WHITE HOUSE,

OCT 22 1965

This corrected message
is to constitute part of the
permanent file.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

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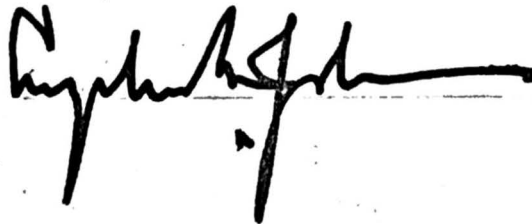
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REMARKS:

The attached is sent to you in accordance
with your request.

Milton
Milton P. Semer

FROM (Name)

Milton P. Semer

DATE

10/11/65

My Dear _____

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The housing needs of our older citizens were being met by 28,000 units financed with FHA-insured mortgages, 14,500 units approved under the direct loan program, and 67,900 units of public low-rent housing authorized or reserved -- during the four-year period from 1961 to 1964.

FHA-insured financing enabled some 500,000 families to buy or rent housing in 1964.

In my view, the 1964 Report on the Housing and Home Finance Agency sums up a year of progress toward the achievement of our Great Society.

Lyndon B. Johnson
President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Oct. 7, 1965

TO: Harry McPherson

From: Paul Popple

To the Congress of the United States

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 25, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. BUSBY

The President transmits this Annual Report to the Congress. For your ready reference in connection with the type of transmittal to be used this time, a copy of the previous transmittal is attached.


William J. Hopkins

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ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS --

Housing and Home Finance Agency

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TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

**Pursuant to the provisions of Section 802(a) of
the Housing Act of 1954, I transmit herewith for the
information of the Congress the Seventeenth Annual
Report of the Housing and Home Finance Agency covering
housing activities for the calendar year 1963.**

Lyndon B. Johnson

THE WHITE HOUSE.

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Office of the White House Press Secretary

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/s/ Lyndon B. Johnson

THE WHITE HOUSE
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Bundy
Mr. Cater
Mr. Jacobsen
Mr. McPherson
Mr. Moyers
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Valenti
Mr. Watson
Mr. White
Mr. Bunn
Mr. Desautels
Mr. Manatos
Mr. Wilson

FROM Joe Califano *JA*

Attached are a copy of Weaver's letter to *John O.* Pastore and
the fact sheet on the rent supplement legislation. *

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October 15, 1965

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Hayes Redmon
The White House**

**Subject: Possible Newsmakers from HHFA
Next Week**

I can't seem to find much that might make news next week and have only a couple of suggestions.

Administrator Weaver will speak in St. Louis Monday, October 18, at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Planners; will attend the Tuesday DNC Conference in Washington with State and county chairmen; will speak Wednesday noon at the Newark meeting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce there; will speak on Thursday in New York at the opening of a community center, and on Friday is a speaker at a Washington meeting of the ACTION Council for Better Cities.

I think Presidential greetings might be in order for the AIP meeting in St. Louis Monday and the Wednesday meeting in Newark which is held on the occasion of the 50th birthday of the Port of Newark. I attach two drafts for these messages.

Since there is a time shortage on the Planners meeting, which starts Monday morning in St. Louis, it might be best to have Mr. Weaver deliver the President's greetings when he goes there to speak at the luncheon meeting. Mr. Weaver leaves Monday morning for that meeting.

Memo for: Hayes Redmon, The White House
Subj: Possible Newsmakers from HHFA
(October 15, 1965)

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I would suggest that Mr. Weaver also deliver the Newark message in person since there is a question as to whom the Presidential letter ought go to otherwise. Three equally important people involved in the Newark situation are: Mayor of Newark, Hugh J. Addonizio, Democrat, running for reelection next year; Austin J. Tobin, Executive Director of Port of New York Authority, and Milford A. Vleser, President of the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce.

Robert W. Murray, Jr.
Assistant Administrator
for Public Affairs

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October 11, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Hayes Redmon
The White House

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Robert W. Murray, Jr.

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Dear Commissioner Brownstein:

The rehabilitation of the first building of the 114th street project in New York is a significant achievement.

It is a forerunner of other successes throughout the Nation in our aggressive attack on poverty.

This is an attack from which we cannot turn back, for to do so would be to condemn thousands of our fellow citizens to lives of degradation and despair. We cannot tolerate poverty in good conscience or in the interest of the future growth and prosperity of our great Nation.

In this specific project it is gratifying to note the cohesiveness of our effort to reach a common goal: the Housing and Home Finance Agency, the Federal Housing Administration and the Office of Economic Opportunity for the Federal Government; the City of New York under the leadership of Mayor Robert Wagner, and the City's Rent and Rehabilitation Administration and Poverty Operations Board; the Frederick W. Richmond and Carol W. Haussamen Foundations; the members of the 114th Street Block Association and their president, Curtis McFarley, and the professionals and craftsmen whose ability and skills made this achievement possible.

Please convey my gratitude and best wishes to them. Unity in purpose and effort holds the key to our future successes.

Sincerely,

ly

Mr. P. N. Brownstein
Commissioner
Federal Housing Administration
Washington, D. C.

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October 11, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: James H. Moyers
Assistant to the President
The White House

Attention: Eliska Hasek

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Bob Murray
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October 9, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR

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

Re: Legislative Program in Area of Civil Rights

Beginning on August 27, 1965, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Housing and Home Financing Agency, the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Department of Labor, the Equal Opportunity Commission, Hobart Taylor and Steven Shulman as well as many others have been cooperating with me in developing legislative proposals in the area of schools, housing, employment, and the administration of justice. The proposals are now being researched and reviewed within the Department.

When we have the proposals in final form, I intend to discuss them with and obtain approval from the heads of the interested departments of the government before

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**LEWIS, Nathaniel*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Hayes Redmon
The White House

Subject: Newsmaking Events Coming Up Next
Week, HHFA

If Presidential messages are in order for the coming week or two, here are three suggestions:

1. A letter from the President to FHA Commissioner Brownstein for him to read in New York City, Thursday, October 14, when he attends the opening ceremonies for the first slum building on 114th Street in Manhattan being rehabilitated in the demonstration project supported by the OEO, FHA, HHFA, York City, and two foundations. Draft letter attached.

2. Message of congratulations to the annual meeting of the X American Transit Association, being held in New Orleans, October 11-15 at the Roosevelt Hotel. Charles C. X Bowen is president of the association, and he will preside at a Wednesday morning, October 13, meeting on Transit Aid Legislation, which would be a proper time to read a Presidential message referring to Creative Federalism, etc. That is the day we are formally announcing a \$23.4 million grant to New York City to pay half the cost of 400 new subway cars. Although congressmen will get Monday morning White House calls on this and it will be in New York papers Tuesday morning, it will be newsworthy for the ATA meeting Wednesday. See attached draft and release.

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OFFICE OF
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October 7, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable Jack J. Valenti
Special Assistant to the President
The White House

SUBJECT: Opportunities to Improve Program Performance by
Closer Working Relations Between FAA and HHFA

Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency and the undersigned, met today for the purpose of discussing areas of common interest in the programs of the two agencies and exploring ways of increasing the effectiveness of their respective programs through closer coordinated actions. Mutual program problems were discussed in the areas of comprehensive planning, aircraft noise in the vicinity of airports, airport accessibility and joint actions which might be taken to improve the overall effectiveness of the programs of the Housing and Home Finance Agency and the Federal Aviation Agency.

Additional meetings are contemplated.


WILLIAM F. MCKEE
Administrator

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

OCT 5 1965

Dear Mr. Weaver:

In response to your letter of September 3, 1965, I am making an additional \$425,000,000 of the Federal National Mortgage Association special assistance authorization available for commitments by the Association for mortgages on housing for low and moderate income families which are insured under Section 221(a)(3) of the National Housing Act and bear interest below the maximum under FHA regulations. This increases the amount of \$1,411,500,000 made available on June 14, 1965, to \$1,837,500,000.

The foregoing amount is the aggregate amount of purchases and commitments which may be outstanding at any one time, and is based upon my determination, pursuant to Section 305 of the Federal National Association Charter Act, that such action is in the public interest.

I understand that the requests for allocations of insurance authority for low and moderate income families will probably exceed in this fiscal year the amount I am making available. However, this amount, together with available balances of previous authorizations, will be sufficient to fund the level of \$500 million for 40,000 units included in the 1966 budget. I am unwilling at this time to exceed the budget figures since actions taken now in this program will directly affect budget expenditures in the next few years. I expect that you will take appropriate action to assure that within the current authorization sufficient authority will be available in the latter part of the fiscal year to take care of high priority requests which may be received at that time.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Robert C. Weaver
Administrator, Housing and Home
Finance Agency
Washington, D. C. 20410

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant
to the President

I have had the attached statement prepared to meet
your request of September 25 for a review of legislation
sponsored by our Agency and prepared in the 88th and 89th
Sessions of Congress.

Robert C. Weaver
Administrator

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The President gave Robt ^{*}Weaver
this picture in 1964. *WPL 173 #30 430*

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

September 29, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Proposed Louisiana Hurricane Relief Bill

Yesterday afternoon, September 28, Frank Dryden and our counsel, Mike Merker, were called to the office of Congressman Bob Jones along with representatives from HHFA and the Office of Education to discuss the possibility of an Omnibus Hurricane Betsy Relief Bill which will include the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida. As you know, Congressman Jones was the Chairman of the Special House Public Works Committee which visited New Orleans and Baton Rouge this past weekend.

After assembling in Congressman Jones' office the participants were informed by Mr. Jones that he wanted a bill drawn along the lines of the Alaska Bill, to make grants in three areas not covered under P.L. 875 which we administer. These include the private and parochial elementary and secondary schools and universities such as Loyola; grants to farmers who have suffered property loss and damage to stock and equipment; grants to homeowners whose losses are not covered by insurance including property and furnishings.

Before leaving Congressman Jones' office parts of this bill were parceled out to the agencies who would carry out such a program and at a meeting today the legislation was put together in a package.

We have made it very clear to Mr. Jones that we were preparing this legislation at his direction and that it in no way indicates that we favor or disfavor such legislation.

This same group is meeting with Mr. Jones again tonight at 5:00 to turn over the legislation to him. I was informed by Elmer Staats that he had been requested to attend this 5:00 p.m. meeting.

Around the table today it was estimated that to carry out such a program it could cost the Treasury 200 to 300 million dollars. Certainly, we oppose such legislation and wanted you to know that we were "captive" in its drafting.


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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY

TO : Milton P. Semer, Deputy Administrator

DATE: September 28, 1965 (3)

FROM : Paul Emmert, Region VI, San Francisco

SUBJECT: Woodside, California
AEC Controversy

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Herewith a clipping from the San Francisco Chronicle of September 23, 1965, which indicates that Woodside has given up in face of the excellent manner of the White House handling of the AEC bungling.

I assume this closes out our activity in this matter. I have enjoyed it and would hope that we might have opportunity again to participate in another interesting situation.

Paul Emmert

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September 27, 1965

Dear Mr. Weaver:

On behalf of the President, I am writing to request your assistance to ensure the success of the White House Conference on Health to be held November 3 and 4 at the Shoreham Hotel. Specifically, I hope you will agree to serve on the Host Committee for the Conference. A formal invitation and program will reach you soon.

It will be particularly helpful if you will assign a member of your staff to serve as liaison officer to provide advice and assistance to Mr. Robert Fordham, Executive Director of the Conference. Mr. Fordham's office is in Room 5640, North Building, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Telephone: 13 X25985 or WO 2-5985.

Sincerely yours,

Douglass Cater
Special Assistant
to the President

Honorable Robert C. Weaver
Administrator
Housing and Home Finance Agency
Washington, D.C.

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September 24, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Hayes Redmon
The White House

Subject: Next Week's Newsmaking Activities
at HHFA

Rent Supplement Regulations are about ready to be announced. The White House might want to release a statement from the President reflecting his satisfaction that Administrator Weaver has delegated important operating functions to FHA, which will negotiate contracts with project sponsors on behalf of the HHFA Administrator, certify eligibility of applicant families, etc. The President might also be happy to report that, as of the day the regulations are announced, FHA directors in all FHA district offices around the country are ready and anxious to receive groups like churchmen, union leaders, and others who want to get under way as rent supplement project sponsors. I believe these regulations could be formally announced any time next week, preferably early. (Note: It is most probable that the Congress will appropriate funds for supplement payments, though possibly not as much as authorized.)

Planning Grant to Metropolitan Washington readied for announcement, probably early next week. This has strong possibilities for White House use, and can be held for any date you wish. Thanks to a new provision in the 1965 Housing and Urban Development Act, an initial \$50,000 Urban Planning Assistance Grant has been okayed by URA to go to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The money is for the primary study of what planning to do and how to go about it to try to solve all the rapid transit, highway, sprawl, and other metropolitan Washington problems. The 1965 Act for the first time made it possible for non-elective officials like the D.C. Commissioners to receive such aid and join with officials of other communities. So at long last the various municipal jurisdictions of the Washington area have gotten together and have the money from URA to start long-range area planning. Probably Charles Horsky might suggest a lawn party to announce this.

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FHA will shortly appoint a woman to be the chief underwriter in its Phoenix district office. This is a promotion to GS-15 grade of a Mrs. Ruth Brown, who has 22 grandchildren. An FHA chief underwriter is a top dog type in a district office, approving feasibilities of everything. Effective date of appointment is October 24. Can be announced any time now.

Administrator Weaver and FHA Commissioner Brownstein talk to the annual meeting of the Mortgage Bankers of America in Chicago next Wednesday. I wouldn't suggest a message from the President, however, since the MBA fought hard against rent supplements and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

President Johnson is being honored by House & Home, the top publication in the housing industry, in its November issue (out about November 1) as one of twelve Top Performers of 1965, this because of his leadership in getting enactment of the Department and the Housing bill with so many great new programs. (Other winners will include Bernie Boutin of the Home Builders, Senator Sparkman, John Horne of the HLBB, and various private industry leaders.) House & Home hopes the President will send someone to the magazine's award breakfast meeting in Chicago to receive his award and convey a message -- this to be held about December 7.

HHFA's 1964 Annual Report will be sent next week to the President for transmission to Congress as required by law. This is a big thick rather unattractive volume with no news in it I can think of. I hope it's the last of its dull kind.

Problem: FHA has revealed that it will not make any insurance commitments on multi-family housing in Cincinnati, as a result of its market study which shows no rental demand in sight. This has upset the Republican city officials and urban renewal developers there who wanted FHA to okay new apartments in renewal district. I see no reason for White House action on this.

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We are not yet ready with a suitable story, for White House announcement, about demolition of unsightly and dangerous structures provided for in the new housing legislation. We hope to have this early in October, with picture-taking possibilities.

Robert W. Murray, Jr.
Assistant Administrator
for Public Affairs