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PRESIDENT MEETS WITH CARLA HILLS
Friday, August 13, 1976
2:00 p.m.
Oval Office

File, Urban Development



MEET WITH DEAN WRIGHT
Friday, August 6, 1976
10:30 a.m.



Neighborhood

MEET WITH SECRETARY HILLS,
SECRETARY COLEMAN, O'NEILL
AND ORLEBEKE

Wednesday, July 28, 1976

12:30

Room 10,000 at HUD

Postponed



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New Assignments*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
THE SECRETARY OF LABOR
THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION,
AND WELFARE
THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT
THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT
AND BUDGET
THE ADMINISTRATOR, SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION
THE DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DOMESTIC COUNCIL
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
PUBLIC LIAISON
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN
BANK BOARD

SUBJECT: President's Committee on Urban Development
and Neighborhood Revitalization

I am today establishing a Committee on Urban Development and Neighborhood Revitalization to examine urban problems and to make recommendations to improve current Federal programs in order to revitalize urban and neighborhood areas. The Committee will study the problems both from a broad Federal policy perspective and from the perspective of those who live in urban neighborhoods. Specifically, the Committee will be responsible for:



1. Conducting a comprehensive review of all major Federal programs which have an impact on the cities and their neighborhoods and reporting results to the President;
2. Seeking the perspectives of local officials and neighborhood groups on Federal programs which affect them;
3. Developing recommendations to the President and the Congress for changes in Federal policies and programs affecting cities and their neighborhoods in order to place maximum decision-making responsibility at the local level, to remove legal and administrative obstacles to exercise this authority, and to provide for better coordination and delivery of Federal programs.

The Committee will be chaired by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and include the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Secretary of Transportation, the Director of Office of Management and Budget, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, the Director of Community Services Administration, the Executive Director of the Domestic Council, the Assistant to the President for Public Liaison; and, by invitation, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

Gerald R. Ford



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CONNOR

FROM:

JIM CANNON *Jani*

SUBJECT:

Summary of the First Meeting
of the President's Committee
on Urban Development and
Neighborhood Revitalization.

The meeting was convened by the President at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29, 1976. The following individuals were in attendance:

Secretary Carla Hills (Chairman)
Jerry Thomas, Under Secretary, Department of the
Treasury (for Secretary Simon)
Ben Holman, Director, Community Relations Service,
Department of Justice (for the Attorney General)
Secretary Earl Butz
Richard Darman, Assistant Secretary for Policy,
Department of Commerce (for Secretary Richardson)
Michael Moskow, Under Secretary, Department of Labor
(for Secretary Usery)
Marjorie Lynch, Under Secretary, Department of Health,
Education, and Welfare (for Secretary Mathews)
Secretary William T. Coleman, Jr.
Mitchell P. Kobelinski, Administrator, Small
Business Administration
Willard H. Meinecke, Assistant Director, Administration
and Finance, ACTION (for Director Balzano)
Samuel Martinez, Director, Community Services
Administration
Jim Cannon, Director, Domestic Council
Bill Baroody, Director, White House Office of
Public Liaison
Chairman Arthur Burns and Governor Philip Jackson, Jr.,
Federal Reserve System (by invitation)
Chairman Garth Marston, Federal Home Loan Bank Board
(by invitation)



Secretary Hills began the discussion with a statement about the current diffused and diverse number of Federal programs which have an impact on urban areas and their neighborhoods. She called for a restructuring of these programs into a more coherent approach to the problems facing cities. She recommended a review and assessment of current Federal programs followed by consultation with city governments and community leaders to develop recommendations for the President. The President concurred in the recommendation.

Secretary Coleman stated he believes urban revitalization to be a major issue for the next five years and strongly recommends that the Committee be designated the President's Committee on Urban Development and Neighborhood Revitalization. Jim Lynn demurred, saying that while he thought it is essential to conduct a major review of urban policy, he didn't advise that the Committee assume a high profile until it had a better sense of what it was going to do. He recommended the Committee carry the Domestic Council imprimatur in its early stages. Secretary Hills supported Secretary Coleman's arguments and also asked the President to consider the Proxmire-Garn legislative proposal for the establishment of a National Commission on Neighborhoods.

The President decided to designate his Committee on Urban Development and Neighborhood Revitalization a Presidential Committee but indicated the Domestic Council staff should play a key role. He expressed his opposition to support of the Proxmire-Garn legislation. He also indicated that his Committee should not apologize for current programs like revenue sharing and block grants because there have been steps forward, but additional consolidation and coordination was necessary. He directed the Committee to translate current and proposed programs into the number and kinds of jobs they affect.

Other members of the Committee, including Secretary Butz and Sam Martinez, of CSA, expressed their concurrence with its goals. The President directed the Committee to conduct the catalogue of current programs and schedule a meeting with him to report findings within three weeks. He also directed Secretary Hills to announce the Committee in her speech before the Mayors' Conference the following day. A White House announcement and a Presidential Statement were to be issued concurrently.

FROM: JIM CANNON

SUBJECT: President's Committee on Urban Development
and Neighborhood Revitalization

The President's Committee, chaired by Secretary Hills, is currently developing a schedule of trips by members of the Committee (Cabinet officers and key agency personnel) to take place between August 2 and the commencement of the convention.

The trips would provide opportunities for consultation with locally elected officials and neighborhood groups on the effectiveness of current Federal programs and discussion for ways of improving them. The trips would include meetings with mayors, county officials, as well as neighborhood ethnic and minority group leaders. Some visits to neighborhoods are contemplated if appropriate advance work can be done.

The following is the list of cities currently considered with a brief discription of the pros and cons attending their selection.

- Baltimore, Maryland - has a very effective neighborhood revitalization and rehabilitated housing program.
- Boston, Massachusetts - is the site of a conference of the Urban League starting Monday, August 2, 1976. The busing issue, however, may play a large role in the conference.
- Chicago, Illinois - contains large ethnic population which are concerned with keeping their neighborhoods viable. Mayor Daley, will not likely criticize the visit of Administration members in the press.

- Hartford, Connecticut - is a progressive city with significant developments in public housing.
- Los Angeles, California - is the largest metropolitan city in the west, contains large black and spanish speaking neighborhoods. Mayor Bradley should be cooperative.
- Minneapolis - St. Paul, Minnesota - the twin cities have developed with the aid of the State of Minnesota a sweeping regional coordination plan.
- Newark, New Jersey - city contains large ethnic and black concentrations. Mayor Gibson is currently President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.
- New Orleans, Louisiana - support of Mayor Landrieu should be exceptional.
- Norfolk, Virginia - city with outstanding community development organization and excellent citizen participation in low income housing projects.
- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - progressive city whose leaders support Ford Administration policies.
- Portland, Oregon - same as above
- St. Louis, Missouri - large concentration of ethnic and black neighborhoods.

The above list is not final. Therefore, any suggestions you might have for cities to replace or supplement visits to the above would be appreciated. Also any suggestions you might have for groups or individuals to see during the visits to the above cities would also be useful.

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