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## September 13, 1976

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As you may remember from my remarks at Warner Pacific College in May, I am convinced that the basic strength of our country lies in the family. It is one of my purposes here to make some changes, to make some improvements and to make a difference in the way our government affects the family unit.

I am particularly encouraged, Jim, to learn that you plan to provide the leadership for the effort and that Lilly Endowment has graciously agreed to support you through the Academy for Educational Development and Georgetown University in this vital enterprise. This superb combination assures a successful undertaking.

We will look forward to receiving the findings and recommendations of the Commission.

I wish you every success in this effort.

Sincerely,

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To: Gwen Anderson

Date: September 10, 1976 Time:

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Please have a letter prepared for the President's signature to Dr. James B. Holderman.

Be sure that former Congressman Les Arends get a copy of the letter.

Thanks!

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#### COMMISSION ON FAMILY IMPACT

PROPOSITION: In a time of competing societal demands and increasingly peristent challenges to the survival of the family in contemporary America, government programs which were founded upon positive and humanitarian intentions have, in many instances, contributed substantailly to the deterioration of the family unit.

A national, privately funded Commission will be assembed to foucs significant attention on the substance of the above proposition. Such a Commission, operating through the Academy for Educational Development and Georgetwon University, will be funded by a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. James B. Holderman, currently Vice President for Education at Lilly Endowment, Inc. will leave that position to assume leadership of the Commission and responsibility for its operation. The consumers of federal programs, as well as those acknowledged as experts in pertinent fields, will constitute this broadly based Commission.

The agenda of the Commission will include the following:

- (a) a comprehensive survey of current governmental programs which impact upon family life in the diverse areas of education, aging, employment, housing, social security, and health;
- (b) the development of criteria for the evaluation of that impact;
- (c) the application of these criteria to selected government programs and subsequent assessment of their impact;
- (d) the development of recommendations for the consideration of policymakers with respect to the potential impact on the family of current or proposed programs; and
- (e) the development of specific proposals which will more effectively integrate into the legislative process the anticipated impact on the family.

The timetable for the Commission activities is as follows:

September 1 - December 31, 1976: Comprehensive planning and development phase. A complete proposal, including the names of Commission personnel and a precise agenda, will be submitted to the Board of Lilly Endowment for action at its November meeting. Commission on Family Impact Page Two

January 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978: Social and economic analyses, hearings and a full review of programs will principally characterize the efforts of the Commission during this phase.

July 1, 1978 - December 31, 1978: Complete data compilation and evaluation by the Commission will culminate in the development of recommendations to be included in the published report of the Commission's findings.