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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE TODAY THAT I HAVE RECEIVED FROM SECRETARY HILLS THE INTERIM REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION, THE REPORT DEALS FORTHRIGHTLY WITH THE PROBLEMS OF OUR CITIES AND THE STRENGTHS OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

IT IS A DIRECT RESULT OF A WHITE HOUSE MEETING HELD LAST MAY WHICH INCLUDED CITY OFFICIALS AND NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE REVITALIZATION OF OUR CITIES AND THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

SECRETARY HILLS AND HER COLLEAGUES RECOMMEND POSITIVE STEPS TOWARD CONSOLIDATING AND IMPROVING FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND INVOLVING CITIZENS IN LOCAL DECISION MAKING.

THE PEOPLE OF MANY OF OUR NATION'S URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS, HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE IN SOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION.

OUR BEST COURSE OF ACTION IN THE FUTURE IS  
TO PROVIDE AS MUCH SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE FOR  
RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD  
LEADERS TO PRESERVE AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF  
LIFE IN OUR NATION'S NEIGHBORHOODS.

SECRETARY HILLS . . . .