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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

STATEMENT BY J. F. TERHORST

The President has signed into law H. R. 11108, a bill to extend for two years the District of Columbia Medical and Dental Manpower Act of 1970. This bill authorizes the Secretary of HEW to make special capitation grants to private medical and dental schools in the District of Columbia, specifically the schools at Georgetown and George Washington University. Grants in the amount of \$5,000 per medical student and \$3,000 per dental student are authorized.

The President signed this bill reluctantly. He did so only because he does not wish to cause any abrupt reduction in services.

He said that this is the last time he intends to sign legislation singling out medical and dental schools for favored treatment simply because of their geographic location. If the Congress wishes to subsidize these schools, it should do so through the budget of the District of Columbia.

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