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THE WHITE HOUSEDR. HENRY VISCARDI, JR.

Dr. Viscardi, who is handicapped, is the founder and member of the Board of Trustees of Abilities, Incorporated, Albertson, New York, a center designed to train and employ the handicapped. He also is the president and founder of the Human Resources Center, the Human Resources School and executive director of Just One Break (JOB). A member of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, Dr. Viscardi holds numerous positions with similar bodies on a State and local level. He is the author of eight books in the general field of rehabilitation that have received international recognition and have been translated into a dozen languages. The Human Resources School, which Dr. Viscardi founded, is considered a model of curriculum development, educational research and innovative programming. He is an assistant professor of clinical rehabilitation medicine at the New York University Medical Center.

Among Dr. Viscardi's awards are the Preminger Award and the President's Award, both of which he received in 1975, and nine honorary degrees from prominent colleges and universities in the U.S. and abroad. Dr. Viscardi is from Kings Point, Long Island.

MS. JACQUELIN SALLENGER ALLSUP

Ms. Allsup, of Hartsville, South Carolina, has worked extensively on programs for the handicapped.

Ms. Allsup, confined to a wheelchair, is a charter member of the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association and the recipient of numerous honors, among them a citation from the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. She served for several years as a Vocational Evaluator in vocational rehabilitation and has worked on a voluntary basis with local hospitals and health agencies in the State of South Carolina.

MS. JANE BELAU

Ms. Belau, a resident of Rochester, Minnesota, is President of the National Conference on Developmental Disabilities. A graduate nurse, she has been involved actively as a citizen advocate for handicapped individuals. She has served as Chairman of the Minnesota Governor's Planning and Advisory Council on Developmental Disabilities, and as Co-Chairman of the Minnesota Governor's Conference on Handicapped Persons and of the Minnesota Coalition of and for Handicapped Persons.

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DR. LOUIS BRANSFORD

Dr. Bransford, of Aurora, Colorado, a nationally recognized authority on mental retardation, is Director of Utilization, Satellite Technology Demonstration, Federation of Rocky Mountain States, in Denver. STD is a project designed to utilize communication satellites in the delivery of health, education, and social services to isolated rural areas.

Before moving to the Denver area in 1972, Dr. Bransford taught mentally retarded children in the Santa Fe, New Mexico public schools and was a professor of education at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. During this period, he developed a training program in special education which gained national recognition for its innovativeness in serving exceptional children.

MR. JESSE BROWN

Mr. Brown, of Annandale, Virginia, is Supervisory National Service Officer for Disabled American Veterans, Veterans Benefits Office, Washington, D.C. He was disabled while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam, previously held the post of National Service Officer, Disabled American Veterans, in Philadelphia and Chicago.

MR. JOHN CHRISTENSEN

Mr. Christensen, of Evanston, Illinois, retired in 1972 as Assistant to the Executive Vice President of Merchandising of Montgomery Ward, Chicago. He is a past chairman of the National Policy and Performance Council, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and Chairman of the Committee on Sheltered Employment and Training Facilities and of the Community Fund Allocation Commission on Associations.

DR. CHARLES L. CHRISTIAN

As Physician-in-Chief and Associate Director of Research for the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, Dr. Christian is actively involved in the health care and problems of handicapped individuals. A native of Kansas, Dr. Christian was formerly Director of the Department of Rheumatic Disease at the Hospital for Special Surgery as well as serving as head of the Division of Rheumatic Diseases, New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. He is a member of several professional associations and has served on the board of directors of the Arthritis Foundation. He is a resident of New York City.

MR. SALVATORE D'AMICO

D'Amico, a disabled veteran, is a clinical social worker at the Veterans Hospital in Newington, Connecticut, and Secretary/Coordinator of the Visually Impaired Services Team.

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He resides in Hartford, Connecticut. D'Amico is President of the Blinded Veterans Association, Connecticut Regional Group, and Chairman and Coordinator of Federal employees in the Greater Hartford area for "Awareness Day." This committee was organized to bring to the public's attention the problems of individuals with disabilities.

MS. SONDR A DIAMOND

Ms. Diamond, who has cerebral palsy, is a psychological counselor for retarded young adults at the Woods School in Langhorne, Pennsylvania. She resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is currently a member of the Advisory Board of Moss Rehabilitation Hospital and Vice President of the Delaware Valley Council and Service for the Handicapped, both in Philadelphia. She also has served on a Pennsylvania State Task Force which developed a pilot program for handicapped teenagers and adults and is a National District Director of the United Cerebral Palsy Association. Ms. Diamond is a candidate for a Ph.D. at Temple University.

SENATOR ROBERT DOLE

Senator Dole (R-Kansas) is handicapped and is active in numerous national organizations serving handicapped individuals. He is a member of Disabled American Veterans, the National Board of Sponsors of the American Medical Center, Denver, Colorado; a board member of the National Society for Autistic Children, and a member of the Advisory Committee of the National Association for Retarded Children. He serves on the Advisory Council on Scouting for the Handicapped; on the Board of Directors of Rehabilitation International, U.S.A.; and is active in the Kansas Easter Seal Society.

FORMER GOVERNOR JOE FOSS

Foss, former Governor of South Dakota, is the parent of a handicapped child. He is the recipient of a Medal of Honor and Distinguished Flying Cross for World War II service; a past president of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults; and serves on the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Sun School for Mentally Retarded. He expects to share his insight with the Planning Council from the point of view of a corporate executive with respect to employment opportunities for the handicapped. He currently serves as Director of Public Affairs for KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

DR. VICTOR H. GALLOWAY

Dr. Galloway, who is deaf, is Director of Development Education at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, a Federally-funded innovative educational program operated by Gallaudet College. He resides in Washington, D.C. Dr. Galloway is currently serving on the National Advisory Committee on the Handicapped and is active in numerous professional associations related to deafness and rehabilitation. These include the National Association of the Deaf, Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf and the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association.

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MR. LEONARD GOLDENSON

Goldenson, of Mamaroneck, New York, is Chairman of the Board of the American Broadcasting Company. Goldenson, who is the parent of a handicapped child, founded and is a past President, Director and Board Chairman of the United Cerebral Palsy Association. He also is on the Board of Directors of the Daughters of Jacob Geriatric Center in New York City.

MS. PHYLLIS HARPER

Ms. Harper, who resides in Keokuk, Iowa, is an educator of the deaf and parent of a deaf child. She formerly was a teacher at the Illinois School for the Deaf and presently is Supervisor of Hearing Conservation/Educational Services, Area Education Agency XVI, in Iowa.

She is a member of the National Advisory Committee for the Handicapped, a member of the Professional Guidelines Project Advisory Committee of the Council on Exceptional Children, and an educational consultant to the A. G. Bell Association for the Deaf. She is the author of several papers in the area of education of the deaf.

DR. HAROLD W. HELLER

Dr. Heller, a recognized leader in the field of special education for the handicapped, served as Area Head for Special Education at the University of Alabama before accepting his present appointment. He resides in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Dr. Heller, in addition to his service with several Inter-agency committees of the U. S. Government, worked with the President's Committee on Mental Retardation while employed in the U. S. Office of Education as a specialist on Education of the Mentally Retarded. He is currently President of the Teacher Education Division of the National Council for Exceptional Children.

DR. PAUL R. HOFFMAN

Dr. Hoffman, of Menomonie, Wisconsin, is the Chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation and Manpower Services, University of Wisconsin-Stout. Dr. Hoffman, who is a nationally recognized authority in vocational rehabilitation, has served on numerous committees in that field. He was Chairman of a special group appointed to advise the U. S. Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration on the role of RSA in work evaluation for the handicapped. He was a member of the planning committee for a National Conference on Work Evaluation and Adjustment Services in Manpower, Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Programs held in Washington, D.C. Dr. Hoffman also was selected by RSA to serve as Project Coordinator for a prime study group of the Institute on Rehabilitation Services of RSA.

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MR. MORLEY HUDSON

Mr. Hudson, of Shreveport, Louisiana, is President of the Hudson-Rush Company of Shreveport and Dallas and is the parent of a handicapped child. He has served as Vice President of the Louisiana Association for Retarded Children, as Director of the National Association of Retarded Children and as Vice Chairman of the Louisiana Governor's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped. He also served as a consultant on the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

DELAWARE STATE SENATOR MARGARET R. MANNING

Senator Manning is a State Senator from Wilmington, Delaware. Senator Manning has sponsored legislation which would provide financial aid to paraplegics and provide for the removal of architectural barriers for handicapped individuals.

FORMER SENATOR GEORGE L. MURPHY

Former Senator Murphy (R-California) is involved in numerous civic activities on a national scale. He is presently Director of Public Relations of MGM Studios. He served as U. S. Senator from 1964 to 1970.

MR. ALBERT T. PIMENTEL

Mr. Pimentel, who is deaf, is Director of Public Service Programs at Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C. Gallaudet is the world's only liberal arts college for the deaf. He is a former board member of the National Association of the Deaf, former treasurer of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf and Chairman of the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities. Mr. Pimentel resides in Washington, D.C.

MR. BURT L. RISLEY

Mr. Risley, who is blind, is the Executive Director of the Texas Commission for the Blind. He resides in Austin, Texas. He has served as a member of the National Advisory Council on Vocational Rehabilitation (DHEW) and is nationally recognized for his expertise as a rehabilitation specialist for the blind.

MS. BARBARA SACHS

Ms. Sachs, who is deaf, is a clinical psychologist in the Mental Health Programs for the Deaf, National Institute of Mental Health, and a doctoral student at New York University. She resides in McLean, Virginia. She has been a consultant in the development and nationwide distribution of telecommunications terminals for persons with hearing impairments and served as Chairman of the Psychology Section of the 1972 Conference of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf (PRWAD).

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She is a member of PRWAD; the National Association of the Deaf; the Advisory Council, Mental Health Association of the Deaf, New York City; and a charter member of the American Professional Society of the Deaf in New York City.

MR. MAX SCHNEIER

Mr. Schneier, of New York City, is Chairman of the Federation of Parents Organization for the New York State Mental Institutions, Inc. The Federation is composed of more than 50 affiliated parents and citizens organizations concerned with the mentally handicapped citizens of the State of New York. Schneier, who has a mentally handicapped child, is active on numerous boards and committees serving the area of mental health. He is a member of Governor Hugh L. Carey's Mental Health Task Force and a member of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Comprehensive Task Force for Aftercare Services. Schneier is Vice President of Citizens United for the Handicapped, a coalition of leading statewide organizations serving the mentally and physically handicapped. He is a trustee of the National Society to Conquer Mental Illness.

MS. JAYNE SHOVER

Ms. Shover, of Chicago, Illinois, is Executive Director of the National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Former Associate Executive Director in the Society's Chicago-based headquarters, Ms. Shover has held various administrative positions with the Society for more than two decades, specializing in program development and agency relationships.

She holds memberships in the American Public Health Association and the American Speech and Hearing Association, as well as serving on the National Paraplegia Foundation's Board of Directors and on the Council of Rehabilitation International. Ms. Shover is a member of the Executive Committee of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, and has served on the Board of the Council for Exceptional Children. In 1972, Ms. Shover received the Mary E. Switzer Memorial Award for Outstanding Service from the Greater New Haven Easter Seal Society and Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center.

MS. BEVERLY SILLS

Ms. Sills, who has two handicapped children, is a coloratura soprano with the New York City Opera and has appeared with other outstanding opera companies in recital in the United States and abroad. She has long been identified with the campaigns focusing on the needs of handicapped persons. She resides in New York City.

MS. DIANNE B. SMITH

Ms. Smith, who is deaf, is a counselor in Washington, D.C. at Gallaudet College, the world's only liberal arts college for the deaf. She has been a teacher at the Morehead School for the Deaf and Blind, in Raleigh, North Carolina, and at the State School for the Deaf, in Morganton, North Carolina. Ms. Smith resides in Washington, D.C.

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DR. RONALD ST. PIERRE

Dr. St. Pierre, of Columbus, Ohio, is Chairman of the Anatomy Department at Ohio State University's School of Medicine. He has served as Chairman of the Ohio Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and on the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. He is a member of the Ohio Rehabilitation Association and a past Vice President and member of the Board of Directors of the Advisory Council to the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission.

DR. DONALD W. TRUBEY

Dr. Trubey, of Portales, New Mexico, is Chairman of the Department of Communication Disorders at Eastern New Mexico University and is a nationally recognized authority on language and communication disorders. Dr. Trubey has served as a consultant to numerous rehabilitation organizations and is the author of several articles on communication disorders. He is a member of the American Speech and Hearing Association, the American Cleft Palate Association, the New Mexico Elks Cerebral Palsy Committee and United Cerebral Palsy Foundation and has served as President of the New Mexico Speech and Hearing Association. He was a participant in a New Mexico Department of Education Survey of Needs, Delivery Systems and Implementation of Special Education Programs.

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