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NATIONAL COORDINATORS WEEKLY REPORT

NOTE: Minutes of the last steering committee meeting are included. Subjects discussed there will not be treated in detail here.

PUBLICATIONS:

Printed roster of all those attending the convocation is ready and is being mailed to all who were there. They will also receive a special supplement of CITY magazine, devoted entirely to the Convocation.

LOCAL COALITIONS

Urban Coalitions are now underway in Detroit, Minneapolis and New York. In addition, dozens of other cities have begun organizing local groups and many more want to know how to go about it. In answer to these requests, the Coalition is calling a one-day planning meeting in Chicago on "Mobilizing Urban Coalitions." Some 50 cities are expected to have representatives at the meeting which will take place at the University of Illinois' Chicago Circle Center. Speakers and workshop chairman include Mayors, businessmen, labor leaders, religious leaders and civil right leaders -- many of them members of the Coalition's national steering committee.

PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT

Pilot programs -- all different -- are being developed in Atlanta, Baltimore and Detroit, through the cooperative efforts of local government, labor unions and the business community. The Atlanta program will feature hiring and training, the Detroit program emphasizes training and upgrading and the Baltimore program is concentrating on expanding Negro business opportunities.

EQUAL HOUSING

Working staff members of task force will meet soon for a second session to consider prospective members for the task force and to plan areas of activity. Position papers will be prepared in the following areas: 1) a survey of existing fair housing committees experience, 2) the current private and government investment situation, 3) government policies such as 221 D3 and how they affect plans for metropolitan open housing and 4) what the target groups for this task should be and how they should relate to local coalitions.

HOUSING, RECONSTRUCTION AND INVESTMENT

Working staff members will be meeting for the second time the evening of October 16 and all-day October 17 to prepare agenda and discussion papers for the task force. On October 19, the full task force will hold its first meeting, also in New York. Approximately 15 key people in the banking, building and insurance industry, and in the labor movement, have been asked to serve.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Task force co-chairmen met in New York prior to steering committee meeting and agreed on a list of top leaders in the various media who will be asked to serve on task force. Negotiations are going forward with the advertising council for a campaign on the urban crisis.

### EDUCATIONAL DISPARITIES

Members of the working committee met in New York following the Steering Committee meeting. They discussed the relationship between this and the other task forces -- for example, the role of local government in working with the problems of the school board, and the role that industry can play in developing systems to eliminate educational disparities. This question will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting of the group. It was also agreed that there needs to be further definition of "educational disparities" and further discussion of what this task force's goals should be.