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Dear Friend:

On August 24, 1967, 1,200 leaders of American life met in Washington at an Emergency Convocation called by the Urban Coalition. The Coalition, representing business and the professions, organized labor, religion, civil rights groups and local government, was established in response to the urgent need for action in behalf of the nation's cities.

The enclosed Statement of Principles, Goals, and Commitments was adopted by the Urban Coalition. You will note that the statement identifies specific problem areas and appeals to both the public and private sector for action to meet these needs. The Coalition has created Task Forces--one of which is the Task Force on Private Employment--to focus on the individual problem areas.

Expanding employment opportunities for the hard-core unemployed has been given top priority by the Coalition. The Task Force on Private Employment is holding a series of Regional Planning Conferences to discuss this difficult and complex problem.

The conferences are scheduled to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on December 13, 1967; Phoenix, Arizona on January 17, 1968 and Kansas City, Missouri on January 24, 1968.

We hope your schedule will permit you to join us in this most important project. Please complete the attached card indicating the conference you plan to attend.

We are enclosing a list of states covered by each of the conferences. It would be most helpful if you would supply us with the names and addresses of appropriate officials in these states so we may extend an invitation to them. In the meantime, we hope you will communicate your interest and support of this endeavor to these officials.

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More specific information on the program will be sent to you in the very near future. If you have any questions regarding these activities, please contact Mr. Mel Cotton, The Urban Coalition, 1819 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Telephone Number: 293-1530.

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