

October 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM

To: Pete Cowell

From: George Berry

Please look over the attached in view of writing up something in article form on the general subject of a federal program stimulating action. This demolition grant program supposedly gave the City money to demolish unsound structures. In actual fact, most of the houses were demolished by the owners when it became apparent that the City was going to move in.

You might research the original law and the original program guidelines . . . interview some of the people in the building department that handled the program . . . etc. This is a good example of a program that did not spend all of its allotted funds or accomplish its objectives when looked at from a purely "balance sheet" point of view but in actual fact more than got the job done because it cause people to act on their own.

Think about this and we'll talk about it.

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