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MEMORANDUM

TO : Members of Task Force  
FROM : ArDce Ames AA  
SUBJECT: Secretary Weaver's Suggestions for the Long-Term Study

The following are suggestions for the long-term study made by Secretary Weaver at his meeting with members of the Task Force, November 28:

1. Take stock of existing programs that deal with problems of the city; seek to spot gaps, overlapping and duplication in an effort to achieve a more coherent approach.
2. Explore the role of State Government in dealing with the problem of urbanization, especially the areas beyond central city boundaries which are characterized by sprawling development and proliferation of governmental units.
3. Seek to develop an urban land policy, which might start with the relatively simple matter of establishing appropriate criteria for use of surplus property sold by the Federal Government.
4. Re-examine the role of FHA in light of today's conditions; determine whether modification or new mechanisms should be developed to deal with new and higher risk housing needs.
5. Analyze problems of determining where sufficient mortgage money is to come from to meet rapidly expanding housing needs in the years ahead; explore ways of inducing flow of investment funds in this field.
6. Consider the problem of urban transportation.
7. Explore possible inducements and incentives to gain greater cooperation by suburban governments in achieving major urban development goals.
8. Examine the problem of achieving equal opportunity, and providing economic, as well as ethnic and racial dispersal in urbanized areas.
9. Consider problems and development of policy on new towns.