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DEAR MAYOR _____,

Kaiser Engineers in association with Battelle Memorial Institute, Building Systems Development, Inc., General Research Corporation, Organization for Social and Technical Innovation, Real Estate Research Corporation, and Turner Construction Company were recently awarded Contract No. H-1011 by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Our present task is to review all cities considered in the first reports and to recommend to the Department of Housing and Urban Development the cities to be included in the program. Our available time for this review is quite short; a field team is to visit each city under consideration to inspect available housing sites and to briefly discuss with you some of the criteria we are using in our evaluation of cities as potential locations for experimental projects. These criteria are:

1. The need for low-income housing.
2. The commitment of the whole city to the provision of housing including all the elements, i. e. labor, industry and city government, etc.
3. The commitment of the city to relieve constraints to providing housing.
4. Availability of suitable construction sites in time to meet program schedule requirements.

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Some of the constraints which may require relief are:

- Reasonable cooperation ^{of} organized labor in the use of indigenous labor and the easing of work rules.
- Reasonable cooperation of Organized labor and Code Authorities in the application of new technical ideas.
- Willingness of the code authorities to grant zoning variances or building code variances (where they will not affect health and safety) necessary to a total housing program.
- Reasonable availability of financing and seed money to initiate the housing program.

In addition, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has requested that we solicit from you as a basis for further consideration, a letter of commitment with regard to site availability, suitability of the proposed experiments, and cooperation in the relief of the constraints listed above.

You will be receiving a call from us in the near future for an appointment. Your cooperation and assistance in our making an objective and realistic recommendation to HUD will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at: Area Code: 415 -- 271-5822.

Very truly yours,

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