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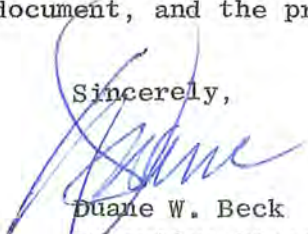
Dear Dan:

The draft position paper on health by the National Urban Coalition is, in general, excellently put together. The statistics, insofar as we are specifically familiar with them, are accurate. The listing of problems affecting the poor in different ways or in different degrees as compared to the non-poor, is essentially the listing our Comprehensive Health Planning Project has been gathering together. The listing of possible solutions or ameliorations is quite comprehensive. However, several such solutions are presented as though their efficacy had already been established, such as the use of neighborhood health centers, the extension of group practice, etc. These must be, in fact, the objects of careful study, in which both objective and subjective factors need to be included.

A small quibble would seem in order for the first few pages which seem to equate being black with being poor. I realize this is because statistics are more readily available comparing the health conditions of Negroes and whites than comparing the poor and non-poor, but this could be remedied in the final edition of the paper. In the concluding sections, the emphasis is clearly on the poor in general, as is most proper and effective.

The authors of this paper obviously know how to marshal their evidence and how to present it effectively to make points. There is little doubt that this is a valuable resource document, and the promised "Ex for Action" should be even more useful.

Sincerely,


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