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Housing Resources Committee
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr.
Director of Governmental Liaison

Re your note for my thoughts on attached explanation of Section 413 "Low and Moderate Income Housing in Residential Urban Renewal Areas", in report of the House Banking and Currency Committee on the "Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968", I have had some difficulty in understanding the explanation. This may be partially because of the poor reproduction of page 53. The first word of line 14 of page 53 reads "adequately". This is confusing, in view of the tenor of the remainder of the paragraph. I believe this word should read "inadequately".

My understanding of the explanation is that whereas, currently in any Urban Renewal Project to be developed for predominantly residential use, at least 20% of the units to be developed must be standard and of low and moderate cost, whereas the proposed amendment requires that 50% of the units to be developed in all Urban Renewal Areas in a community must be of low and moderate cost (with at least 20% of them falling in the category designed for low-income families). The proposed requirements would not be retroactive, but would apply to future Urban Renewal Projects.

In view of the difficulty which we have already experienced with respect to the proposed development of the Federal Pen Site, whereby initially the Housing Authority did not propose to have constructed on it only units for the lowest income families; and the position which the Housing Resources Committee took in opposition to that proposal; and the support received from the Mayor on the position taken by the Housing Resources Committee; it thus appears to me that the proposed change is probably justified.


If Urban Renewal is to accomplish its primary purpose of providing adequate housing for the lowest as well as moderate income families, I do not share Hugh Meilds feeling that the proposed change would hurt a community or unduly restrict and deprive the Urban Renewal program of the flexibility it needs.

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Recommend that no action be taken by the Mayor's office to oppose adoption of the proposed change.


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Encl: Memorandum with attached material dated July 2, 1968, with extract from Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.