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TO: PAUL BECK
FROM: ED GILLENWATERS

PAUL, RE THE REPUBLICAN GOVS. ASSN. LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY RELEASE DRAFT:

THE REFERENCE TO "STATE URBAN ACTION CENTER" MEANS THE FOUNDATION-SUPPORTED ACTION CENTER WHICH IS A NON-PARTISAN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SET UP AT GOV. NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S SUGGESTION AS A "CLEARING HOUSE" FOR INFORMATION ASSEMBLED BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING SOLUTIONS TO URBAN PROBLEMS.

THE CENTER IS TO PROVIDE A TEAM OF EXPERT CONSULTANTS IN VARIOUS URBAN PROBLEM AREAS TO ANY GOVERNOR DESIRING THE CENTER'S ASSISTANCE -- WITHOUT COST TO THAT STATE. THEIR PRESIDENT/EXEC. DIRECTOR IS FORMER CONGRESSMAN STAN TUPPER OF MAINE. I AM SENDING YOU TODAY A RELEASE RELATING TO THE CENTER AND A NEWS STORY MENTIONING ROCKEFELLER'S INVOLVEMENT.

I TOLD JIM MARSHALL, THE REPUBLICAN GOVS. ASSN. PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN, THAT I DID NOT THINK GOV. REAGAN WOULD WANT TO BE PLACED IN A POSITION OF "PROMISING TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS AND SOLUTIONS SET FORTH BY THE STATE URBAN ACTION CENTER," AS STIPULATED IN PAGE 2 OF THE DRAFT. MARSHALL ASSURED ME THE RELEASE, IF USED AT ALL, WOULD AVOID SUCH A COMMITMENT.

INCIDENTALLY, PAUL, THEY ASKED THAT WE NOT USE OR REFER TO THE STATEMENT UNTIL ALL SIGNALS ARE "GO"...FOR THERE'S A CHANCE IT WON'T BE USED AT ALL BY THE R.G.A.

REGARDS.

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Enclosure

NEWS RELEASE FROM: STATES URBAN ACTION CENTER, INC.

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1967 - 6:00 p. m.

Washington, D. C.

Former Congressman, Stan Tupper, today addressed a Washington meeting of Federal-State Coordinators sponsored by the National Governors Conference, describing the purposes of the newly created States Urban Action Center, Inc. Tupper was recently elected President/Executive Director of the Foundation-supported Action Center, following the conclusion of his duties as United States Ambassador to EXPO 67 in Montreal.

Tupper described the Action Center as a non-partisan, national organization that would act as a "clearing house" for information assembled by various public and private research organizations offering solutions to urban problems, and to provide a team of expert consultants in various urban problem areas to any Governor desiring the Center's assistance, without cost to that State.

Tupper said that programs that will be developed by the Center will be concerned chiefly with the following goals:

1. Improvement of crime control, maintenance of civil order, and the improvement of relations between police and citizenry.
2. Rehabilitation of the physical environment of neglected areas.
3. Creation of employment opportunities for the underprivileged.

4. Encouragement of participation in community and governmental affairs by individual citizens and private institutions, particularly in neglected areas.
5. Expansion and improvement of education in neglected areas.
6. Expansion of social, cultural, and recreational opportunities.
7. Improvement of public service and development methods to communicate to the public more effectively the public services that are available.

Tupper said that the Center evolved from a meeting held by the GOP Governors Association Policy Committee, chaired by New York Governor, Nelson A. Rockefeller, and contained in Connecticut Governor, John Dempsey's Advisory Committee Report on Federal-State-Local Relations, and approved at the last meeting of the National Governors Conference.

Tupper listed the officers and Trustees of the Center as follows:

Chairman - Hon. Robert F. Wagner, former Mayor of New York City.

Co-Chairman - Hon. Elmer Andersen, former Governor of Minnesota

President/Executive Director - Stanley R. Tupper

Treasurer - Dr. Lindsley Kimball - President of the National Urban League

Secretary - Malcolm MacKay, Esquire

The other trustees are as follows:

Governor Harold Hughes of Iowa; Governor Richard J. Hughes of New Jersey; Governor John A. Love of Colorado; Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York; Mayor Ivan Allen of Atlanta, Georgia; Hon. Ben F. Barnes, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives; Hon. George F. Christopher, former Mayor of San Francisco; Mr. Andrew Heiskell, Chairman of the Board of Time, Inc; Mrs. Anna Rosenberg Hoffman of New York; Mr. Ralph Lazarus, President of Federated Department Stores of Cincinnati; Mr. Stanley Marcus, President of Neiman-Marcus of Dallas, Texas; Mr. George Meany, President of AFL/CIO; Mr. Charles F. Moore, Jr., former Vice President of Ford Motor Co.; Mr. A. Philip Randolph, Member of the Executive Committee of AFL/CIO; Mr. Whitney M. Young, Jr., Executive Director of the National Urban League; Hon. Teodoro Moscoso, former Ambassador to Venezuela, and U. S. Coordinator, Alliance for Progress.

Tupper told the group that the Center would cooperate closely with all groups whose aim was to attack the serious problems arising in our urban communities. He said that the Action Center would have offices in both Washington, D. C. and New York City.

The former U. S. Representative said, "Everyone must come to realize that the awesome possibility exists that riots could reach revolutionary proportions in the United States, and that civil strife of such magnitude would do irreparable damage to the fabric of our democratic

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society." He concluded, "We hope the States Urban Action Center, removed as it is from bureaucracy, can serve a needed role during this period of domestic crisis."

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PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SACRAMENTO 95814



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Honorable Joseph L. Alioto
Mayor of San Francisco
Room 200, City Hall
San Francisco, California

Dear Mayor Alioto:

Governor Ronald Reagan's Office in his reply to your telegram of March 26, 1968, requested that the State Office of Planning provide you with the reasons for the Planning Advisory Committee's denial of the urban planning assistance grant application submitted by the City and County of San Francisco. Mr. Samuel J. Cullers, Acting State Planning Officer, has referred that request to me, as Chairman of the Committee, for reply on behalf of the Planning Advisory Committee.

Initially, I wish to assure you that it was never the intent of the Committee in reviewing San Francisco's application to reflect an attitude of undue criticism toward San Francisco's planning process and effectuation efforts. Although I personally voted against the denial of the application, the denial by the Planning Advisory Committee was based upon the following basic reasons:

1. The application is built upon an outdated general plan.
2. The Committee expressed concern about the relationship of sociological studies being undertaken as set forth in the application and their relationship to the comprehensive planning process.
3. In view of the extensive need for the preparation of city and county general plans throughout the State, the current demand for funds to prepare such plans, together with the concurrent limited availability of grant funds to fulfill these needs, the funding of a primarily special elements study was questioned by the Committee, particularly when it was felt that such elements could possibly be funded by the City.

The Committee which reviews and acts upon the numerous urban planning assistance grant requests submitted to the State, attempted to obtain the basic data necessary to effectively evaluate the grant request in terms of minimum program requirements and relative jurisdictional needs. In retrospect, it appears, unfortunately, that an effective dialogue was not developed between your staff representatives present and the Committee. However, the Committee's

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action is not irreversible and I am confident that given the opportunity to subject the program proposals to further staff presentation and committee review the previous lack of understanding might be overcome.

Reflection upon the Committee's concern as expressed throughout the program presentation and their subsequent action suggests that the program might be enhanced through the following measures:

1. Alteration of the application to provide for a general plan updating which would include the urban design and sociological studies in a proper comprehensive planning relationship.
2. Provision of a more precise scheduling of the undertaking of the other general plan elements, i.e., Transportation Plan, Housing Study and Policy Program, etc.
3. The provision of a clearer statement as to how the City and County of San Francisco proposes to implement the policies and priorities that are set forth in the studies.
4. The provision of a clearer statement as to the relationship of the program as it pertains to the Capital Improvements Program and other on-going civic improvement efforts.
5. The provision of a statement clearly indicating the need for additional staff and funding outside of presently-budgeted positions in order to accomplish overall program objectives.

I am sure you must be aware that I cannot guarantee approval of the application; however, I urge a resolvment of the questions and hope that the program can be amended as suggested, resubmitted and subsequently approved by the Committee. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

ALAN ROBERTSON
Chairman
Planning Advisory Committee

cc: Mr. Samuel J. Cullers