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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

March 1, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

LEHMANN K. LI

FROM:

SUBJECT: Houston HUD Brokers Association

On February 25, I met with John Wilkes, Cruz Alderete, and Lily Dooyema, who represented the Ad Hoc Committee of the Houston HUD Brokers Association. The Association is concerned about the impact of a HUD proposal to solicit bids on a national level for one real estate company to manage and sell all HUD foreclosed properties. Currently, HUD solicits such bids on a local level from brokers such as those represented by the Houston HUD Brokers Association. The Association is concerned that its brokers would be hurt economically from implementation of the proposal.

These representatives asked for assistance from our office to arrange an appointment with the HUD official responsible for reviewing comments on the proposal. I discussed with John Roberts from the White House Counsel's Office the propriety of helping these representatives arrange an appointment with the HUD official. He noted that since the HUD proposal is essentially a policy matter and does not involve the granting of a specific contract or involve any quasi-judicial matters, it would not be improper to arrange such an appointment.

Following this advice, I called James C. Nistler, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Single Family Housing at HUD, to ask if he could meet with representatives from the Association. I made it very clear that we were not attempting to influence the decision one way or another.

cc: John G. Roberts