

November 4, 1969

FOR JOHN D. EHRLICHMAN

Here is a copy of the draft letter of transmittal of the Heineman Commission report. Also a list of the members of the Commission.

Ed Morgan tells me he has sent back an analysis of the Commission report to you. I would like to urge that we propose that the President see this group, however briefly. Don Rumsfeld entirely concurs.

I don't think we appreciate the degree to which the legislative energies of the Administration has so far been expended on ABM, the surtax, and now the Haynsworth nomination. There has simply not been much left over to devote to things like Family Assistance. Here is an opportunity for the President really to support his program at what would seem to me very little risk.

Daniel P. Moynihan

Attachments - Cy ltr of transmittal to President from Ben Heineman, undated, fwdg final report of President's Commission on Income Maintenance

List of Members of the Commission

DPM/crm Cy Memo for President, October 28, 1969, co-signed by Moynihan & Ehrlichman re Heineman Commission Report & suggesting he meet the Commission members sometime after Nov 7.

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see "Income Maintenance"

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THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON INCOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The President's Commission on Income Maintenance Programs herewith submits its final report.

This Commission was charged in January, 1968 with studying the income needs of poor Americans, with examining all existing Government programs designed to meet those needs, and with making just and equitable recommendations for constructive improvements. In the past 22 months, through field visits and public hearings, technical studies, and official briefings, we have visited with the poor and reviewed the operations of welfare and related programs. This report presents our findings regarding the problems of poverty and income in America and the remedies we propose to meet these problems.

Our basic conclusions are that even if the existing welfare and related programs are improved, they are incapable of assuring that all Americans receive an adequate income. We have therefore recommended the adoption of a new program of income supplementation for all Americans in need. In addition, existing programs need changes and improvements if they are to form an integrated system with the proposed new program.

We feel that the Family Assistance Program that you proposed to Congress earlier this year represents a major step forward towards meeting the needs that we have documented. We are pleased to note that the basic structure of the Family Assistance Program is similar to that of the program we have proposed, although there are

many differences as well. Both programs represent a marked departure from past principles and assumptions that have proven to be incorrect. And reliance on false premises for many years has led us to rely on inadequate and conceptually unsound programs.

We respectfully submit our report in the hopes that it will be of assistance to you, other officials of Government, and all Americans interested in achieving what we consider to be a major National goal--assuring that an adequate income is available to each American.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben W. Heineman

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