

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR

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FROM Chris Miller *CM*

RE Meeting with Whitney Young, November 24, 2:00 P.M.

In January, 1969, the National Urban League issued "A Call to Action," a series of recommendations on the urban and racial crisis. A summary of these recommendations, urging a total national commitment, follows:

National Standards: National standards of use and performance for all Federal monies^{to} replace discretionary use by States.

Manpower:

1. Expansion of existing successful programs, such as On-The-Job Training, Neighborhood Youth Corps, and Special Impact Programs (after a review of the Concentrated Employment Program).
2. \$2.00/hour minimum wage with automatic cost-of-living increases.
3. Creation of a TVA-type agency to spur rural economic development. Emphasis on black-owned co-operative farms aided by trained agronomists.
4. Promotion of inner-city black entrepreneurship through Federal tax credits, subsidies, and spin-off operations from private industry.

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Minimum Income: Replace welfare system with minimum income.

Family Planning: Strengthen services and make them more available to inner-city residents.

Day Care: Expand number of centers

Education: (Emphasis on good intentions of Title I, ESEA, but critical of faulty planning and execution of programs with insufficient community participation)

1. Increase community participation.
2. Allow Agencies outside the educational establishment to submit educational proposals for Federal funds.
3. Eliminate language like "disadvantaged" from Federal legislation in favor of the word "poor."
4. Increase in-service and pre-service teacher attitude training.
5. Expand funding for and control of Head Start.
6. Utilize the educational components of the Model Cities Program for innovative programs.
7. Expand Federal programs to the marginally poor.
8. Support black colleges and universities.
 - a. Establish a Federal development fund.
 - b. Establish Federal scholarship grants for students and universities.
9. Implement Title IV, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
10. Recruit blacks for teacher training institutions under the Education Professions Development Act of 1967 and increase access to vocational educational institutions.

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Housing: Urges full funding of 1968 Housing Act.

Health Programs: Review of all Federal Health Programs and expansion of delivery services.

Nutrition:

1. Phase out commodity distribution program.
2. Expand and revise the Food Stamp Program.
 - a. Provide free food stamps for the poorest families.
 - b. Reduce the cost of stamps.
 - c. Transfer administration of the program to HEW.

Returning Vietnam Veterans: Prepare for smooth transition.

Youth:

1. Create domestic Peace Corps employing black youths in the ghettos.
2. Set up Youth Advisory Boards to work with the Regional Offices of Federal Agencies.

Voluntary Agencies: Make greater use of established voluntary agencies, like the Urban League, that have long-standing contacts in the black community. Include expansion of community action programs.

Suburban Blight: Mount national attack to halt spread of suburban blight.

Social Accounting: Establish system of social accounting like economic accounting with an annual report to the President.

Police-community relations: Hold White House Conference on police and justice.