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Honorable Spiro T. Agnew  
Vice President  
United States of America  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of January 30, I am enclosing three items relating to the new approach of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations toward achieving a breakthrough on the grant consolidation front. These include:

- (1) A draft of the proposed Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1969, Title III of which provides statutory language for implementing this approach;
- (2) A rationale for and explanation of this title; and
- (3) An excerpt from the 1968 hearings of the Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations on the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968 containing a colloquy on consolidation between Senator Mundt and Mr. Wm. G. Coleman, our Executive Director of the Commission; this dialogue highlights rather well the pros and cons of the ACIR proposal and underscores some of the difficulties it will face on the Hill. However, it has a lot of bipartisan support on the Hill, and I just noticed its endorsement yesterday by the Washington Post. A copy of the Post editorial is also enclosed.

Please don't hesitate to write or call me or members of the Advisory Commission staff if any questions arise in connection with these attachments.

Cordially yours,

Ferris Bryant  
Chairman

Attachments

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