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Dr. Joseph Smiley
President
University of Texas
El Paso, Texas 79902

Dear President Smiley:

As I believe you are aware, the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations recently solicited the help of Dr. Donald J. Curran, of your Economics Department, for a study we are undertaking of ways to measure the relative fiscal capacity and effort of particular local areas and governments.

This is a significant project, which promises to contribute materially to the improvement of grant-in-aid arrangements of both the Federal Government and of individual States. We are confident that Dr. Curran's participation in the study will help a great deal to insure that it is carried out successfully.

I want you to know how grateful we are that the University of Texas has approved Dr. Curran's request that he be given the opportunity to work with us in this connection. I do hope that resulting adjustments in your own staffing and academic assignments can be made without undue difficulty.

Your sympathetic and cooperative attitude is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,