

(Subsequently, the following letter was received from the Federal City College:)

FEDERAL CITY COLLEGE,
Washington, D.C., March 15, 1968.

Hon. B. F. SISK,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN SISK: Thank you for calling hearings on H.R. 15280 and S. 1999 to establish a land grant college in the District of Columbia. Dr. Wiegman and I appreciated the opportunity to present a statement on behalf of the Federal City College regarding the legislation.

We want to make clear the funding procedure of the Smith-Lever Act, that part of the land grant college that establishes cooperative extension services between the Federal Government and the States. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, in its report, recommended a yearly appropriation to the Federal City College for extension programs based on a plan of work rather than the formula used in the Smith-Lever Act. This was done because the formula allocates Department of Agriculture funds to a land grant college based on forty percent farm population, forty percent rural population and twenty percent overall population of a State. This formula permits the District of Columbia to participate in only twenty percent of the Department funds, since the District has no rural population. The Department of Agriculture recommended, therefore, a yearly appropriation subject to review by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee for extension services in the District of Columbia, based on a program of work agreed to by the Secretary of Agriculture and the President of the Federal City College.

The Department of Agriculture appropriation would be partially matched from the general educational funds of the Federal City College, as is done in the other fifty States. Presently, the college is paying salaries of personnel in the college extension services and will continue to do so.

We believe this procedure is right and in keeping with the Smith-Lever Act.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK FARNER, *President.*

(Whereupon, at 11:10 o'clock a.m., this date, the Committee was adjourned, subject to call of the Chair.)