

[Attachment : Circular No. A-80]

MEMORANDUM FROM THE PRESIDENT REQUESTING COORDINATION AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, SEPTEMBER 2, 1966

Subject : Coordination for Development Planning

The Federal Government, through a number of departments and agencies, is now authorized to require and assist State and local governments and specialized agencies to formulate and carry out development plans.

Comprehensive planning covering wide areas is a promising and extremely important beginning to the solution of critical State, metropolitan, and regional problems. It is essential that it be done well.

At the Federal level, we must coordinate our efforts to prevent conflict and duplication among federally-assisted comprehensive planning efforts.

This should have two aspects :

State and local development planning agencies should be encouraged to work together in using common or consistent planning bases (i.e., statistical and economic estimates), and in sharing facilities and resources.

Boundaries for planning and development districts assisted by the Federal Government should be the same and should be consistent with established State planning districts and regions. Exceptions should be made only where there is clear justification.

I am requesting the head of each of the departments and agencies concerned with these matters to work with the Director of the Bureau of the Budget to insure the fullest coordination in fixing the boundaries of multijurisdictional planning units assisted by the Federal Government.

[Circular No. A-82, revised]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,

Washington, D.C., December 18, 1967.

To: The heads of executive departments and establishments.

Subject: Coordination of Federal aids in metropolitan areas under section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966.

1. *Purpose*.—This revised Circular replaces and rescinds Circular No. A-82, dated April 11, 1967. The principal changes are as follows :

a. Responsibility for general administrative oversight and coordination of section 204 is withdrawn from the Department of Housing and Urban Development because of a provision of the 1968 HUD appropriations act which prohibits expenditure of HUD funds for such purposes.

b. Certain of the programs listed for coverage in the original Circular have been dropped. Generally, these have been planning assistance programs which are of such scale that they do not result in proposals for specific projects which would be covered by section 204 or, where they do, applications for specific assistance to such projects would themselves be submitted for comment under this Circular.

c. Instead of a HUD review and evaluation of the implementation of section 204, provision is made for such review and evaluation by the agencies having programs covered by section 204 and this Circular.

2. *Basis*.—Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-754 ; 80 Stat. 1263) provides that—

“(a) All applications made after June 30, 1967, for Federal loans or grants to assist in carrying out open-space land projects or for the planning or construction of hospitals, airports, libraries, water supply and distribution facilities, sewerage facilities and waste treatment works, highways, transportation facilities, and water development and land conservation projects within any metropolitan area shall be submitted for review—

“(1) to any areawide agency which is designated to perform metropolitan or regional planning for the area within which the assistance is to be used, and which is, to the greatest practicable extent, composed of or responsible to the elected officials of a unit of areawide government or of the units of general local government within whose jurisdiction such agency is authorized to engage in such planning, and

“(2) if made by a special purpose unit of local government, to the unit or units of general local government with authority to operate in the area within which the project is to be located.