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FILE NO. Pers.

July 6, 1972

Hon. Max Rosenn
229 U. S. Federal Building
191 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Penn. 18701

Dear Max:

On June 30 we returned from Spain, after having spent a little over a week with some clients in Madrid. We were told about the devastation in the Wilkes-Barre area.

On Saturday morning we attended Synagogue at Beth El in Margate. At the conclusion of the services, one of the businessmen Rubin Wishkin, asked for permission to address the congregation. He told us of having taken a truck load of clothing and some canned goods to Wilkes-Barre, and having distributed them on a street corner to the people who gathered and clamored for them. He told us that the devastation was unbelievable. He saw a man on the curb who looked familiar. He got off his truck, walked over to the man, and found that it was Rabbi Kerzner, with whom Wishkin had attended Yeshiva. Rabbi Kerzner told him that one Synagogue had been completely washed away, as had an important Hebrew school, and of the plight of our people.

From Saturday night until now we have been trying to reach you by telephone to find out what we can do, in addition to delivering bundles of clothing and blankets and food to our Synagogue here in Philadelphia. These things are being transported for Beth Zion by a Mr. Greenberg, of Martin Freight, as a gesture of help.

We have been given so many telephone numbers for you that we could start a new telephone book. We have your home telephone number, your summer telephone number, your Wilkes-Barre office telephone number, your Scranton office telephone number, the Government number in Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. We called all of these numbers, after your local office told us that we could only reach you in Wilkes-Barre or Scranton. We obviously have not reached you.

This letter is written in desperation. We feel certain that between the Red Cross, the Federal Government, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and other agencies, some basic parts of the needs of your community will be

Hon. Max Rosenn

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met. However, we also feel certain that no one is going to think about trying to help reestablish Jewish institutions and agencies. For that reason we are enclosing herewith our check made payable to you, for lack of a better way, and ask you to distribute this money to help the Hebrew schools get started, including that of Rabbi Kerzner, Wishkin's school-mate, and such other purposes as you deem proper.

If you say the word, we will start schnorring various sections of our Jewish community to try to get others to send money.

With my wife, we sympathize with you and your people. On a strict legalistic basis, we feel that for reasons of His own, the "Rebonay Shel Olam" has sort of breached his contract made in Genesis with Noah and his descendants, when he promised that there would be no more floods to devastate the earth, and sealed the contract with the sign of the rainbow. The answer by the Psalmist to that complaint "Yashar Ha'Shem bechol derochov, vechesed bechol Ma'asov" seems like a weak defense in the face of what took place.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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Isidor Ostroff

William W. Scranton
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503

July 10, 1972

The Honorable Max Rosenn
Blue-Cross Blue-Shield Building
Wilkes Barre, Pa. 18701

Dear Max:

Here is another suggestion about possible federal effort
with regard to the disaster.

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JUDGE MAX ROSENN
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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MILTON J. SHAPP
GOVERNOR

July 10, 1972

Honorable Max Rosenn
177 James Street
Kingston, Pennsylvania

Dear Judge Rosenn:

I was glad to have had the opportunity of meeting with you last week in my office.

I certainly hope we can work out specific programs to aid the people of Wilkes-Barre in their valiant efforts to overcome the tremendous devastation that has hit that area.

Please keep me posted on your activities. If I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Milton J. Shapp", written in a cursive style.

MILTON J. SHAPP
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August 8, 1972

The Honorable Max Rosenn
Federal Building
South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Re: Taxability of forgiveness
feature of SBA loans

Dear Judge Rosenn:

I am enclosing a copy of Internal Revenue Code section 165 together with the most recent committee report covering that section.

You will note that section 165(a) states that a deduction is allowed for losses sustained that are not compensated for by insurance or otherwise. The Internal Revenue Service views the SBA forgiveness as a partial reimbursement for casualty losses.

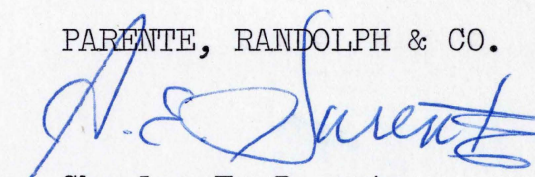
In order to clearly establish the tax-free nature of the forgiveness amounts, the most logical approach would be to have section 165 amended to specifically exclude forgiveness funds as "other compensation" for loss under section 165(a) of the Code.

This, of course, is the best approach in my opinion. Any question would appear to be eliminated.

I will gladly review this matter further with you or other interested parties.

Sincerely,

PARENTE, RANDOLPH & CO.


Charles E. Parente

CEP/rsm

Enclosure

cc: Mr. H. H. Smith

Flood Correspondence

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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August 11, 1972

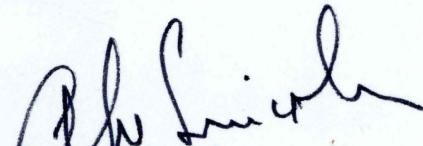
The Honorable Max Rosenn
Judge, United States Court of Appeals
Federal Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Judge:

I certainly appreciate your letter concerning Fran Tobin. The expressions of admiration and regard for the way he did conduct himself as the President's Federal Coordinating Officer are doubly heartening because they indicate that both he and the Federal team were doing the job for the President that they were supposed to be doing in your community during a crisis situation. I am glad you and your colleagues of the Flood Recovery Task Force do make this judgment.

As you know, and as we discussed over the phone, Fran was so exhausted that we felt it necessary to have a doctor examine him. The doctor did advise a period of rest, so we sent him back to Kansas City and his family. He is available as a consultant in case of need. Meanwhile, I am confident that Frank Carney will carry on with the same vigor, compatibility and compassion that was shown by Fran Tobin.

Sincerely,


G. A. Lincoln
Director

WYOMING VALLEY FLOOD VICTIMS ACTION COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I promise to work with other victims of the flood,
in a common effort, to help all victims get the aid
necessary to rebuild our lives and our homes.

Signed Min Matheson

Address Lakewood Gardens Trailer
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Phone 655-6144



Dear Max - Do you think a request
to extend the date on SBA loans was
unreasonable? Carlucci announced
tonight "the deadline stands." Believe
me, the homeowners do not need any
more discouragements. Winter sealing
and boarding up our homes is no sol-
ution. Where and why doesn't your
committee speak up when the home
owners need help. Mr Shaw and Mrs
Shuckler heard the SBA problems and
were sympathetic to them. Min

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CHANNEL 44 BOX 4444 SCRANTON, PENNA. 18509 phone 717-344-8637

pk August 14, 1972

The Honorable Max Rosen
United States District Judge
Court of Appeals
197 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Judge Rosen:

As the public television station for Northeastern Pennsylvania, Channel 44 has been actively involved in programming about the recent flood disaster in this area.

On August 28, 1972 at 8 p.m., we are producing a live, special community-involvement program called "After the Flood: Where Do We Go From Here?" During the program, telephone callers and a studio audience will be invited to ask questions and share their feelings about the current recovery effort with prominent officials. We expect that Congressmen Daniel Flood and Joseph McDade will participate in the program, along with other federal and state leaders.

Because of your involvement with the flood disaster, we would like to invite you to be a member of the studio audience. As such, you may ask questions of the panel and respond to statements which concern you. The program is scheduled for ninety minutes, although we reserve the right to extend it beyond that time.

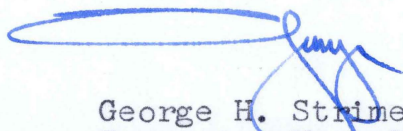
We feel that this is a very important program since it will give flood victims, members of the press, county and local officials, and the general public the opportunity to ask questions directly to responsible individuals.

In order that we may make seating arrangements, it is necessary that we know whether you plan to attend. Please return the enclosed post card to us no later than Monday, August 21. For your information, the program will be held in the Multi-Media Room of the Library Building at Marywood College. I am enclosing a map giving directions to Marywood. Because the program will begin promptly at 8 p.m., we request that you arrive no later than 7 p.m.

If you wish any further information, please contact Mrs. Carole Baldino, the program producer, at 344-8637. If you live outside of our calling area, you may call us collect.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to join us on the 28th. We will look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George H. Strimel, Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the left.

George H. Strimel, Jr.
Executive Vice-President
General Manager

GHS/cs

Enclosure



DAVID M. BLUMBERG
304 Fidelity Bankers Trust Bldg.
Knoxville, Tenn. 37902

B'NAI B'RITH
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 18, 1972

Judge Max Rosenn
Federal Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Max:

I regret exceedingly that I did not get a chance to visit with you when I was in Wilkes-Barre, but I can assure you that the few hours we spent there were most unpleasant. I have never seen such devastation in all of my life and I was actually sick for almost a week when I returned home, thinking about what I had seen on my visit.

I hope that our efforts in arousing the B'nai B'rith membership to the needs of Wilkes-Barre, and especially the Jewish Community, will prove to be worthwhile and will bring some results that will help to relieve the people in your area.

If you have any suggestions as to how we can better utilize our manpower, don't hesitate to pass them on to us.

With best wishes to you and looking forward to the time when we will have a chance to see you again, I am

Sincerely,

David M. Blumberg

DMB:mm

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August 14, 1972

Honorable Max Rosenn
Federal Building
197 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Judge Rosenn:

I refer to our conversation on the evening of August 10 relative to the Internal Revenue's claim that a loss may be diminished by the \$5,000.00 which may be forgiven as a result of an S.B.A. loan.

It seems to me that this matter is governed by Section 165 of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations Section 1.165-1 pertaining thereto.

Section 165 speaks of a deduction for a loss not compensated by insurance or otherwise. The Regulations indicate that to the extent that there is any reimbursement for a loss, the amount of recovery will be reduced by such reimbursement.

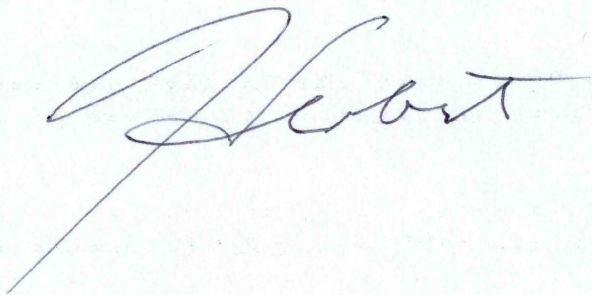
I respectfully submit a forgiveness of a loan is not a reimbursement. To hold, otherwise, is simply a matter of the Internal Revenue Service endeavoring to stretch a situation to secure as many tax dollars as possible. In these times, the Internal Revenue Service should endeavor to be reasonable and liberal.

Permit me to express my personal thanks for the interest and action taken by you in these trying times on behalf of all of the people of the valley.

With kindest personal regards.

Most sincerely,

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WILKES-BARRE, PA.

From the desk of
HARRISON H. SMITH

Max-

Please make any changes you deem
fit. I would presume you would want both
signatures-- your own stationery would
suffice. This is the address:

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Flood Co.

TEMPLE ISRAEL



239 SOUTH RIVER STREET

WILKES-BARRE, PA. 18702

DR. ABRAHAM D. BARRAS, Rabbi
ISADORE LANDAU, President

August 16, 1972

Dear Max:

We are deeply grateful for the Ostroff contribution to the Temple Israel Religious School, and I want to thank you for your good offices in this matter. We truly need all the help we can get. I have written Mr. Ostroff to express our appreciation.

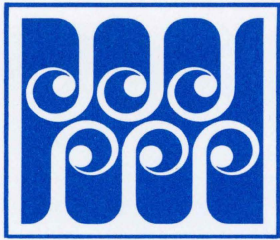
I hope that you and Tillie are well and that we will have the pleasure of being with you once again in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

ADB
Abraham D. Barras,
Rabbi

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The Honorable Max Rosenn
Federal Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701



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THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER WILKES-BARRE

Judge Max Rosenn
United States Court of Appeals
Third Circuit
Federal Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701

August 18, 1972

Max, thank you again for being the intermediary
for contributions made to our Flood Disaster Aid Fund.

We have no "conflict of interest" - of contributions
including those of Judge James Rosen, are deposited
in the treasury of the Wyoming Valley Jewish Committee
Flood Fund and disbursed to the best interests of the
total Jewish community. These contributions are
primarily used by the personal needs committee for help
to individuals.

I have acknowledged the contribution from Camp Starlight.

Thanks again.

Louis Smith

LOUIS SMITH
Executive Director

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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

August 21, 1972

The Honorable Max Rosenn
Judge, United States Court of Appeals
Federal Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Max:

I returned from Wilkes-Barre over a week ago, but this is the first full day in my office. I received your letter which I appreciate more than you know.

Although Pennsylvania is not in our region, our staff worked as hard and performed as well as they would in any of our states. I think we all learned a great deal from our experience in the Wyoming Valley and I am glad we were able to make a contribution to the recovery effort.

I was very much impressed with the caliber of people you have on the Flood Recovery Task Force. I believe that by working closely with the Federal Regional Council on long range recovery programs that it will be only a matter of time before the Valley will be back better than ever.

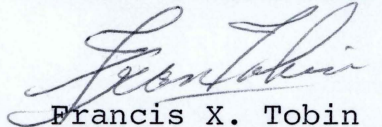
I feel a little guilty at leaving when I did, but we do have a flood in Iowa that has been declared a major disaster by the President. I must admit it was like an April shower compared to the flood in the Valley, but we must take care of it promptly.

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Although I am a long way from the Wyoming Valley, I will keep myself well informed of the recovery progress that is made. I have a very special feeling for the people of the Valley and if I can ever be of help, please don't hesitate to call me.

Thank you so much Max, for your kindness and consideration of me. I hope some day we can relax and have dinner together. I would enjoy it very much. Give my regards to the members of your task force and for you I wish the very best of good fortune.

Sincere best wishes

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis X. Tobin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "F" and "T".

Francis X. Tobin
Regional Director

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August 22, 1972

R E G I O N A L C L E A R I N G H O U S E

Project Notification and Review System

Re PNRS letter of Intent for:

Project: Flood Recovery

Location: Wyoming Valley, Luzerne

Applicant: Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.

Judge Max Rosenn
92 S. Franklin Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Dear Judge Rosenn:

PSCH project number:

This letter acknowledges receipt on August 21, 1972 of your Project Notification and Review System letter of intent or materials that we may use as such, relative to the above project. This letter of intent has been distributed to a number of county and regional agencies which may express interest in this project.

You will be advised by letter originated within 30 days of the above date either that we need further information on your project or that you may file the application. In all cases, potential applicants are subject to State Clearinghouse procedures as well as those of the Regional Clearinghouse.

Should you have any questions about Circular A-95, the Project Notification and Review System, or your intended application, please feel free to communicate with us.

Sincerely,

W. Lee Woodmansee
PNRS Coordinator

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 21, 1972

Honorable Max Rosenn
Judge
United States Court of Appeals
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Federal Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Judge Rosenn:

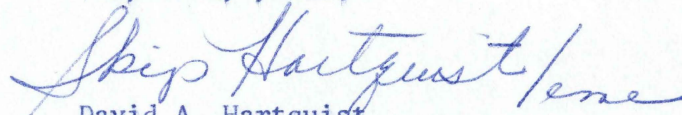
Thank you for your letter of August 11, 1972.

You will be interested in knowing that President Nixon signed the disaster relief legislation on Wednesday, August 16th and the Supplemental Appropriations Bill providing approximately \$1.6 billion in federal funds on Thursday, August 17th.

This legislation now gives us the additional program authorizations and federal funds needed to complete the disaster relief assistance work already being done. This is not to say that many problems do not still remain, but we are encouraged that the legislative processes have now been completed to give the administrative agencies the tools they need to do the job.

Please feel free to call on us whenever we can be of assistance.

Very truly yours,



David A. Hartquist
Legislative Assistant to
Senator Richard S. Schweiker

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August 22, 1972

Honorable Max Rosenn
Judge of United States Circuit Court
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South Main & South Streets
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

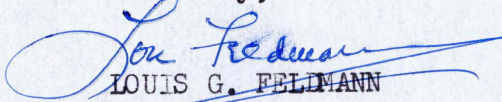
RE: Modular Homes

Dear Max:

I thought you might want to take a look at this correspondence. It may stop some of the "Gripes" if the Wyoming Valley started to move in this direction.

These Modulares are good homes.

Sincerely,


LOUIS G. FELDMANN

LGF:jk

ENC. Letter to Honorable Daniel J. Flood, M.C., dated August 7, 1972
Letter to Honorable Hugh Scott dated August 4, 1972
Replies from the Honorable Daniel J. Flood, M.C.

*F.R.T.F.
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Modular Home Firm Gets Big Contract

Starrett Modular Construction Co., Valmont Industrial Park, has been awarded a contract expected to be about \$1,500,000, it was learned today.

Starrett will construct about 75 homes to be sent into Harrisburg for flood victims. The local firm was one of two modular construction companies awarded contracts for \$2.8 million in homes.

Starrett is expected to start construction shortly after Labor Day.

8/18/72

Mr. Stephen S. Warner
322 Reynolds Street
Kingston, Pennsylvania 18704
August 22, 1972

The Honorable Max Rosenn
United States Circuit Court
Federal Building
South Main and South Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18702

Dear Judge Rosenn:

PLEASE HELP US: (Please acknowledge in some instances report language)

Until "Agnes" we lived in our home, a two story building, located at 322 Reynolds Street, Kingston, Pa. In addition to myself, my family consists of my wife, a registered nurse; a son, age 14; a daughter, age 12 who is an epileptic; presently residing with my Brother-in-law's family in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

When the flood arrived; we had little warning to evacuate thus as a result lost all of our furnishings and the building will require almost complete reconstruction. We possess very little as a result of this disaster.

During the course of one week, we, with others, resided with my wife's parents in Pittston, Pa. At one time 15 people occupied the building with many sleeping on the floor. Because of the crowded conditions, my family moved to the Dallas Senior High School evacuation center. We remained for a period of 2 weeks until my wife came down with a form of pneumonia while working as a volunteer nurse in the infirmary hastily set-up before the arrival of the Red Cross. Upon a doctor's strict orders we were requested to leave the area and fortunately found living quarters at the Holiday Inn, Scranton, Pa. in order for Mrs. Warner to gain strict bed rest and receive proper medication. H.U.D. has refused me reimbursement for these temporary housing facilities at the B.E.S. building, Pittston, Pa.

July 3 I applied for a mobile home that arrived unfortunately in deplorable condition on or about July 29. The unit was set-up very, very hastily; a matter of minutes; not leveled properly, the excuse given being a bent frame; (maybe so). The Austin Mobile Home contractor employees disappeared; leaving no steps to reach the 2 entrances. We had to improvise by using a folding stool that was quite unstable. On or about August 18, a neighbor provided us with one of three sets of steps he received with his mobile unit. I personally made many trips to see the Austin Corp. housed at the Forty Fort Airport to have the necessary water and sewerage hookups that are still incomplete so I am told; still waiting for steps, and the necessary items that should have accompanied the home; it still is in need of adequate repair such as insulation, warping paneling, linoleum flooring instead of carpeting for warmth, etc. Just one total mess. H.U.D. inspectors also have agreed this unit must be replaced to meet the requirements for the coming cold weather. One door was sprung, did not lock, and leaked profusely during stormy weather of which I had repaired at my own expense. Suburban Propane Co. estimates this unit will require in excess of 500.00 to heat. To date we have temporary electricity; 20 amp. service which is not adequate and we've been begging for this. H.U.D. is aware of all the above; you may check our H.U.D. #3173-60 to confirm this.

I personally attempted to see Mr. Carlucci on Aug 18, to no avail; again on Aug 19, when I was informed he has called off all of his public appointments.

I'm sure you will agree a bleak picture prevails and shall be grateful if you are able to have this unit replaced by one properly manufactured and inspected for this area.

Very sincerely yours,

Stephen S. Warner

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
The Western White House
San Clemente

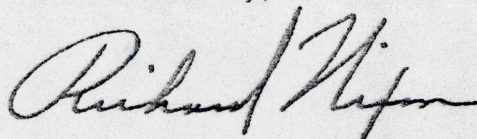
August 29, 1972

Dear Judge Rosenn:

Your recent letter has crossed my desk, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing me about passage of the flood relief legislation I proposed. There is so much to be done, but there is also so much courage and determination among the residents of the Wyoming Valley that I have every confidence that you will bring your communities back -- better than ever.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Nixon", written in a cursive style.

Honorable Max Rosenn
Chairman
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Post Office Box 1367
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

722 JACKSON PLACE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

AUG 29 1972

Dear Judge Rosenn:

This will confirm your telephone conversation of August 28, 1972, with Mr. Steven Jellinek of the Council staff, concerning the need for an environmental impact statement for the proposed temporary bridge to replace the North Street bridge over the Susquehanna River between the city of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and the borough of Kingston, Pa. The original bridge was destroyed by the flood resulting from tropical storm Agnes. Based on the description of facts you gave Mr. Jellinek we have no reason to disagree with your apparent conclusion that this temporary action, replacing the old two-lane bridge with a bridge of equivalent capacity, is not a "major", environmentally "significant" action for purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act. Thus, the preparation of a detailed statement under Section 102(2)(c) of that Act for the temporary bridge would not be required.

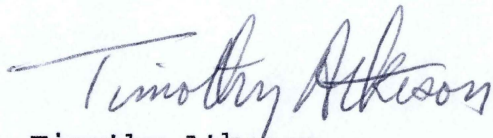
We understand that plans for a permanent bridge at this location may soon get underway and that this structure may be designed for a significantly larger capacity than the old North Street bridge. We would suggest that in planning for the permanent bridge, the responsible Federal agencies give full consideration to the question of whether or not a permanent structure would require an environmental impact statement. If it is decided that such a statement is necessary,

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we would urge that the preparation of the statement accompany the early planning and engineering studies for the permanent bridge structure.

We hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Timothy Atkeson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

Timothy Atkeson
General Counsel

Honorable Max Rosenn
U.S. Court House
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

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LOUIS G. FELDMANN
ANTHONY J. CIOTOLA
CHARLES F. LIEBERMAN

September 5, 1972

Honorable Max Rosenn
FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.
P.O. Box No. 1367
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Max:

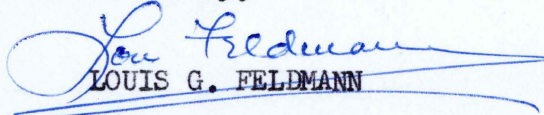
Since I sent the information to you regarding Modular Homes, Dan Flood's Office had referred the matter to HUD. A man by the name of Dick Mullen from the Department of Urban Development in Philadelphia called me on the phone and discussed this matter with me at great length.

There is \$47,500,000.00 available for Modular Homes immediately. Mr. Mullen is an expert in the field and advised me that to date they have been unable to get the necessary cooperation from Dick Williams of the Wilkes-Barre Housing Authority. He also advised me that Jim Price of the Luzerne County Housing Authority seems to be enthusiastic about the possibilities, but has been unable to get in touch with other people.

If you care to have anyone call Mr. Mullen, his number is 215 597-2580.

While I no longer live in the area, I am certainly interested in it, and I would like to do whatever I can to help.

Sincerely,


LOUIS G. FELDMANN

LGF:jk

CC: Honorable Daniel J. Flood, M.C.
House of Representatives Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Hugh Scott
United States Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Richard Schweiker
State Capitol
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

PS Hugh Scott's Office also called me on this matter



THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20410

September 6, 1972

Honorable Max Rosenn
United States Court of Appeals
Third Circuit
Federal Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Judge Rosenn:

Thanks for your kind comments about my recent trip to Wilkes-Barre and for the copies of articles in the local press regarding that visit which you sent me.

I am happy to provide the following responses to your questions about Federal urban renewal assistance for the Wilkes-Barre area.

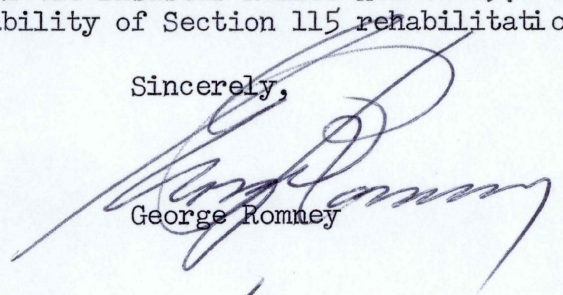
Federal law does not contain any blanket authorization for the payment of pre-disaster values for real property acquired for urban renewal projects in disaster areas. Such valuations are controlled by the law of the particular State in which the acquisition occurs and this Department will generally recognize and accept valuations for property acquired for urban renewal purposes which are in accordance with the requirements of State law.

As I understand it, a recent amendment to Section 602 of the Eminent Domain Code of the State of Pennsylvania would appear to permit payment of pre-flood valuations under certain conditions. Under that amendment, flood damaged property condemned in connection with a "flood control project" may be valued without consideration of diminution in value resulting from flood damage provided the taking occurs within three years of the flood damage and provided that the condemnee owned the property at the time of the damage.

This Department's initial reaction to this amendment of State law, as conveyed in a letter of June 21, 1972 to Deputy Attorney General Mark P. Widoff, was that it would seem to provide a basis for HUD recognition of certain pre-flood valuations in connection with urban renewal takings in Pennsylvania. However, we indicated that a final position could not be taken by HUD until the term "flood control project" had been authoritatively defined as a matter of Pennsylvania law. As of this date, a final position has not been taken by HUD. However, I can assure you that the matter will be given our sympathetic consideration.

In regard to your question about rehabilitation grants under Section 115 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, let me assure you that these grants will be available for certain residents of HUD approved urban renewal projects in flood damaged areas in the State of Pennsylvania. Of course, there are numerous statutory and administrative requirements generally applicable to the rehabilitation grant program and these, of course, will have to be observed in connection with Pennsylvania projects. Thus, rehabilitation grants will be available only for those cases where the grant, coupled with other available financial assistance, can achieve the full rehabilitation to applicable code or project standards of a particular property. Also, as you have recognized, the grants will generally be available only to lower income owner-occupants of residential properties in the project areas. However, to the best of my knowledge any provision for SBA loan forgiveness contained in the Disaster Relief Act of 1970 would not impinge upon the availability of Section 115 rehabilitation grants.

Sincerely,



George Romney



Regards!

Memo to Judge Rosenn

9/11/72

From: Betty Schechter

Margaret Anderson wants you to know the following:

United Fund's Allocation Committee turned down a request for \$13,200 to fund the information and referral service endorsed by 26 key agencies. Mrs. A. thinks that, as laymen, the Allocations Committee didn't understand the need. Mrs. A. called UF and demanded a rehearing. Mr. Zuis called her back, said that General Townend was against the allocation and that the others followed his lead. General Townend called Mrs. A., very much upset, very much against holding a re-hearing. Told Mrs. A. he was so upset he was considering resigning. But eventually UF agreed to a rehearing. Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Ross and Miss Cohen appearing there tomorrow.

Mrs. A. says Gen. Townend thinks OEP should fund in this case. She will stand on the principle that non-professionals on Allocations Committee don't understand the need for this service as well as do professionals in the field.

She wants you to know that General Townend is presently "very mad" at her, though not at the Task Force. She will carry the battle and keep you informed.

Answer
SLK

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September 13, 1972

Honorable Max Rosenn
Blue Cross Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Max:

It was good to read on Saturday on the Scranton Tribune that you are now chairman of the Recovery Task Force Committee in the Wyoming Valley. I hasten to write and express my sincere best wishes for great success.

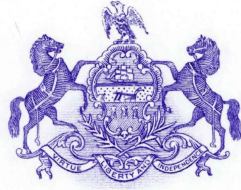
As you probably know, we have all been assisting, in some small measure, the people of your area and presently I am involved with the sub-committee of the ABA, in working with Tom Glenn and others of your county in your program of legal assistance to those persons whose income is between \$3,000.00 and \$16,000.00. However, if there is any way that I may be of further assistance, feel free to call upon me for my cooperation.

Mazie joins me in extending to Tilly, your family, and you, our best wishes for a happy, healthy, and better New Year.

Cordially,

SLK
Sidney L. Krawitz

SLK:lgr



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
P. O. Box 1026, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17108

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 19, 1973

Honorable Max Rosenn
Chairman
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
George Washington Room
Hotel Sterling
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18703

Dear Mr. Rosenn:

The Wyoming Historical and Geological Society has filed an application for flood recovery funds in the amount of \$40,846.62. This financial assistance, if approved, will be drawn from money appropriated by the legislature and allocated to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to assist local historical societies in recovery from damage as a result of the tropical storm (AGNES) which occurred in the summer of 1972.

The Society's application is now being processed through the various agencies of State government as required by law. We will keep you informed of progress and will notify you upon the final approval of the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William J. Wewer".

William J. Wewer

Chel Mrs. North

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

George Washington Room

Hotel Sterling

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18703

20 September 1972

MEMO

TO: Judge Max Rosenn
Mr. Thomas Kiley

FROM: Mrs. Betty Schechter

Roy Morgan has investigated the report that businessmen leasing property owned by the Chamber of Commerce and under mortgage to PIDA are having trouble getting SBA loans. He found that though some are having difficulties getting loans, neither Chamber nor Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority involvement is a cause of their problems. Neither is a legal barrier to a SBA loan.

BJS/are

SEP 20 1972



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington, D.C. 20230

Max Rosenn, Chairman
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Hotel Sterling
West Market Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Mr. Rosenn:

We are pleased to advise you that the Economic Development Administration has approved a technical assistance grant in response to the application of the Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc., under Title III of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

Enclosed are four copies of the grant offer to perform those programs set forth in the special terms and conditions of the grant. The program will extend over a twelve month period from September 15, 1972, the effective date of the grant.

The grant operation will be controlled by the Grant Offer, the Special Terms and Conditions, and the General Terms and Conditions. Use of grant funds outside these limitations must be authorized by the Economic Development Administration.

If the provisions of this grant are acceptable, please sign and seal three copies of the grant offer and return two of them to this office together with a copy of the General and Special Terms and Conditions attached to each. Forward the third copy to the Director, Atlantic Regional Office, Economic Development Administration, 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. The fourth copy is for your files.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert A. Podesta", is written over the typed name.

Robert A. Podesta
Assistant Secretary
for Economic Development

Enclosures



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS OFFICE
HARRISBURG

ERNEST P. KLINE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

September 22, 1972

Mr. Max Rosenn, Chairman
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
P. O. Box No. 1367
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701

Dear Mr. Rosenn:

This is an informal response to your letter of September 11, 1972.

I am confident that we are now on the right track in advancing maximum State and Federal cooperation in our long range recovery effort.

I can appreciate the anxiety expressed by you for the Tax Force, but the last couple of weeks of praise and cooperation will undoubtedly serve as a comforting sign.

I would be glad to meet with you at any time, but I honestly feel that this situation is well in hand.

Sincerely,

ERNEST P. KLINE

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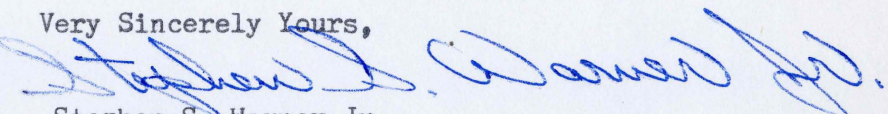
Mr. Stephen S. Warner
322 Reynolds Street
Kingston, Pennsylvania
September 22, 1972

The Honorable Max Rosenn
United States Circuit Court
Federal Building
South Main and South Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Judge Rosenn:

Words cannot adequately express our gratitude toward you concerning the kindness and consideration extended to us involving the plight that has now been resolved; thanks to your efforts. You will be remembered in our hearts and prayers always.

Very Sincerely Yours,


Stephen S. Warner Jr.

7/20

Friday, Sept. 29, 1972

Dear Max -

We miss you when you are away, but things have been moving along merrily for the Committee on Families, Health, and the Aging and this will be by way of a report, personal to you, to bring you up to date. I am sending a carbon to Betty Scheeter who can use it in her own discrete way to fill out the formal reports for the office. Most of this she knows, as she has been in on a good deal that has transpired.

Firstly - at the next Task Force meeting I would like to propose for approval that the name of this committee be changed to that of the Task Force Committee on Human Services as it better describes the scope of our activities.

Frank and I were away for the week of Sept 13-20 and I know you had a meeting with this committee during that time, at which Paul Royston joined in. As I am sure you know, the problem of emergency housing for flood victims in the event of heating failures etc. during the winter months has been solved by Carlucci's announcement that surplus mobile homes will be kept on the ready for emergency occupancy.

On 9/22, Royston met with Chuck Reynolds and me to propose and discuss the merger of his Task Force on Total Living Environment with this ~~ix~~ FRTF committee and details were worked out. A large meeting of Royston's Task Force was held on 9/28 at which the merger was approved and plans for the continuation under FRTF was worked out. We have set up an "Executive Planning Committee" that will have Royston and Cain from FRC, Jack Cory from HEW SRS, Clyde Couchman (at least for the moment - he comes from Philly but Royston told me this morning that Elliott Richardson intends this slot to be filled by a HEW health person from Washington with more clout) - on the state level, Wilcox, Knauer and Dr. Yeller (the Knauer is reported to be back in Scranton and his place taken by Kathryn McKenna - do I detect your fine hand?) and on the local level, Andy or Betty from FRTF Hdqts., Anderson and Reynolds. ~~ix~~ CSP has indicated they would like to have a representative on this group and Howard Grossman will be on for EDC. It is proposed this group will screen new programs as they develop and iron out the bugs between the various levels. So this ~~ix~~ is a big step forward. Because of this, I met this week with the FRC at its regular weekly meeting and will continue to do so along with Andy and Howard. This is most helpful to us and, again, was arranged by Paul Royston. He and Paul Cain are the greatest and have given me more help than I can say.

The big gap up to now has been coordination of health services and this has been waiting on the appointment of HEW health to the FRC as there was no one in place to really work on this area. In the interim, Chuck and I have had discussions with Yeller, with Kaner in re health plans for USA, with various local health agencies and with Bob Smith of Health Management Corp. which has general responsibilities for post-flood planning of an immediate nature. But the first pulling together of the key health planning and health delivery agencies will take place this coming Tuesday, 10/3, at which I hope we can clarify who is doing what and who has mandated responsibility for what.

This is the last big area of coordination and I think we have a good start on it.

A sort of side issue of which you should be aware, but not directly under task force activities, is the move for change at Valley Crest. I happen to be the chairman of the Adult Welfare Advisory Committee to the Co. Commissioners. This group has no status with the boys, as you and the committee well know, and we have been working at it in a quiet way this past year. Now is the time for change for VC is the single most important agency for the aging in the county and at this point has retreated to its pre-flood status of having little or no relation to the aging program both under way and about to be mounted. A couple of really scandalous events took place at VC just before the flood and we have documentation, that if made public, would be embarrassing both to the institution and to the Commissioners, to say nothing of the Board.

So - I convened the first post-flood meeting on 9/12 - we were due to elect officers for the coming year but prior to this, I made a strong statement to the Board saying I as an individual, am no longer willing to continue to countenance some of the things we all know to be fact at VC, the fact that now is the time for VC to take a new direction as other agencies are having to do etc. and offered to resign and work for change thru the Task Force if the rest of the Board did not share this feeling. I then absented myself from the meeting and asked Joe Quinn Sr., to take the chair, and took the professionals out with me so the Board could discuss it freely. They did, took a vote and re-elected me chairman with the mandate to discuss with the Commissioners a revitalization of the role of the Board, its relationship to the Administrator, his role etc. so that, in essence, the Board can have a part in making policy and not simply hearing reports from those concerned. So a meeting is to be set up with the Comm. this next week. You may get gossip about this, so wanted you to know what's up. HEW was appalled by some of the "laxness" going on. This is important as VC should be part of the main stream and never will be as long as the Comm. consider it their personal preserve, which is what it is today.

Couple other items I think I spoke to you about but want to be sure you are clear on. As per the request to you from Earl Nichols of US Dept of Interior, Outdoor Recreation, we have set up a monitoring committee under FRTC - not fully established as this program is not yet a reality, but agreed upon: Bob Jones of UP bank who is a lawyer as well as sharp at figures, Nick Pyres, architect who is also sharp with figures, Sally Jervis who knows more about public rec. than most anyone in the valley, a representative of CEO Board which has adminis. responsibility for the program, DeWitt Smith who can represent both UF and Co. Rec. Board, and myself for a time until things get straightened out. Same procedure is followed for Legal Services program - a Blue Ribbon Panel representing the Luz. Co. Bar, CEO, Legal Services and the Task Force. There was a lot of hassling over this between the various agencies involved, with especial huffiness by the Bar as might be expected, but Earl Langan bought me a drink one day and we worked it out easily enough over lunch. This has been approved by the Fed. Legal Services guy who is drafting the contracts and has the blessing of the FRC.

As you will know, the FED STATE atmosphere has improved remarkably since Wilcox took over - at his request, he met with the social agencies a day or so after his arrival on the scene. With Chuck sitting as a regular member of the Gov's Committee of State Agencies, and me with the FRC, we are able to pretty well keep up with where the action is.

And do Tell Carlucci how great his boys Cain and ~~Stark~~ Royston are, how widely they are trusted and admired by local people. We have been getting flak about some problems within HUD that are none of our business except they are lousing up the see services program to the trailer parks and I discussed this today with Cain and Royston who got a taste of it yesterday but did not know quite all the background. And I betcha the troublemaker will be "promoted" back to Washington, or at least move out of harm's way before very long because FRC is just as anxious as we are that this partnership work as well and as smoothly as possible. Having Kathryn on scene ought to ease things considerably with USA. At least we will have someone to talk to.

That's all from here - see you soon -

Muggs

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ENGINEERS

October 17, 1972

Judge Max Rosenn
Old Post Office Building
South and South Main Streets
Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Judge Rosenn:

I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with me regarding the Wyoming Valley Flood Control Feasibility Study that Parsons, Brinckerhoff is conducting for the Army Corps of Engineers. You have provided me with useful information that was greatly needed in order to progress with our work.

Please feel free to contact us at any time for additional information regarding the Study.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

Vern J. Bergelin
Planning Department

VJB:lek

.00 Indian Creek Drive
Wilkeswood Apts.
Wilkes Barre, Pa. 18702

October 17, 1972

Judge Max Rosenn
Federal Building
197 South Main St.
Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Dear Judge Rosenn:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I sent to
Senator Hugh Scott.

Thanks for all the splendid work you are
doing in our behalf. I wish there were more
like you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Becky Frier
Mrs. Jack Frier

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October 20, 1972

Honorable Max Rosenn
Wyoming Valley Emergency
Task Force
Hotel Sterling
West Market Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Judge Rosenn:

Some time ago, I was speaking with Bill Williams of the Ruckno organization concerning the contemplated construction of a large power plant in the Shickshinny area and inquired as to what that was going to do with the labor market this coming summer. He informed me that it would only increase the serious problem that the people in this community presently face. I invite your attention to the enclosed newspaper article in which Edward Yarmey, Executive Director of the Wyoming Valley Building Contractors Association, emphasizes this issue.

The average homeowner will be paying an extensive price to restore his home as is. The construction by the Pennsylvania Power & Light of this plant will substantially increase the problems of the homeowner, as well as the small local businessman.

In view of the crucial situation, perhaps your office might endeavor to persuade the Pennsylvania Power & Light Company to postpone the construction program for one year, in order to give some kind of a breathing spell to the shortage of construction workers in this area.

While some have said that the Union leaders claim that there are plenty of people who are competent to do the work, I seriously question this situation in view of the tremendous number of outside contractors that are in the area and for which the average homeowner, as well as small businessman, is paying an exorbitant charge.

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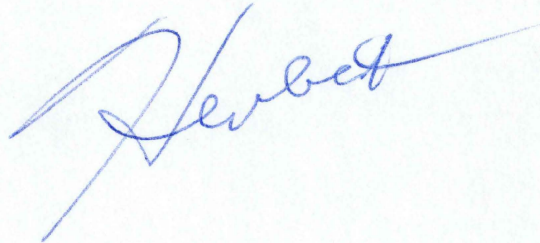
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If you should agree with the suggestion aforesaid, needless to say, it will take some very influential people if Pennsylvania Power & Light Company is to be persuaded.

Thank you for your consideration of this communication.

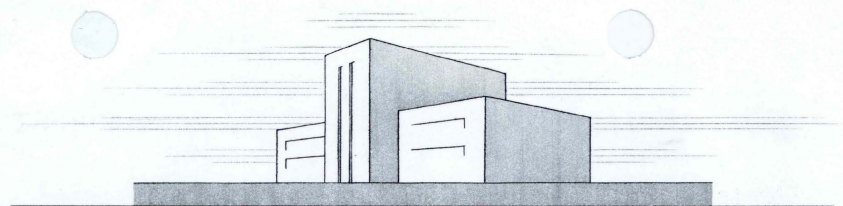
Again, my personal thanks for the marvelous job you are doing for the community.

Respectfully yours,



HLW:bdf

Enclosure



PETHICK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

FOUNDED 1870

POST OFFICE BOX 1225
WILKES-BARRE, PA. 18703

October 23, 1972

OFFICE AND YARD
RT. 315-PLAINS TWP.
PHONE: 717-823-3155

Max Rosenn, Esq.,
197 S. Main St.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Judge Rosenn:

I thought the information in the attached letter to Mr. Leon Case might be of some interest to you and your task force committee in its assistance to flood victims.

The many repair and clean-up programs now in existence are highly desirable, except in my opinion they encourage an attitude with home owners of: "Let George do it, because then it's free"!

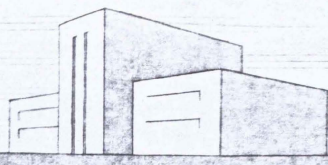
I'm not sure what the best remedy is for this problem. However, if the home owner has enough individual initiative and know-how to do the same work offered by a repair 'agency', somehow, he should be reimbursed for the cost, instead of the agency.

I believe this would be less expensive in the long run and have the side benefit of rejuvenating many homes much quicker than present policies permit.

Thanks for 'listening' and your valuable role in the present problems.

Sincerely

Charles E. Johns
Charles E. Johns



PETHICK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

FOUNDED 1870

POST OFFICE BOX 1225
WILKES-BARRE, PA. 18703

October 23, 1972

OFFICE AND YARD
RT. 315-PLAINS TWP.
PHONE: 717-823-3155

Mr. Leon C. Case, Exec. Director
Wilkes-Barre Redevelopment Authority
First Natl. Bank Bldg.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Re: Flood repair program

Dear Lee:

May I respectfully offer a few comments on the above subject, inasmuch as your representatives recently visited my home at 256 Horton St. to offer their services, which I appreciate very much:

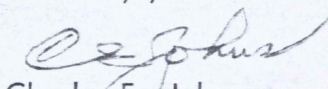
1. On seeing the new hot water heating system I had just installed, they indicated that, had I waited, they would have installed a new one free. However, they would be unable to reimburse me for the one I paid for. They would, however, install a new hot water boiler-heater (which I don't need, because mine is only four years old and working fine). They also said they have to replace all wiring, even though I had just re-arranged it into a new entrance service --everything is dry and safe. I also paid for the new entrance service (400-amp) with main disconnects, breakers, etc., together with new windows.
2. However, when inspecting a neighbor's home with a 5-year old cast iron boiler, they said they would replace it complete, even though the neighbor just paid a plumber to completely overhaul it and replace controls and circulator pump, etc.

I have now spent over \$1,200. in replacements of this sort, simply because I "took the bull by the horns" so my family could live there instead of the usual trailer, etc. and, since everything really converts to money in the long run, I cannot reconcile why there is a difference if they paid my bills (even for material only), when they would have paid someone to furnish and install other new equipment, had I waited---and probably paid more, since a great deal of the labor was my own.

It seems to me that, instead of getting people into their homes as soon as possible, that the current policy has the opposite effect of encouraging home-owners to wait as long as possible so they can get the work done free!

I realize that this must be a tremendously difficult program to get off the ground and coordinate, however, I felt the psychological impact was worth mentioning. If there is anything you can do to adjust this policy, it would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours


Charles E. Johns

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

October 26, 1972

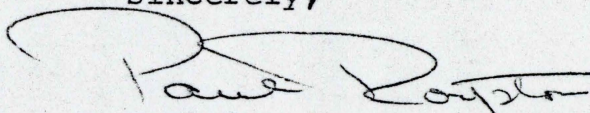
Honorable Max Rosenn
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Hotel Sterling
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Judge Rosenn:

Many thanks for your kind invitation to the reception this Thursday for Frank Carlucci. The "guest of honor" has been keeping me pretty well occupied here in Washington so I must regretfully decline.

I would like to add my sincere appreciation for your herculean efforts over the past few months and your most generous cooperation on the variety of tasks I was involved in. The Flood Recovery Task Force and Mrs. Frank Anderson in particular were also most helpful in getting the Total Living Environment Program off to an excellent start. Your dynamic leadership and genuine interest in assisting the flood-stricken families in the Valley was a great source of inspiration to all of us.

Sincerely,



Paul Royston
Program Coordination Division



SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

PROVINCIAL TOWER BUILDING
34 SOUTH MAIN STREET
WILKES-BARRE, PA. 18702

October 27, 1972

Honorable Max Rosenn
Federal Building
197 South Main
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701

Dear Judge Rosenn:

I wanted to bring you up to date on the cases you gave to me for review and possible changes.

Albert Stein

Our Asst. Loan Officer will call Mr. & Mrs. Stein and have them come in to discuss what can be done to assist them on their home loan.

Margie-Kay Sportswear - Maturity will be increased from 25 yrs. to 30 yrs.

Valley Vending Co. Maturity will be increased from 5 yrs. to 10 yrs.

Sirkin & Horowitz Term of loan was changed from 8 yrs to 10 yrs. We can't go any higher than that on this one. We are also going to increase subordination from \$20,000 to \$30,000. This was discussed with David Koff and he is in firm agreement with this. This conversation with Mr. Koff took place after he had written to you on Oct. 20.

Sperling Tobacco Co. We really can't do too much here. SBA must have Attendance by the Entirety in Pa. on both the husband and wife. The only other alternate would be for the husband to secure guaranty with collateral. SBA will call applicant and explain our position and see if he wants to provide an alternate.

Please keep me posted of any other complaints you may receive concerning SBA which you feel I may be of help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Eileen E. Posey

Mrs. Eileen E. Posey
Ombudsman

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October 30, 1972

MITCHELL JENKINS
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FRANK G. HARRISON
OF COUNSEL

Hon. Max Rosenn
Chairman, Flood Recovery Task Force
U.S. Federal Building
197 South Main Street
Room 229
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Max:

This office represents the 15 property owners in the section known as Colonial Village, Wyoming Borough, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, all of whose homes have been devastated by the flood of June 23rd.

The purpose of this correspondence is to seek your support in the taking of these properties by the Redevelopment Authority.

I know that you are fully familiar with the problems of the flood control project and especially the ponding area, all of which could be resolved by the taking of these properties.

While these individual property owners can never be made whole, the taking of their properties by the Redevelopment Authority would at least enable them in some measure to relocate and start life anew.

Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated.

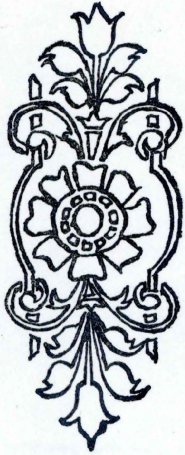
With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



HAROLD ROSENN

HR:asw



P O M E R O Y ' S

2 PUBLIC SQUARE WILKES-BARRE, PA. 18701 717 823-5101

November 1, 1972

Judge Max Rosenn
FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE
Hotel Sterling
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701

Dear Judge:

This letter will describe the current status of the Gulf Coast visit to Wyoming Valley.

Date: Saturday, December 2

Itinerary: Arrive Avoca 1 PM via Southern Airways DC-9, courtesy of Southern Airways.

- Travel by Martz buses
One bus carrying choir to visit group mobile home sites for purpose of caroling.
Second bus carrying others - activity yet to be planned.
- All meet in Rotunda of Court House at approximately 4:30
choir to sing. Possibility of Leontyne Price to appear as soloist.
- Tree lighting at about 5:30.
- Dinner and cocktails to be arranged 7-9:30 PM. We are hosts.
- Departure from Avoca 10 PM.

Visitors: 40 person choir
6 mayors
6 Junior Chamber of Commerce presidents
10-20 others
75 maximum

WILKES-BARRE - POTTSVILLE - MIDWAY SHOPPING CENTER - WYOMING VALLEY MALL
Member: Allied Stores Corporation

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Gifts: Ed Lashford to arrange for appropriate gifts.

Community

Tree: Dave DeCosmo will work with Bob Edgerton to buy, erect, trim, and arrange for future take down. Expense to be borne by Biloxi-Gulfport. To avoid legal problems of advancing County money, Pomeroy's will provide necessary funds.

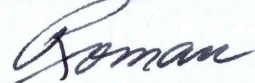
Toys for

Tots: Various J.C. groups are raising funds to fund expanded Toys for Tots program in Valley. Pomeroy's working with U.S. Marines Reserve unit at Wyoming. Probably should arrange a presentation ceremony at Airport with selected families from each of group sites. Biloxi putting much effort into this. Solicitation has spread through entire Southern Airways system.

Books: Nat. Defense Transportation Association working on book drive. Possibility of presentation here with Miss Esser (Osterhout) and Miss Barrett (King's Library) receiving on behalf of all affected libraries.

Will keep you posted as we develop more details.

Sincerely,



Roman Rubinstein

RR/vns

cc: Mr. Robert Masoner
Bell Tel. Co.



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The Rev. Jule Ayers, D.D., Minister
The Rev. M. Richard Bevan, Ass't. Minister
Myron G. Leet, Minister of Music

November 3, 1972

The Honorable Max Rosenn
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Hotel Sterling
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Max,

Thank you for the memo which gave me the names of the people we were with in Biloxi. I have kept in touch with several who were close to me, and I intend to keep up that contact.

It was a great experience to go there, and the report which I have just received of our composite reactions is excellent. We know you hold immense responsibility these days and our love and prayers are with you and your family.

Sincerely,

Jule Ayers

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Honorable Max Rosenn

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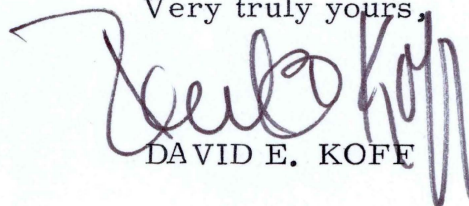
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also suggested to SBA as an alternative that SBA escrow the funds and follow the construction loan procedure. The local SBA officials indicate that they do not have the staff to conduct the on sight inspections for a progress payment schedule. Further, they do not have the staff at this time to process construction loans. As a result, our client, and I am certain other mass production builders, are hesitant to construct homes for flood victims.

After reviewing this situation in great depth with officials of Hanover Homes as well as officials of local banking institutions, it is the considered opinion of all concerned that the best, most effective way to handle this problem is for SBA to issue a firm commitment to a local bank that if the bank undertakes a construction loan of an amount as stated in the authorization and the construction takes place and the bank so certifies and advances the funds, SBA will take out the construction loan mortgage. This solution relieves SBA of a great deal of paper work as well as the need for securing a staff for periodic inspections. It places into the hands of the local bank the problems of a construction loan with which they are already familiar. As a further matter, there is ample precedent for such a method of construction for this is the exact same method of financing followed under Section 236 of the National Housing Act.

If you need any further information, please be in touch with me. If the Task Force can be of assistance in this matter, I believe it will greatly benefit the construction of new homes for flood victims.

Very truly yours,



DAVID E. KOFF

DEK/njk

SBA

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Honorable Max Rosenn
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197 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Judge Rosenn:

A problem has arisen concerning Small Business Administration authorizations to flood victims for the construction of new homes. I draw this problem to your attention because I am of the opinion that the Flood Recovery Task Force can be instrumental in solving the problem and facilitating the construction of new homes for flood victims.

The facts surrounding the problem are as follows: When a flood victim receives an authorization from SBA, the authorization generally states several conditions precedent to the consummation of the loan. Further, the authorization is not a commitment to escrow funds for new construction but rather is an offer of a line of credit. That line of credit, of course, can be withdrawn at anytime. If a flood victim having received such an authorization went to a contractor and the contractor was engaged to construct a new home, the contractor would have no way of knowing whether or not the owner had conformed to the conditions precedent in the authorization. Further, the contractor has no certain method for receiving progress payment as the building is erected.

Our client, Hanover Homes, has had more than 50 inquiries in the fashion mentioned above. Our client has suggested to the local officials of SBA that they remit the funds to a local banking institution and that the local banking institution be responsible for the disbursement of the funds under the normal rules of a construction loan. As a matter of policy, SBA will not do so. Our client has



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Flood 717 823-1859

November 6, 1972

Honorable Max Rosenn
Chairman,
Flood Task Force Inc.
Hotel Sterling,
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you , and your committee, for your letter of October 30th. May I commend you for your interest in our traffic problems, and also for the suggestions you have offered.

We have assigned Patrolmen, during the peak traffic hours, to the specific points that you have noted in your letter. We hope this will help remedy the problem. Once again I thank you for your interest and if I can be of assistance in any future matters, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

John W. Ruddick
John W. Ruddick
Chief of Police



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
Pennsylvania State Employment Service

32 East Union Street
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.
November 10, 1972

to Andy Shaw

Max Rosenn, Chairman
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Hotel Sterling
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Mr. Rosenn:

Your request for copies of employment questionnaires completed by various employers in Wyoming Valley, was discussed with higher officials of our Bureau because of its confidential nature.

We regret to inform you that we are unable to provide your Task Force with this information as it would violate our agreement with employers.

We are sorry we cannot comply with your request at this time.

Very truly yours,

Fred J. Peters
Wilkes-Barre City Manager

FJP:hpk

1. Assistance to the Flood Recovery Task Force to aid it in providing citizen input and citizen leadership for the future planning and redevelopment of the flood stricken communities and providing assistance to these communities in ascertaining their future needs in rehabilitation;

2. Assistance ^{by the F.R.T.F.} in coordinating the efforts of each of the municipalities in the flood stricken area of Wyoming Valley in their planning and development for the rehabilitation and future of the area;

3. Assistance to all political subdivisions in the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania relating to government structure, eroding tax base as a result of the flood, and in developing efficient government and maximum coordinated services;

4. Developing additional resources, financial and otherwise, to aid flood stricken victims of Hurricane Agnes;

5. Aid in expediting reconstruction and construction of highways, bridges, cross-valley expressway and mass transportation system for the Wyoming Valley.

Michael O'Connell or
825-8611 ^{att. Doyle}
ext. 501-
Rm. 1014
14th Cross Hall



Bell of Pennsylvania

222 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701
Phone: (717) 822-6171

Robert W. Masoner
District Manager

November 10, 1972

The Honorable Max Rosenn
197 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701

Dear Max:

I was pleased to learn yesterday that you will be able to attend our special Bell news tour luncheon on November 27.

In order to provide you with the total picture I would like to give you some information about the program. We will be inviting news men and women to Wyoming Valley for a first-hand look at how Bell has recovered from the disastrous June flood. Bell of Pennsylvania's flood losses and restoration efforts carry a 25 million dollar price tag. The tour will include a visit to Bell's restored major switching center in Wilkes-Barre and reporters and broadcasters will have an opportunity to see much of the Wyoming Valley and get a local assessment of the flood recovery program and outlook in that area.

A luncheon is scheduled for noon at the Treadway Inn where Hervey W. Froehlich, Central Area Vice President and General Manager will present a 15-minute talk and be available for a question and answer session. I have allotted 15 minutes to you so that you can inform the group of the status of the community's flood restoration program. I anticipate that our program will adjourn no later than 2 p.m.

You are welcome to join us at 10 a.m. at the Wilkes-Barre switching office located at 222 S. Main Street where an excellent film depicting the damage done by Hurricane Agnes in Wyoming Valley will be shown and a short tour of the building will take place. Should your schedule not permit this, I will look forward to seeing you at the Treadway at 12 noon.

Thank you for your kind consideration in accepting this invitation.

Sincerely,

RW Masoner
District Manager

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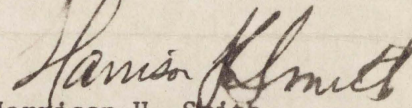
Mr. Roland Weeks, Jr.
General Manager
Gulf Publishing Company, Inc.
P. O. Box 4567
Biloxi, Mississippi 39531

Dear Roland:

I understand that Max Rosenn who was Chairman of the Flood Recovery Task Force when you were here last year has been in touch with you concerning some type of program in which representatives of our Valley would participate.

I am enclosing a dozen tear sheets of our Sunday editorial page drawing your attention to the editorial "Lest We Forget" and at the same time suggest that you may wish to send copies to the other members of your committee.

Sincerely,


Harrison H. Smith

Enc.

cc: Judge M. Rosenn

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
November 14, 1972

The Honorable Max E. Rosenn
Judge of the Court of Appeals
for the Third Judicial Circuit
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

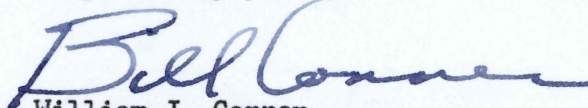
Dear Judge Rosenn:

Frank Carlucci advised me that he talked with you concerning the public misuse of the EDA funds to employ local political figures in positions of responsibility with local governments under conditions which might lead to abuse.

I have reviewed this matter with Mr. Clifford Rossigol, Head of the office of EDA, and he has provided me with the attached news clipping which indicates how he recently answered some of these criticisms. I have gone over the matter with Cliff, and he seems to be alert to the possibility of abuse and determined to see that those who serve in policy making positions under his program are qualified and are prevented from placing themselves in positions involving conflicts of interest or develop compensation.

Cliff would be glad to talk with you concerning this matter and give you further details. His number in Wilkes-Barre is 825-8783.

Respectfully yours,



William J. Conner
Executive Assistant to the
President's Special Representative

Encl.

Curwood Won't Be Paid by EDA for Coordinator Post

Luzerne County Treasurer William C. Curwood will continue to serve as disaster recovery coordinator for Shickshinny Borough—but he will serve without compensation and the funds which had been earmarked for his salary will be used to employ two administrators who will spend full time on recovery-related matters.

Clifford Rossignol, head of the U. S. Economic Development Administration office in Wilkes-Barre, indicated that the two still-unnamed administrators would receive salaries of about \$7,500 apiece. Mr. Curwood, he said, will receive no money from the \$50,000 technical administration grant approved for Shickshinny by the EDA on September 28.

Curwood, who had been serving simultaneously as county treasurer and as Shickshinny disaster recovery coordinator since being named to that post by the borough council on August 15, will be compensated for any expenses he may have incurred, Rossignol reported, but the total will be "no large sum."

The county treasurer, who last week told the Times-Leader Evening News, Record that he saw no conflicts of interest and nothing irregular in his serving in the dual roles, has been notified of the change in his position and has agreed to the change, Mr. Rossignol said.

It was also disclosed that EDA is attempting to involve a broader cross-section of "local talent" in the recovery efforts of flood-hit communities. This is consistent with the Federal agency's goal, as stated by EDA technical assistance specialist Morton W. Harmel, of attempting to build a "local capability" to cope not only with disaster situations but also with other situations and problems which require full-time attention at the local government level. Harmel said the technical assistance grants given to communities by EDA could be considered "seed money" or an "initial push" towards increasing a local government's capabilities and that the Federal funds would ultimately provide a municipality with a full-time staff capability at the local level.

Although EDA is not barring municipal solicitors from serving in paid administrator capacities under the technical assistance grants, it was noted, the agency is taking steps to restrict the use of solicitors in such positions. Those solicitors named by a municipal governmental body to a grant administrator position will be required to provide signed affidavits to the effect that they will spend full time on the duties of the post.

It was stated that EDA would like to see broader community involvement and for example, a businessman who had been hit by the flood or a recently-discharged Vietnam veteran named to administer a community's technical assistance grant. EDA also expects those named to the administrative posts to serve

full time in the post, putting in as many hours on the job as he would if he were employed in private industry.

The governmental body of a community applying for a technical assistance grant has the right to name a person to become coordinator of the Federal funds it will receive, but EDA has the final say on approval or disapproval of the appointment.

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Honorable Max Rosenn
Federal Office Building
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From:

E. Schechter
P. O. Box 190
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18703

Andrew Shaw, Jr.
Executive Director

Dear Max:

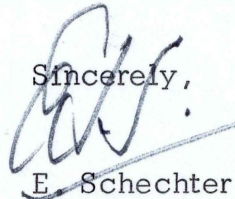
At the FRTF Transportation Committee meeting on November 16th, we spent our entire hour discussing the problems of expediting LR-1052, North Cross Valley Expressway. It was agreed to delay any decision re a major meeting until after additional investigation definint the extent of and reason for the reported delay. Specifically, Kiley will discuss the matter with Martin Murray; Bigler with Frank O'Connell; Corbett with Bernie O'Brien; Corbett will bring the matter to the attention of the city council; and I will discuss the matter with Secretary Kassab, Dave Schooley and John Hourigan.

I have talked to Kassab and he claims there is no reason in his mind why there should be any change in the originally announced date - 4th quarter 1974 - for the completion of section 2 of 1052. He was not aware of the detailed schedule which we have reviewed here. This is being sent to him and he has promised to communicate with me again shortly. (See attached correspondence).

In addition to these specific assignments, our committee has agreed that EDC will draft a paper justifying the consideration of 1052 as an emergency, flood related, project. Hopefully this will be submitted for discussion at our next committee meeting, Friday, November 24th. Bigelow will also determine from AAA, Harrisburg representative, the precise current position of the highway budget. There seems to be considerable difference between the governor's staff, who maintain the matter is being tied up by inaction in the House of Representatives, and certain members of the other party, who believe that it is the governor who is responsible for holding up action on transportation related projects.

I will report more as additional information becomes available on this complicated subject.

Sincerely,



E. Schechter

ES/k
cc: Andy Shaw

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From:
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Andrew Shaw, Jr.
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Mr. Jacob G. Kassab
Secretary of Transportation
Department of Transportation
Commonwealth and Forster Streets
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

Dear Jake:

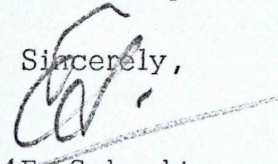
Referring to our telephone conversation of yesterday afternoon on the subject of LR 1052, North Cross Valley Expressway, the attached schedule looks to us like what a realistic evaluation of 1052 would be today. The schedule is only for Section 2 and no similar detailed analysis of the various stages and phases has as yet been developed for Sections 1 or 3.

This extends by two years the completion date you estimated, when, on August 17th, you indicated that Section 2 foundations would be let by the end of 1972, the superstructure would be bid by May 1973, and the bridge would be completed during the 4th quarter of 1974.

We are very concerned about any delays to this vitally needed structure. It was obvious in the pre-flood days that traffic demands of the present as well as for the future required the early construction of this bridge. The flood has taught us that it is a vitally needed link to maintain the necessary basic services for our community in any emergency.

I would appreciate your reviewing the enclosed and discussing with me your evaluation of this data. We want to hold to that late 1974 completion date. If this new schedule is now realistic is there anything we can do to gain back those two lost years?

Sincerely,


E. Schechter

ES/k

LR 1052
Section 2

Schedule, 11/16/72

Approach Embankment Grading West Side

Submit final construction plan	12/1/72
Advertise and let	1/1/73
Award contract	3/1/73
Complete embankment	11/30/73

Substructure

Submit to PUC	11/15/72
PUC field review	12/15/72
PUC hearing	2/15/73
PUC order	4/15/73
Complete right-of-way acquisition	8/1/73
Submit final construction plans	8/1/73
Advertise and let	11/1/73
Award contract	12/30/73
Complete piers, East half of river	11/30/74
Complete piers, West half of river	11/30/75

Superstructure

Many tasks leading to:

Contract award by	1/1/75
Complete East half by	4th quarter '75
Complete balance by	4th quarter '76

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

STERLING HOTEL
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18701

11/20/72

MEMO TO: Judge Rosenn

FROM: Alice E. Ellman

Enclosed are:

1. A copy of the invitation to the reception for the Biloxi delegation for those who pay
2. A copy of the invitation to the reception for the Biloxi delegation for those who do not pay
3. A copy of the memo inviting people to the November 29th meeting. Richard Ehst is Vice President of the First Valley Bank in Kingston (the President of the bank is based in Bethlehem). George Stozenski is the Wilkes-Barre manager of Pennsylvania Power and Light.

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20 November 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Newman
150 New Alexander Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Newman:

We hope that you will join us in hosting a dinner reception the evening of December 2nd in honor of a group of approximately 100 Biloxians who will be arriving in Wilkes-Barre that day. The purposes of the reception are to return the warm hospitality shown the delegation from Wyoming Valley that went to Biloxi in October, and to demonstrate the Valley's appreciation of the continuing interest the people of the Biloxi-Gulfport region have shown in its recovery from the effects of the June flood.

The visitors from Mississippi will tour several mobile home parks, light a Christmas tree, and present gifts to Valley children at the Courthouse, and then proceed to Irem Temple Country Club where the reception will be held at six o'clock.

The cost of our guests' drinks and dinners will be covered by funds raised in the business community for that purpose, but it will be Dutch Treat at \$10 per person for those of us who will be acting as hosts and hostesses.

If you will be able to attend the reception, please make your reservations by sending your check, payable to Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc., to Mrs. Alice Ellman at Task Force headquarters by November 27th.

Sincerely yours,

R. W. Masoner
Roman Rubinstein
Robert Masoner
Roman Rubinstein
Co-Chairmen
Hospitality Committee

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20 November 1972

Commissioner Edmund C. Wideman, Jr.
31 West Market Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Bud:

The Task Force extends a cordial invitation to you and Mrs. Wideman to attend a dinner reception in honor of a group of visitors from Biloxi, Mississippi at the Irem Temple Country Club at six o'clock, the evening of December 2nd. The purposes of the reception are to return the warm hospitality shown the delegation from Wyoming Valley that went to Biloxi in October, and to demonstrate the Valley's appreciation of the continuing interest the people of the Biloxi-Gulfport region have shown in its recovery from the effects of the June flood. As you are playing a vital role in the recovery effort, your presence will be greatly appreciated.

Please let Mrs. Alice Ellman at Task Force headquarters know if you and Mrs. Wideman will be able to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Max Rosenn
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Max Rosenn
Chairman

MR:are

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Sordoni, III, George Stozenski

FROM: Judge Max Rosenn

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has asked me to invite you to be its guest at a luncheon meeting at noon on Wednesday, November 29th in the Adams Room of the Hotel Sterling. The Department's Dr. Eli Cohen and his staff will discuss a study they are making on the impact of the June flood on the elderly.

Please reply to Mrs. Alice Ellman at Flood Recovery Task Force headquarters.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
November 22, 1972

Honorable Max Rosenn
Chairman
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Hotel Sterling
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Judge Rosenn:

Mrs. Conner and I are most pleased to be invited to the dinner reception for the visitors from Biloxi, Mississippi at the Irem Country Club at six o'clock on December 2, 1972. We are planning to attend and will look forward to a pleasant and informative evening.

Cordially yours,

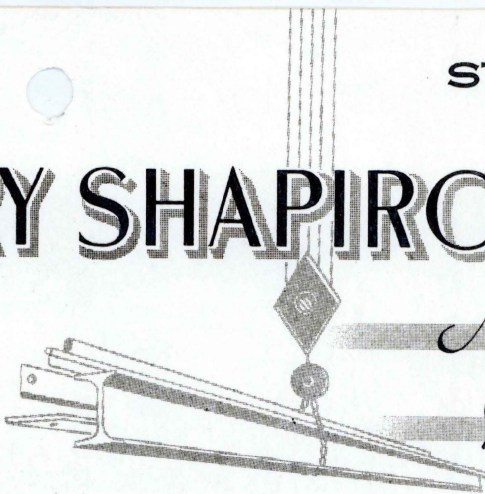

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November 22, 1972

Honorable Max Rosenn
197 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Max:

The SBA has just recently authorized a business loan for Selig and me, but they have stipulated certain conditions which seem to us to be unnecessarily restrictive and demanding. In particular, they have insisted on requiring our wives to sign all documents, a principle which we find unacceptable and distasteful.

We have a long history of excellent and profitable operation; we have very substantial equity in real estate to be covered by the mortgage; our last financial statement reflected a financially sound position. Since my father started this business in 1904, no bank has ever requested the signature of our wives.

The rigid attitude displayed by the SBA ignores the concept of relief from a disaster which is the government policy and for which purpose they have been designated the vehicle. To revert to normal practises in this situation is to overlook the needs and exigencies of hundreds of businessmen in our position.

We believe that the SBA should be induced to adopt a more accomodating attitude. We hope that you will use your good offices to attempt to accomplish this. Perhaps you might feel that it is important enough to all disaster areas to contact Senator Scott and ask him to take such action as he deems appropriate as soon as possible.

Be assured that we will be most appreciative not alone for ourselves but for all others in a similar position.

Most sincerely,

LS.d

cc: Mr. Robert Baul
SBA Wilkes-Barre

Ralph C. Mathewson
1025 Exeter Avenue
West Pittston, Pennsylvania 18643

In Re: Consolidation Under Corporate (Charter)
East and West Side Communities
Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Honorable Max Rosenn
U. S. Judge, Third Circuit
United States Court of Appeals
2046 U. S. Courthouse
Ninth and Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

All communities in the flood area:

Lackawanna County line-combine and join into two large communities (cities).

To enhance the opportunities of obtaining federal and state aid (grants).

Not a Council of Governments-"A Coalition."

Formation of a New Wilkes-Barre City (charter) corporation; incorporating:

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FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

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WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18701

To: Judge Rosenn

From: Betty Schuchter.

Here is how markers now
stand on the remaining of
the North St. Bridge.

Dear Max:

I fully expected to contribute to the costs of the delightful dinner Saturday at Irem Temple Country Club - but as you and Tillie wanted me to be your guest, I accept the return of the money and thank you for your thoughtfulness.

The evening was especially happy for me, not only because I had time to

visit with a relative I hardly ever see,
but also because it was a super event
that couldn't fail to impress the
Southern guests with the all-out "Northern
hospitality" shown to them. I thought
you handled your duties admirably!

Sincerely,

Cornie Lidas

12-5-72

William W. Scranton
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503

November 27, 1972

The Honorable Max Rosenn
United State Court of Appeals
Federal Building
Wilkes Barre, Pa. 18701

Dear Judge Rosenn:

In Governor Scranton's absence, I wish to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your letter of November 21 and the enclosed copy of Senator Scott's letter.

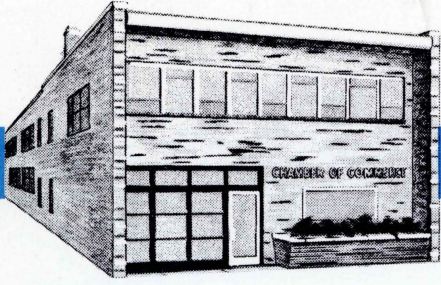
Governor Scranton did read your letter just prior to leaving for Minneapolis and he asked me to thank you for sending it on to him.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) L. Keene
Secretary to
William W. Scranton



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November 28, 1972

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The Honorable Max Rosenn, Chairman
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
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Dear Max:

I want to acknowledge your recent communications and let you know what disposition I had taken with regard to them.

First, I want to refer to your latest letter of November 14, addressed to Colonel Louis Prentiss. This matter of the islands in the River channel had been called to the attention of the Corps by the Flood Control Committee some time ago. However, we have not heard anything from them specifically.

I am hoping we shall have an opportunity to talk with Colonel Prentiss when he is here for the Public Hearing on December 5th. Incidentally, I have succeeded in arranging for Frank Townend to meet with Colonel Prentiss at that time in the hopes that we can settle the present controversy quietly without resorting to the mass media.

I also want to acknowledge your letter of November 10th in which you wrote about the conversation you had had with Harden Coon and suggested that he serve on the Flood Control Committee. We have extended an invitation to him and hope that he will be able to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, December 5th.

Finally, I am getting around to your letter of October 13th in which you enclosed a communication from Ralph C. Matheson concerning the preservation of the Susquehanna River Basin. I had previously received the same material from Mr. Mathewson and understand that he had sent it to a rather long list of people.

I have learned through Robert Bielo, Executive Director, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, that this proposal has been brought up several times before. Evidently, there is sufficient reason not to have the Corps of Engineers give too much consideration to it. Presumably, it is fraught with both social and political problems.

...continued

The Honorable Max Rosenn

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November 28, 1972

According to the information I have received, Mr. Mathewson's proposal would ultimately end up with having communities such as Towanda completely under water. I am sure that there is considerable validity behind his proposal, but I am fearful that this area has been built up so much that it cannot become a reality.

If you think it will serve any useful purpose, I will be very happy to make a date with Mr. Mathewson and sit down and talk with him about the proposal. I have not done it thus far because my schedule has been so extremely crowded. However, I would anticipate that I might be able to do it some time between now and the holidays.

Peace be with you,

Roy

Roy E. Morgan
President

REM:nl

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NOVEMBER 28, 1972

JUDGE MAX ROSENN
c/o FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.
SECOND FLOOR
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RE: MR. AND MRS. JACK FRIER

DEAR JUDGE ROSENN:

I AM USING THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED FLOOD DISASTER VICTIM AS AN EXAMPLE OF A PROBLEM THAT IS CONFRONTING MANY OF US HERE IN THE WILKES-BARRE AREA.

IF A FLOOD DISASTER VICTIM HAD PERSONAL PROPERTY LOSSES SUBJECT TO A PERSONAL PROPERTY LOAN OF \$10,000.00 AND HAD REAL ESTATE LOSSES AS WELL, THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WILL ONLY GRANT THE \$10,000.00 PERSONAL PROPERTY LOAN IF THE BORROWER IS WILLING TO COLLATERALIZE SUCH A LOAN WITH A MORTGAGE ON THE REAL PROPERTY.

IF THE REAL PROPERTY SUSTAINED SUCH SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE THAT THE BORROWER DOES NOT WISH TO RECONSTRUCT AND HE SUBSEQUENTLY SELLS SUCH REAL PROPERTY INASMUCH AS THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION HOLDS A MORTGAGE ON IT, THE PROCEEDS OF THAT SALE WILL THEN SERVE TO SATISFY THE PERSONAL PROPERTY LOAN, THEREBY EFFECTIVELY DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THIS VICTIM BY ELIMINATING ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY LOAN VALUE OTHER THAN THE FORGIVENESS FACTOR.

THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION CONTENTS THAT BY CHANGING THE NATURE OF THE REAL ESTATE LOAN FROM RECONSTRUCTION TO RELOCATION, THESE FUNDS WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE AVAILABLE TO THE BORROWER AGAIN. HOWEVER, THIS PRESUPPOSES THAT THE VICTIM WILL BE ABLE TO FIND A PROPERTY TO RELOCATE WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD PRESCRIBED BY THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. IF THEY CANNOT DO THIS OR CANNOT MAKE UP THEIR MIND WITHIN THIS TIME PERIOD THEN THE FOREGOING SITUATION WILL HOLD TRUE. THEY WILL HAVE RECEIVED NEITHER A PERSONAL PROPERTY LOAN NOR A REAL ESTATE LOAN AND THUS WILL BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST THESE VIS-A-VIS A FLOOD VICTIM WHO OWNED NO REAL PROPERTY TO BEGIN WITH.

ALTHOUGH I AM SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFYING THE FRIERS AS THE CASE IN POINT, I FIND THAT I AM REPRESENTING MANY OTHERS WHO ARE IN EXACTLY THE SAME PREDICAMENT.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Stephan Zneimer
STEPHAN ZNEIMER

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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30 November 1972

MEMO TO: Judge Max Rosenn

FROM: Andy Shaw

RE: State Activity in Flood Recovery

Perhaps the most significant, positive action on the part of the state agencies was to make survey and planning monies available to local redevelopment authorities almost immediately to expedite the redevelopment process.

A second positive aspect of state activity was the acquisition of mobile home park sites at a very early date.

Generally, I feel that the State did not respond as quickly or as effectively as expected because:

1. lack of "in-house" staff capability
2. lack of understanding of problems
3. political bickering

The State maintains it has done much more; however, I find it all very superficial.

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ROLAND WEEKS, JR.
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December 5, 1972

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The Honorable Max Rosenn
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
P. O. Box 1367
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Judge Rosenn:

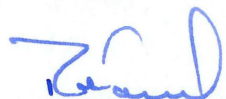
We returned from Wilkes-Barre safe and happy, and warmed once more by our association with the wonderful people of the Wyoming Valley.

The talk on the trip home was largely about the way you and your people are rebuilding so quickly and so effectively. It was hard for many of us to believe that those major shopping centers, wrecked by flood waters that touched the ceilings of the stores, were back in business.

I speak for all of our group when I say that we were deeply touched by the hospitality and warmth extended to us. The dinner and cocktail party were delightful. I only hope that our sheer numbers did not place too much of a burden on your hospitality.

Please remember that you will forever be welcome to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Cordially,


Roland Weeks, Jr.



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Dec. 10, 1972

In Honor Of Mississippians

A Bridge Called Friendship

"Under construction: Coast-to-Valley bridge."

This was the title of a featured article in a weekend supplement of the Biloxi Daily Herald, shortly before the whirlwind trip here last weekend of the spirited group of citizens and municipal leaders from a half dozen Gulf Coast communities.

Pictured on the cover of the supplement, which is called "Mississippi Scene," was a local artist's drawing of a "bridge" connecting south central Mississippi to northeastern Pennsylvania. The feature was designed to stimulate even further interest on the part of leaders of the area, to pay a second visit to Wyoming Valley, and to identify with the "spirit of Christmas," in addition to helping boost morale of flood victims.

The visit of some 60 business and civic leaders of the Gulfport-Biloxi area, together with the Perkinson Junior College Choir, came as a glowing reminder to us, at the start of the Christmas season, of the "sister city" relationship which has continued between the two regions since their initial visit early in August—six weeks after the devastation of Tropical Storm Agnes. In addition, the visit was sparked by efforts of an enthusiastic group of Jaycees who, since their own disaster caused by Hurricane Camille, has undertaken to raise money annually for disaster relief work across the country.

Speaking of what he termed as a "bridge of Christmas spirit," one editor added: "Bridge building establishes lines of communication. For the builders of the 1,300 mile Gulf Coast-to-Wyoming Valley bridge," he continued to say, "there will be no concrete gratification, no visible monument for their efforts. Whatever pride or satisfaction the builders of that bridge may feel will be entirely emotional, entirely spiritual . . . but that's what Christmas is all about, isn't it?"

We in Wyoming Valley are now waiting patiently for one bridge, ruined

by the Susquehanna's wrath, to be reopened and later a bigger and better one to be built.

Residents of Wilkes-Barre have always called it the "North Street Bridge"—but if you live on the West Side, you probably call it "Pierce Street Bridge."

What better way could we show our "sister city" relationship than to name the new structure, when it is opened, "The Friendship Bridge"—and dedicate a plaque denoting that the bridge is named in honor of our southern friends who gave us aid and hope when we most needed it?

Redesignating the name of Wilkes-Barre's much needed second bridge, now being rushed to completion, would be a worthy project which could be undertaken by local Chambers of Commerce, as well as Jaycee groups representative of the immediate Wyoming Valley communities.

In this way, we could give something in return for all they have done for us—and have a concrete, visible reminder of their goodwill efforts.

Proud Achievement

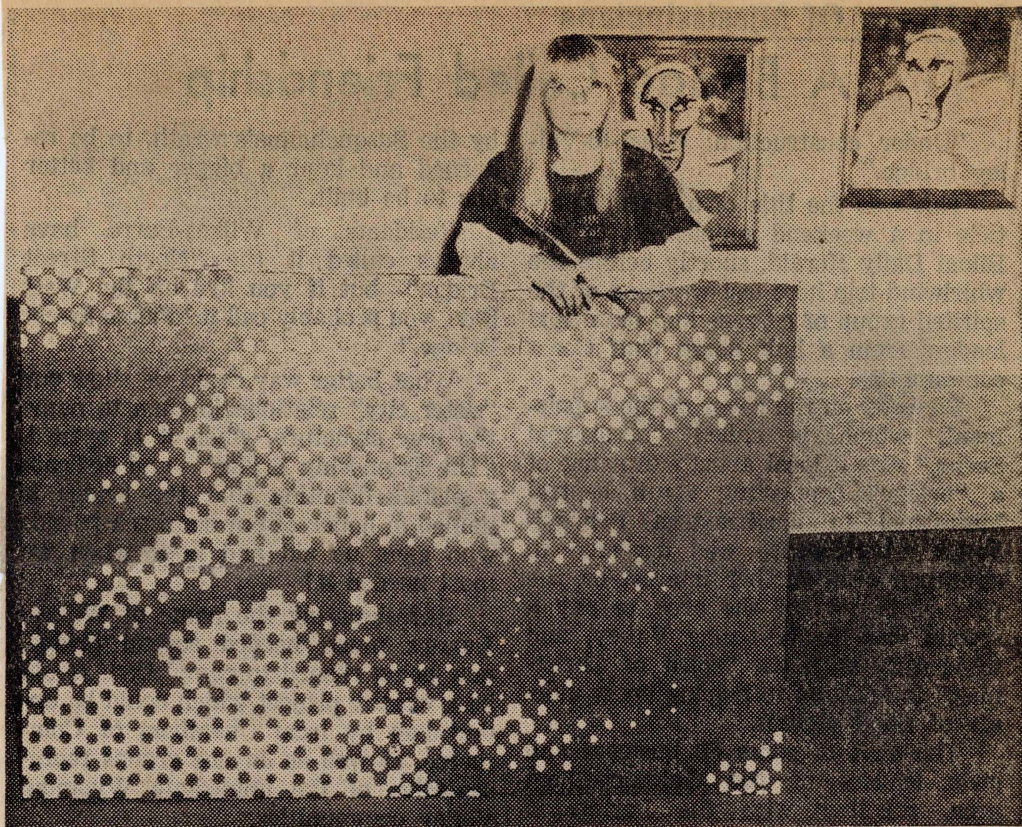
After one more flight, the Apollo program of moon exploration by manned space flights comes to an end. Fitting eulogy should be paid to what could prove to be the proudest U. S. achievement of this century.

The Apollo program destroyed nothing. It only added something to the stature of every American in the eyes of mankind. It only benefited the understanding, the imagination and the spirit of humanity. It has only opened up enormously fruitful areas of knowledge about how the world we live in was formed, and how it works.

Everyone of us shares in such knowledge and through it we share a little in the lives of the great discoverers of nature.

The Apollo program has been a work of merit, even of glory, in a critical time of U. S. history. If any achievement of mankind is remembered, this

Wilkes Art Exhibit Opens Today



A colorful exhibit of paintings, photography, watercolors and drawings will be presented for public viewing beginning tonight and extending through Saturday at the Conyngham Art Gallery on the Wilkes College campus.

The show will offer the words of Miss Cathy Kosiek, above, senior fine arts major at Wilkes College.

The presentation of her works will mark for Miss Kosiek the high point in her four years of specialized fine arts study at Wilkes College and is

in keeping with the practice by the school of having each senior offer their works for public viewing.

Miss Kosiek, currently a resident of Wilkes-Barre, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kosiek, South River, N. J.

First Male Welcomed as New Member of Postal Clerks Unit

Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania Postal Clerks Auxiliary of the American Postal Workers Union met recently at the Genetti Hotel with Mrs. Maureen Stanton, vice president, presiding. Twenty-two members were in attendance.

The meeting opened with the auxiliary prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Business reports were given by Mrs. Peg DelGuidice, Mrs. Dale Munzing and Mrs. Mary Kosick.

William Tosline was accepted as a new member. He is the first male to join the auxiliary since it was organized. Mrs. Tosline is employed as a clerk in the post office thereby making Mr. Tosline eligible in becoming a member of the auxiliary.

Mrs. Pat Bottger gave a report on the Christmas dinner-meeting which will be held December 13 in the El Cyd Room of the Genetti Hotel. There will be a cocktail hour at 7 p. m. Members will exchange two dollar gifts. They will also donate Toys for Tots. These are to be gift wrapped and specified whether the toy is for a boy or girl and about what age, thus making it much easier for the Marines in

Leftover Beef

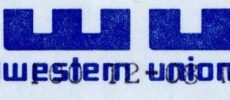
Leftover roast beef can be spruced up for second-day service by heating in a wine sauce. For Second-Day Beef Burgundy slice cooked roast and cut in strips. Stir into hot gravy to which burgundy has been added to taste. Add sliced fresh mushrooms, cover and cook slowly until heated through. Serve over cooked noodles or rice.

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Flood Recovery Force

JUDGE MAX ROSEN
HOTEL STERLING
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THE FLOOD VICTIMS ACTION COUNCIL OF WYOMING VALLEY INVITE YOU TO AN
EMERGENCY PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY DEC 14, 1972 AT 7:30PM
IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THE COUGHLIN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL NORTH WASHINGTO
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ST WILKES BARRE A SEAT DESIGNATED WITH YOUR NAME WILL BE RESERVED ON T
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PLATFORM THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC EMERGENCY MEETING IS TO
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FROM THE FLOOD AGNES AND THAT CERTAIN FEDERAL AGENCIES HAVE
NOTIFIED THE URBAN RENEWAL OFFICIALS AND CONSULTANTS THAT LUZERNE COUN
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FUNDS AVAILABLE.
LUZERNE COUNTY SUFFERED MORE THAN \$1 BILLION IN DEVESTATION AND THERE
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ANYTHING LESS THAN OUR PRO RATED PERCENTAGE OF 69% OF THE URBAN RENEW
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December 4, 1972

Judge Max Rosenn
Chairman
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Post Office Box 1367
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Judge:

In spite of being repetitious, I must write to thank you again for all the wonderful courtesies you and your associates extended to our group on our visit to Wilkes-Barre last Saturday. The experience was one we shall always remember.

Last night Roland Weeks addressed a crowd which had assembled to witness the lighting of a Christmas Tree representing all of the Gulf Coast Cities and described our experiences during our visit to Wilkes-Barre.

We are indeed grateful for the opportunity of establishing these friendships which we sincerely hope will prove long lasting.

Please convey my personal appreciation as well as the appreciation of all our group to all of your fine people up there.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas, I am

Sincerely yours,

Donald Sutter

DS:jr

The party at the Country Club was particularly enjoyable, and the presents were an unexpected pleasure.

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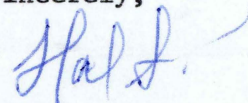
Judge Max Rosenn
197 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Dear Max:

Enclosed you will find copy of my editorial from Sunday's paper which may have escaped your notice.

I think this answers your question and I would hope that either you or Roy Morgan, as president of the Chamber of Commerce, might see fit to appoint a small committee to represent the Task Force and the Chamber to give formal backing to such a proposal which should be placed in the hands of the County Commissioners.

Sincerely,



Harrison H. Smith

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cc: Mr. Roy Morgan
Mr. E. Wideman

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HON. MAX ROSENN
FLOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE
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CONFIRMING APPROVAL OF A \$1,760,000 GRANT TO THE GREATER
WILKES-BARRE INDUSTRIAL FUND, INC. FROM THE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION TO HELP CREATE IMMEDIATE JOBS FOR
UNEMPLOYED IN LUZERNE COUNTY. FUNDS WILL BE USED TO
HELP DEVELOP THE 640-ACRE HANOVER TWP. INDUSTRIAL PARK.
BEST WISHES,
U.S. SENATOR HUGH SCOTT

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Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.

Nursing Report

From: Melody Hardy

Date: January 2, 1973

To: Judge Rosenn

Mrs. Anderson asked that I send you the enclosed documents. One is a note and carbon copy from Congressman Flood sent to you c/o the Welfare Planning Council. The others are copies of a letter and minutes from Thomas P. Saxton. I will call later in the week to see about arranging the meeting Mr. Saxton requested.

MH:dw

Enclosures (3)

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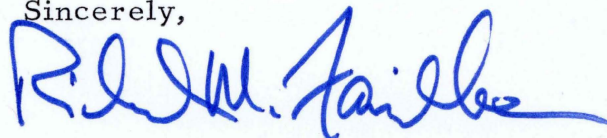
January 2, 1973

Dear Judge Rosenn:

President Nixon has asked that I respond to your thoughtful letter of December 29 which forwarded a copy of the recent release by the Wyoming Valley Flood Recovery Task Force supporting so eloquently the efforts over the past months of Frank Carlucci in his role as the President's Personal Representative.

Thank you very much for your expressions of support and confidence. I know that the warmth of your appreciation for the job done by Mr. Carlucci is matched by his respect for you and for the heartening resilience of the citizens of the Wyoming Valley in coming back from the dark days of last summer.

Sincerely,



Richard M. Fairbanks
Staff Assistant to the President

Honorable Max Rosenn
Chairman
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Nursing Report

**THE
HOSPITAL
ASSOCIATION
OF PENNSYLVANIA**

James R. Neely
Executive Vice President

January 3, 1973

The Honorable Max Rosenn
Chairman
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
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Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Judge Rosenn:

Thank you for sending us the report of the Task Force entitled "Critical Shortage of Nursing Home Beds". The Committee on Nursing Homes is to be commended on their indepth analysis of the situation.

We are especially supportive of the "Conclusions and Recommendations" of the Committee calling for increases in reimbursement under Pennsylvania's Medical Assistance Program for both skilled nursing and intermediate care.

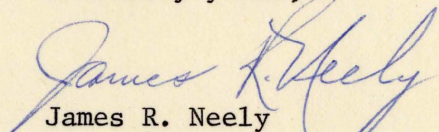
You may recall from your experience as Secretary of Public Welfare that the stance (position) of The Hospital Association of Pennsylvania has long been one of urging the State to provide full and reasonable cost reimbursement for all levels of health care. Experience has shown that needed acute hospital beds are often occupied by patients who warrant a lesser (alternate) level of care, unavailable elsewhere in the community because of inadequate reimbursement. This placed a burden on physician, hospital, patient and family.

Please assure the Task Force and Committee membership that their recommendation is heartily endorsed by The Hospital Association of Pennsylvania.

I had several on my professional staff review in detail the Committee on Nursing Home report and enclose their comments for your consideration.

Again may I express our appreciation for being kept informed of your excellent progress under what I suspect is the most challenging experience you and your neighbors will ever have to endure.

Sincerely yours,


James R. Neely
Executive Vice President

JRN/TSP/cdm

Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Frank W. Anderson

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Nursing Report

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January 4, 1973

The Honorable Max Rosenn
197 S. Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear *Max* Judge Rosenn:

On Thursday, December 28, 1972 the Executive Committee of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the report prepared by the Human Services Committee of the Flood Recovery Task Force titled, Critical Shortage of Nursing Home Beds.

As you probably know, we had a staff member serve on the Committee which prepared the report and the Council is pleased to add its support to the recommendations found in the document.

We will continue to monitor the problem and provide whatever assistance we can to the eventual solution to the nursing home problem in the Wyoming Valley and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Yours truly,

Howard J. Grossman
Executive Director

HJG:sma

CC: Margaret Anderson
Andrew Shaw

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5 January 1973

The Honorable Max Rosenn
197 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Judge Rosenn:

We see in today's newspaper that Andy Shaw has already expressed his regret about your resigning the chairmanship of the Flood Recovery Task Force and we want you to know that we, too, will miss your wise leadership. We enjoyed working with you very much and greatly appreciated the help and understanding you gave us while we were settling into our jobs. Though we are certain that your successor will also help the Task Force be of real assistance to the Valley, we are glad to know that you are remaining on the Executive Committee and that, therefore, we will stay in contact with you.

Very truly yours,

Betty Schechter

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January 8, 1973

Honorable Max Rosenn, Chairman
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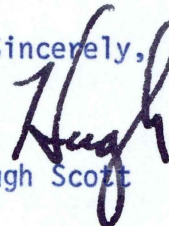
Dear Max:

Thanks so much for your letter on the Flood Recovery Task Force and your kind words about me. I am pleased we were able to be so responsive to the needs of our people.

Your observations are certainly well taken and I look forward to seeing that they are implemented. Let's hope we will not have to use them again to the same extent in Pennsylvania.

With best regard,

Sincerely,


Hugh Scott



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HARRISBURG

MILTON J. SHAPP
GOVERNOR

January 25, 1973

The Honorable Max Rosenn
Room 229, Federal Building
197 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Max:

Unfortunately, due to the deluge of mail recently, I have just had the opportunity of reading a copy of your letter of January 5th to Bill Wilcox.

I am sorry you have found it necessary to resign as Chairman of the Flood Recovery Task Force in Wilkes-Barre, but I can understand the pressures of all your other duties have made such a decision necessary.

Bill Wilcox has done an excellent job, but he could not have accomplished it without the great cooperation of people like yourself and others who have been serving on the Task Force.

Even though the flood has receded from the headlines and in the eyes of many public officials, I can assure you that the Administration in Harrisburg is going to continue to do everything it can to help individuals, businesses and communities that were damaged by the flood in every way possible.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would keep

The Honorable Max Rosenn

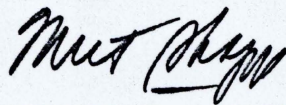
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in touch with me and Bill and advise at any time if there is anything we can do that we are not doing-- or stated another way, where our efforts might better be concentrated.

Once again, I wish to thank you for the service you have rendered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Milt Shapp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Milt" and last name "Shapp" clearly distinguishable.

MILTON J. SHAPP
Governor

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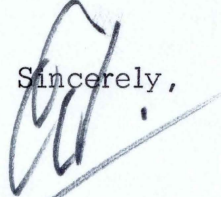
January 11, 1973

The Honorable Max Rosenn
Federal Office Building
Main and South Sts.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18703

Dear Max:

I know you will be happy to see the letter which I received today from Jake Kassab. I am sorry you were not able to be at that luncheon but it did go well, and the FRTF received very good publicity.

Sincerely,


E. Schechter

ES/k
attach.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

January 8, 1973

Mr. Edward Schechter, Chairman
Transportation Committee
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Hotel Sterling
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Ed:

I was almost as happy to receive your note as I was being in Wilkes-Barre last week. Believe me, Wednesday was one of the best days of my life. I still can't believe that birthday cake.

I'm very happy that everyone is excited about the opening of the bridge and more than happy that we were able to accomplish this so quickly. It couldn't have been done without your help, Ed. You, Judge Rosenn and the other fine people up there really contributed a lot. You can be sure that Governor Shapp recognized all of that.

I'll see you Thursday, and thanks again for your letter.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Kassab".

Jacob Kassab
Secretary of Transportation

HENRY GREENWALD

then say money
12/28/72

Dear Max

Just a hasty few lines to
complement you, particularly, & your
Task Force Committee generally, on your
statements in defense of Carlucci. I never
knew him, but I do know that he
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hope for the future, & let us know that
"Someone really cared". May I suggest
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Congratulations

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HG

HENRY GREENWALD

then say morning
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January 26, 1973

The Honorable Max Rosenn
Judge
Federal Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701

Dear Max:

Thank you very much for the clipping showing the photograph of our construction project in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. As a matter of fact, I had not seen it before and we are more than happy to have it for our files.

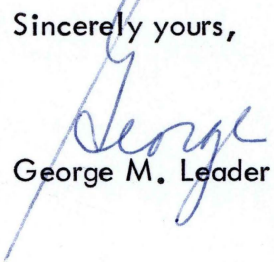
I quite agree with you that the Jersey Shore Hospital is one of the finest and best run small hospitals that I have come across. I hope that we will be equally successful with our project.

The home in Kingston is coming along very nicely although we have been having trouble keeping it filled. Apparently, the mortality rate of senior citizens immediately following the flood was abnormally high. We find ourselves in the position where all of the reports are showing a shortage of beds, yet virtually all of the nursing homes and hospitals have empty beds. Frankly, I am completely confused.

Mary Jane and I have missed seeing you and Tillie recently. I do hope that our paths will be crossing before long.

With best wishes to you and all of the members of the Rosenn family, I am

Sincerely yours,


George M. Leader

GML:jsm

Received of Judge Rosenn one desk corporate
seal for Flood Recovery Task Force.

Betty Schlechter

February 8, 1973

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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LUZERNE COUNTY
January 30, 1973
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18711

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400 Kidd St

The Honorable Judge Max Rosenn
197 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Judge Rosenn:

Colonel Louis W. Prentiss, Jr., of the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers, recently revealed the Corp's latest plans to contain a Hurricane Agnes level flood in the Wyoming Valley Area. This consists of raising the dikes two and one half feet (2½') above the two feet they will be raised by next Spring. It also would raise or rebuild the Market Street Bridge between Wilkes-Barre and Kingston, and the two Plymouth bridges from four (4) to six (6) feet at the abutments. Two of the bridges are State bridges, including Market Street and Carey Avenue (West End Road).

This would cost about \$62 million, of which half would be Federal, and half would be local.

A meeting is being held Saturday, February 17 at 1:30 P.M. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room at the County Court House to discuss this, or any refinements to it by the Corps, to see if agreement can be obtained, and ascertain the availability and timing of the non-Federal funds, and particularly State funds for the State bridges.

Yours truly,
For the Luzerne County Commissioners

P. J. Clarke
P. J. Clarke, Chief Clerk

EH/PJC:mss

Flood Recovery

1732 Madison Avenue
Dunmore, Pa. 18509
March 28, 1973

Honorable Max Rosenn
Judge, 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals
Federal Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701

Dear Judge Rosenn:

Thanks so much for your note of acknowledgement. I am grateful to you and many others for taking the time to write that they have read my Op-Ed article in the New York Times.

You're absolutely correct when you state that the picture I paint is bleak. Since the flood, I have become a bleak person when it comes to talking about the recovery. Let me say, however, that I have no doubts about the eventual, total recovery of the Valley--in time. What disturbs me most is these first stages we are not and have been going through. I guess, too, that post-flood recovery for myself, my family and friends, was our first real experience in dealing with government bureaucracy. You've been in public life a long time and I would suppose you know better than most of us what to expect when dealing with any government agency.

And maybe that's the point of my article. How do we deal effectively with our government? Why are human beings so cold to other human beings? Why does the S.B.A. treat people as if the loans are coming from their own pockets? Wouldn't it indeed have been cheaper and more expedient for the government to let the banks handle disbursing S.B.A. loans? The list goes on.

I realize there are some 20,000--maybe more--people to deal with and that's some task. Maybe I'm a Monday morning quarterback when I ask why the government was not prepared to deal with something like this. I also ask why organizations like the Susquehanna River Basin Compact didn't have the clout to build projects like the Tioga-Hammond dam project and a whole system of reservoirs and flood protection systems.

It's all so staggering and I feel truly gratified that organizations like the Flood Recovery Task Force are working so hard to right these wrongs. Nevertheless, these wrongs exist and continue to burden all of us. I felt a duty as both a journalist and a flood victim to write about the things I see as wrong. Further, I am glad to see, from the many phone calls and letters I have received that once again the national media will pay our area some much-needed attention.

I beg your forgiveness for my sermonizing, but I am appreciative that you did take time from your busy schedule to read the article and to forward it with your comments to the National Administrator.

Yours respectfully,

Jim
James Gray

INTER-FAITH FLOOD RECOVERY

140 EAST NORTHAMPTON STREET
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18701
(717) 825-7733

June 14, 1973

The Honorable Max Rosenn
197 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Judge Rosenn:

Since September of 1972, Inter-Faith Flood Recovery, a coalition of eight major religious bodies has been working in a variety of ways to provide relief and rehabilitation to the victims of the June 1972 flood. For several months now, we have asked ourselves a number of questions. How long should Inter-Faith Flood Recovery continue in operation? Is there a need for such a coalition of religious bodies beyond the flood emergency? If so, what would be its purpose or purposes? Should some of the present projects sponsored by Inter-Faith (e.g. Project Rebuild, which aids especially widowed and elderly flood victims in getting back into their homes) be "spun off" so that they can function on their own? What are the major issues confronting a community one year after the worst natural disaster ever to strike the United States?

In order to answer these questions in a responsible way, we at Inter-Faith have undertaken to sponsor a Metropolitan Planning Conference some time this autumn. A Metropolitan Planning Conference is a study in depth of the issues confronting a particular community. It provides an opportunity for conference participants to gain greater understanding of the complexity and interrelatedness of the problems, the interdependency of the various units of society, and the needs of the total metropolitan community. A conference does not seek to provide answers for the issues or solutions for the problems, but to arouse the Church and the community to take whatever steps are necessary to implement the insights gained from the conference.

We would like to ask you, as a key member of the Wyoming Valley community, to serve on the steering committee to prepare for the Metropolitan Planning Conference. We would deeply appreciate your help in this matter.

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We are inviting you to be our guest at a luncheon meeting at the .
Susquehanna Room of Hotel Sterling, Wilkes-Barre, on Thursday, June 21,
at 12:00 noon. Please let us know whether you can make it by calling
the Inter-Faith Flood Recovery Office during the day at 825-7733 or
825-8494 or in the evening at 474-5597 and talk with either Bob or Ruth
Hallett.

Hoping to see you on the 21st, we are

Sincerely yours,

Edward R. Scott

Rev. Edward R. Scott
Chairman, Board of Directors
Inter-Faith Flood Recovery

Henry Fairman

Rev. Henry Fairman
Chairman, Long-Range Planning Committee
Inter-Faith Flood Recovery

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

HOTEL STERLING

WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18701

717 - 829-1981

June 25, 1974

To: FRTF Executive Committee

From: Andrew Shaw, jr.

In accordance with telephone arrangements made between this office and yours, we have made a luncheon reservation for you for the FRTF Executive Committee's final meeting on Monday, July 1st.

The meeting will be held at 12:15 in the Blue Room, Hotel Sterling. I look forward to seeing you then.

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