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Subcommittee on Families, Health and the Aging

Dear Max -

August 18, 1972

Because life moves fast for us these days, and faster for you than most, I have not tried to call you but want you to know this subcommittee has been working and, I believe, to good effect.

Roy Morgan called me one night the first week of August and asked me to take this assignment. Agreed he, Ed Lashfore and I should get together in next day or so to select a committee. But these were busy people and days, the wires got mixed and I didn't hear until Tuesday morning, August 8, when Ed called to tell me of the Task Force meeting that noon at which Romney would appear. I went and afterward gave my committee list to Ed and Roy who agreed with it but felt it should have at least another lay person. I agreed in principle but felt this committee had two immediate jobs in the immediate future that required the full participation and cooperation of the executives of the agencies that would be key in this first phase of getting our social welfare fabric back in shape (and also, frankly, I could not think of a really key person, free to work, who was not already involved elsewhere, or else still buried in the mud). I felt our immediate goals were these:

1) to get the unified support and confidence of the key agencies behind the overall objectives of the Task Force and to this end frankly told them we had better hang together or we would hang separately in the face of the federal-state control of the immediate situation and of future funding - and

2) To get local in-put into the plans for recovery being formulated by federal-state agencies. For at that moment, the scene was dominated by National Red Cross, HUD, SBA, DPW etc. and the local agencies, both public and private, were just getting their phones in, their staffs assembled and organized and were pretty much on the fringes of the action.

Following the Aug. 8 Task Force meeting, Chuck Reynolds, the wonderful young guy who is head of the Welfare Planning Council, liked and trusted all over town, put our bits of information together and I laid out initial strategy. We met that afternoon with the UF heads of agencies and told them of this committee, that some of them would be asked to serve. We learned that day that NIMH was putting $500,000 into the county MH/MR program for " Crisis Intervention" - that CEO already had 30 out-reach workers in the flood areas, that CEO might get some modular ~~xhxx~~ units to house social services at the mobile home sites, that HUD was considering a social service program in the same sites, that Red Cross, nationally, was about to initiate an outreach program for the elderly under HEW, that Bureau for Aging had an outreach program. So, on the spot, we set up a group to coordinate all these outreach programs, bring them into one training program etc.

While Chuck worked on these and other things that week, I focused my efforts at the Red Cross Headquarters, (where I was working and handling referrals to local resources,) to find out the details of how they would wind down their paragram (the disaster effort) and set up ways we could utilize the mass of information they have about individual flood families in follow-up by local agencies. The cooperation here from the start has been tremendous. We also firmed up our contacts with HUD.

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(Cards in plastic covers)

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

Subcommittee on Families, Health and the Aging

August 18, 1972

Dear Max -

Because life moves fast for us these days, and faster for you than most, I have not tried to call you but want you to know this subcommittee has been working and, I believe, to good effect.

Roy Morgan called me one night the first week of August and asked me to take this assignment. Agreed he, Ed Lashfore and I should get together in next day or so to select a committee. But these were busy people and days, the wires got mixed and I didn't hear until Tuesday morning, August 8, when Ed called to tell me of the Task Force meeting that noon at which Romney would appear. I went and afterward gave my committee list to Ed and Roy who agreed with it but felt it should have at least another lay person. I agreed in principle but feelt this committee had two immediate jobs in the immediate future that required the full participation and cooperation of the executives of the agencies that would be key in this first phase of getting our social welfare fabric back in shape (and also, frankly, I could not think of a really key person, free to work, who was not already involved elsewhere, or else still buried in the mud). I felt our immediate goals were these:

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2) To get local in-put into the plans for recovery being formulated by federal-state agencies. For at that moment, the scene was dominated by National Red Cross, HUD, SBA, DPW etc. and the local agencies, both public and private, were just getting their phones in, their staffs assembled and organized and were pretty much on the fringes of the action.

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TO: The Executive Committee of the Flood Recovery Task Force

FROM: Flood Recovery Task Force Staff

DATE: November 19, 1973

RE: Progress Report on Flood Recovery Task Force - sponsored action programs designed to help Wyoming Valley recover from the Agnes disaster as fully and as speedily as possible.

1. HOUSING PROGRAM

Consultant: Direction Associates

Objectives:

I. Present statistical information and projections about the housing situation in Wyoming Valley.

II. Develop programs designed to reduce or eliminate governmental disincentives to construction of new housing in Wyoming Valley.

III. Present three case studies of solutions other areas have found to housing problems involving difficult topography or flood plain situations.

IV. Analyze the cause and effect relationship between the region's economy and its housing situations.

V. Show specific findings and recommendations in the context of: the present to 1975; 1975 to 1980; 1980 to 1985.

The work the Consultant has done thus far in fulfillment of his contract has been in connection with its Section I. Specifically, he has concentrated on preparing a survey of the financing sources available to housing developers, housing authorities and housing agencies interested in new construction in the Wyoming Valley. He has submitted a draft report on this aspect of his work to the Task Force staff, and he is currently incorporating their comments into a formal report. Section I will be presented to the Task Force by the end of the year.

The Task Force has formed an Advisory Committee on Housing to ensure that the various approaches to the region's housing problems being taken by organizations and agencies seeking their solution are coordinated. This Committee held its first meeting on October 30th (minutes attached).

2. PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

Consultant: Wilbur Smith and Associates

Objective:

I. Conduct a public opinion survey to determine the attitudes of Wyoming Valley residents towards their local government, and, to a limited degree, towards the local housing situation and the region's appearance and image.

The Consultant submitted a list of questions designed to elicit the information desired to the Task Force, and then incorporated staff comments into the final version of the survey questionnaire. Jim Forth of Wilbur Smith and Associates trained approximately 30 Wilkes and King's students in interviewing techniques and assigned them to poll 1600 Valley residents who had been selected scientifically to produce a true sample of local opinion. Forth supervised the student interviewers throughout the duration of the poll. There was virtually no negative response to the survey. Its results are presently being analyzed by the Consultant who plans to issue a preliminary report on its results in mid-December.

3. AREA APPEARANCE AND IMAGE WORK PROGRAM

Consultant: Wilbur Smith and Associates

Objectives:

I. To identify and recommend action on those areawide appearance and image factors which impede economic growth and development in the Wyoming Valley.

II. To design a workable, pilot, appearance and image improvement project for a specific area of the Valley (probably a municipality).

On October 29th, several teams of Wilbur Smith and Associates personnel began a major inventory of physical aspects of the study region. Having divided the region into seven districts, teams drove over the main, secondary, and tertiary roads in each district carefully recording their visual impressions in terms of neighborhoods (stable; predominately old or new houses; etc.) nodal points (major concentrations of commercial development), strip commercial, culm piles, junk yards, pasture and dairy lands, actual and potential tourist attractions, green belts and the like.

On November 7th, Wilbur Smith and Associates met with Flood Recovery Task Force staff to make a preliminary report on this project. They presented and explained completed maps and pointed out that the maps make it possible to get an excellent impression of the visual characteristics of any particular area of the Valley at a glance.

These Wilbur Smith teams will be working on detailed areas of the region and will be in touch with Flood Recovery Task Force staff about these at the end of November.

MEETING - Flood Recovery Task Force Advisory Committee on Housing

October 30, 1973 - 12:15 P.M. Board Room Hotel Sterling

Present: John Carling, Eugene Eisman (Department of Community Affairs - DCA); Roger Rubin (Direction Associates); Howard Grossman, Gabrielle Ramsauer, Leonard Ziolkowski (Economic Development Council of NE Pennsylvania - EDC); Charles Hardwick, Betty Schechter, Edward Schechter, Andrew Shaw (Flood Recovery Task Force - FRTF); Fred Anderson (Housing and Urban Development - HUD); Shirley Beard, Shirley Ray (Luzerne County Housing Development Corporation - HDC); Ed Heiselberg (Luzerne County Planning Commission).

Rubin presented a brief progress report. Thus far, he and his associates, he said, have been working chiefly on determining what the housing financing possibilities are.

Ziolkowski stressed the importance of providing potential housing developers with updated site information, and he said that EDC, HUD, and DCA have been developing this information jointly and will continue to do so.

The discussion turned to the functions and funding of the newly formed Luzerne County Housing Development Corporation. Ray said that the agency has already contacted some developers, has begun exploring sites, and is investigating development aspects of several sites that seem promising. Eisman explained that DCA has earmarked $157,000 as funds for HDC for one year and will decide whether or not to continue funding the agency on the basis of what it has accomplished during its first year and on the basis of what State monies are available next year.

Rubin said that he would like to see HDC do the following:

1) maintain a list of housing developers.

2) disseminate the information produced by the FRTF housing work program to the developers on that list.

3) act to:

a) obtain about 250 family housing units under Section 236 housing subsidies.

b) use a new State FHA multifamily housing program to obtain townhouse and garden apartment units.

c) make use of a State FHA financed single family home purchase program.

Rubin also said that he thought HDC might be useful to the State FHA in developing its policy. Summarizing Rubin's recommendations, Ziolkowski said that the HDC should act as a grantsman for private developers.

Grossman said that both the Wilkes-Barre Board of Realtors and the Wilkes-Barre Home Builders Association have pledged the HDC their support. He pointed out that one of HDC's main purposes is to bring the public and the private sides of housing together.

Schechter raised the question of whether or not HDC wants to and is able to perform all the functions outlined for it by those present. He also asked on what basis the agency will be run. Beard assured the group that the agency is eager to perform the functions outlined, that it is able to, and that it has the necessary funding for at least a year. Eisman reminded the group that funding for HDC after its initial year will depend to a large degree on its accomplishments. Beard explained that the agency is presently being incorporated and that it will be run by a Board.

Schechter asked if HDC is the first such agency in Pennsylvania and Eisman replied that it is the first on such a large scale. Ziolkowski pointed out that HDC will have to earn the public's respect in order to survive.

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To: Flood Recovery Task Force STEERING COMMITTEE

From: FRTF Staff

RE: FRTF-SPONSORED WORK PROGRAMS

HOUSING PROGRAM

FRTF staff met on September 19th with Roger Rubin of Direction Associates and Leonard Ziolkowski and Austin Burke of Economic Development Council at EDC headquarters.

Rubin asked for assistance in acquiring a "library" of statistics pertinent to the Wyoming Valley's housing situation. Accordingly, EDC offered to supply him with all such material that the agency has collected, and arrangements were made for FRTF to supply him with HUD's computer data on housing based on July 5, 1973 information.

The group agreed to form a Task Force Advisory Committee on Housing to be responsible for:

1) keeping abreast of the Consultant's activities.
2) ensuring that activities designed to alleviate the Valley's housing shortage are coordinated.
3) exchanging housing data as it is developed.

It was decided to ask the following organizations to appoint a representative to this Committee: Department of Community Affairs, Economic Development Council, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Luzerne County Housing Authority, Luzerne County Housing Development Corporation, Luzerne County Planning Commission.

Plans were made for this Committee to hold an orientation meeting late in October, and, then, to meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Sterling Hotel from noon to 1:30. Those present agreed on the following procedure for regular Committee meetings:

1) several days before each monthly meeting, FRTF staff will prepare an agenda based on telephone consultation with Committee members, and see to it that members receive it before the meeting.

2) each meeting will adhere strictly to its prepared agenda.
3) at each meeting, the Consultant will present a progress report.

Since the September 19th meeting, the following appointments to the Task Force Advisory Committee on Housing were made:

CEO	Allan Bacon	HUD	Fred Anderson
DCA	Eugene Eisman	LCHA	Charles Sechler
EDC	Leonard Ziolkowski	LCHDC	Allan Bacon
		LCPC	Edward Heiselberg

Charles Hardwick and Edward Schechter will represent the Task Force on the Committee.

On Friday, October 26th, Roger Rubin and Professor Stuart Stein, consultant on zoning and building codes, will come to Wilkes-Barre to spend the morning with FRTF staff.

SURVEY OF ATTITUDES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

FRTF staff met on October 10th with Richard Miller, Jim Forth, Bill Felkel, and Bob Braman of Wilbur Smith and Associates at FRTF headquarters.

The Consultants briefed FRTF staff on measures they will take to ensure that the sample of opinion obtained in the survey will be representative of each municipality in the survey area. They also outlined plans to set up a map room at FRTF headquarters which will show the survey area and those portions of it in which interviews have been completed, and to hold a training session for the 40 Wilkes and Kings students who have signed up to be interviewers for the survey.

Arrangements were made to announce Task Force sponsorship of a survey on attitudes towards housing and to explain its purposes at a press conference. It is hoped that adequate press coverage of the survey will ensure both public interest in the various efforts being made to resolve the area's housing problems and the cooperation with interviewers vital to the work program's success.

On October 17th, Richard Miller met with FRTF staff to discuss a draft he had prepared of the questionnaire to be used in the public opinion survey. Final decisions on the questions to be asked will be made by October 22nd. The training session for interviewers will be held on Saturday, October 27th, and the interviewers will begin their work immediately thereafter. Interviews will be held until 1600 useful (completed) interviews are obtained.

AREA APPEARANCE AND IMAGE

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Report(Oct.17) from Susuan Sordoni on status of invitations to Carlucci reception

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Mr. Wilmer Hunt
Mr. Frank Carney
Mr. Dick Dunnells
Mr. Lew Helm
Mr. Joseph Finch
Col. John F. McElhenny
Miss Alice McFadden
Mr. Paul Cain

Note: 1) in their letters of acceptance, all the above expressed pleasure at the prospect of the reception and appreciation of the Task Force's desire to honor Mr. Carlucci
2) of the above, only Mr. Conner's wife will be able to attend

Invited guests still to be heard from:
Mr. and Mrs. George Grace
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Robb
Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Taylor
Secretary and Mrs. William Wilcox
Mr. and Mrs. William Scranton

Acceptances and checks have been received from following paying guests:

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weissman	2
Atty. and Mrs. Andrew Hourigan	2
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hardwick	2
Attorney and Mrs. Henry Greenwald	2
Dr. and Mrs. Francis Michelini	2
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MEMO TO: Judge Max Rosenn

FROM: Alice E. Ellman

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LIST OF GUESTS

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B. Those asked to pay

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2. Oscar Weissman
3. Howard Grossman
4. Raymond R. Carmon
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13. The Honorable and Mrs. Bernard Brominski
14. Mr. and Mrs. James Adonizio
15. Ray Turner, Jr.
16. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr
17. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strongin
18. Robert L. Jones
19. Harold Rose
20. David DeCosmo
21. Dr. and Mrs. Francis Michelini
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26. Andrew Hourigan, Jr.
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28. George Bierly
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33. Frank W. Anderson
34. Rev. Lane D. Kilburn
35. Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Boltz
36. The Honorable and Mrs. Max Rosenn
37. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greenwald
38. Elmer Klimchak
39. Thomas Shelburne
40. Mr. John McCole
41. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ross
42. Mr. James O'Malley
43. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Casella
44. Seymour Holtzman
45. Russell Gardner
46. John Hibbard
47. General and Mrs. Frank Townend

LIST OF GUESTS (continued)

C. Those not asked to pay

1. Mr. and Mrs. William Conner
2. Mr. Wilmer Hunt
3. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carney
4. Dick Dunnells
5. Lew Helm
6. Joseph Finch
7. Colonel and Mrs. John F. McElhenny
8. Mr. and Mrs. George Grace
9. Theodore Robb
10. Oliver Taylor
11. Miss Alice McFadden
12. Secretary and Mrs. William Wilcox
13. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cain

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20 November 1972

Andrew Shaw, Jr.
Executive Director

Judge and Mrs. Max Rosenn
197 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Judge and Mrs. Rosenn:

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 are
Roman Rubinstein bjs
Robert Masoner
Roman Rubinstein
Co-Chairmen
Hospitality Committee

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.
P.O. Box No.1367
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.18701

August 22, 1972

Theodore Robb, Director
Federal Regional Council
Hotel Sterling
West Market Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701

Dear Ted:

Pursuant to your request, I enclose herewith list of the presently functioning committees of the Flood Recovery Task Force. These are standing committees of our organization. There may be additional ad hoc committees appointed from time to time.

1. The Committee on Legislation and Equity chaired by Harold Rose has been concerned with the enactment of Federal and State legislation for the relief of the flood stricken communities and individual victims. They will also be pursuing other sources of funds for flood stricken victims.

2. The State Aid Committee, chaired by Attorney Andrew Hourigan is charged with the mission of pressing for appropriate state legislation and relief for the communities. This is to supplement what sources of relief may be offered by the Federal Government.

3. The Committee on Planning and Development chaired by Tom Kiley has the long range responsibility for attempting to co-ordinate the planning and development activities on the part of all of the flood stricken communities. Because each community seems to have its own plan, as well as the county, we visualize a great need to avoid duplication of effort and funds. The objective is to try and harmonize all of the plans so as to provide the maximum planning and service with the available funds.

4. The Road, Bridge and Transportation Committee chaired by Ed Schechter is concerned with the rebuilding of our streets, roads and bridges. It also carries responsibility for pressing the construction of the Pierce Street Bridge, the Cross Valley Expressway and providing long range mass transportation.

5. The Labor Construction and Contractors Assistance Committees have been combined under the chairmanship of Andrew J. Sordoni, III and vice-chairmanship of Edward J. Boltz. They are concerned with the recruitment of contractors, the cooperation of unions, expediting construction and repairs and consumer protection.

6. The Committee on Education chaired by Dr. Francis Michelini and co-chaired by Father Kilburn, is concerned with relief for the independent colleges and private schools, the libraries and the availability of public school education to children transplanted in strange communities.

7. The Flood Control Committee chaired by Roy E. Morgan carries the responsibility for long rang planning to avoid a recurrence of another witch like Hurricane Agnes. They will be concerned with the construction of dams in upper New York and the early restoration of dikes.

8. The Committee on Families, Health and the Aging, chaired by Mrs. Frank W. Anderson, carries responsibility for the coordination of all local agencies with state and federal agencies working in the area of social concerns, including the problems of the aging, health and shelter. They carry responsibility for assisting state and federal agencies in carrying out their missions and providing liason with their local agencies.

9. "Telling the Recovery Story" Committee is a committee that will commence its function on September lst. It will be chaired by David DeCosmo and will carry responsibility for developing material, data and iteas for telling the story of the recovery. Their responsibility is to create a whole new image for the community; tell how we are bouncing back (I hope) and coordinate their efforts with the committee headed by Tom Shelbourne which carried the responsibility for telling the story to the nation through the national press.

If there is anything further we can do, please let me know.

Sincerely,

MAX ROSENN
Chairman

MR:cjr

Enclosures

RESOLUTION

Recovery Task Force

We, the citizens of Wilkes-Barre and the many communities comprising the Wyoming Valley of Northeastern Pennsylvania, wish to express our deep sense of gratitude to the members of the representative committee, headed by Roland Weeks, president of the Gulf Publishing Company and general manager of the Gulfport Herald, who came ~~here on~~ to us on Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5, 1972, to ~~help us in our hour of need.~~ assist and counsel with us in the many problems which beset us this area following the devastation and destruction caused by Hurricane Agnes.

Their ~~Your~~ presentations based upon ~~your~~ actual experiences during a similar catastrophe -- the onslaught of Hurricane Camille upon ~~your~~ the ~~own~~ Gulf Coast in 1969 -- have been of immeasurable value to our business and municipal leadership.

Through ~~your~~ they carefully ~~diligently~~ prepared program, ~~you~~ they have identified with nearly every phase of the rehabilitation effort ~~which has been~~ now underway in the Wyoming Valley of Northeastern Pennsylvania since this region was tragically stricken with massive floods generated by tropical storm Agnes.

~~Your~~ Their counsel and advice on rebuilding our flood-ravaged cities, boroughs and townships have been instrumental in aiding the earlier ~~start~~ commencement of programs which should have far-reaching beneficial consequences for the ~~our Valley as the gigantic task of rehabilitation proceeds.~~ region.

Therefore, be it resolved, that ~~members of the joint committee~~ representing and on the behalf of citizens of the City of Wilkes-Barre and all Wyoming Valley Communities, offer to the thirteen representatives of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Communities, our most hearty commendations to each one of you, as leaders in municipal government, as well as in the fields of business, banking, industrial development, journalism and

housing, to fly here in the interest of strengthening morale in our stricken region.

Chairman, Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.

Chairman, "Together We Rebuild" Committee

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.
P.O. Box No.1367
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.18701

August 21, 1972

TO: MEMBERS OF THE FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

FROM: JUDGE MAX ROSENN, TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

A meeting of this group will be held on Friday, August 25 at the Hotel Sterling. The meeting will be at 12:15 p. m. and will be a luncheon meeting.

Please make every effort to attend as important matters will be reviewed and discussed.

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

November Financial Statement

Checks Issued

Date	#	Issued to:	Amount
11/3/72	9	Robert Capin	$ 50.00
11/3/72	10	* Andrew Shaw, Jr.	$1946.50
11/3/72	11	* Betty Schechter	1319.70
11/3/72	12	* James Tarity, Jr.	841.31
11/3/72	13	* Alice E. Ellman	666.77
11/3/72	14	Tom Moran	450.00
11/3/72	15	** Andrew Shaw, Jr.	56.15
11/3/72	16	** Betty Schechter	24.75
11/3/72	17	** James Tarity, Jr.	22.75
11/3/72	18	** Alice E. Ellman	7.36
11/3/72	19	Pennsylvania Economy League	2.03
11/3/72	20	Welfare Planning Council	10.67
11/3/72	21	Howell & Jones, Inc.	185.00
11/3/72	22	Llewellyn Bros., Inc.	114.60
11/8/72	23	Deemer & Co.	7.35
11/10/72	24	Petty Cash	100.00
11/10/72	25	* James Tarity, Jr.	100.17
11/9/72	26	VOID	
11/15/72	27	* Alice E. Ellman	95.40
11/14/72	28	Tallman Printing Co., Inc.	29.68
11/15/72	29	W. Everrett Evans	35.00
11/22/72	30	Deemer & Co.	22.04
11/22/72	31	Llewellyn Bros., Inc.	23.75
11/22/72	32	* Andrew Shaw, Jr.	369.32
11/22/72	33	* Betty Schechter	268.09
	34	* James Tarity, Jr.	203.39
11/30/72	35	* Alice E. Ellman	193.09
11/30/72	36	VOID	
	37	Welfare Planning Council	1059.33
	38	Hotel Sterling	23.57
		TOTAL	$8227.77

* Payroll

** Reimbursement for expenses

Deposits

11/3/72 $26,000 from EDA Grant

Balance as of 11/30/72 - $17,822.96

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

December Financial Statement

Checks Issued

Date	#		Issued to:	Amount
12/1/72	39		Thomas Moran	$ 300.00
1	40		Robert Capin	50.00
4	41	**	James Tarity, Jr.	9.79
4	42		Treadway Inn	42.00
4	43		Bell of Pennsylvania	233.69
4	44	**	Betty Schechter	3.00
4	45	**	Andrew Shaw, Jr.	29.22
7	46		Edgar Lashford	580.00
7	47		First National Bank	1,866.91
8	48	*	Andrew Shaw, Jr.	363.52
8	49	*	Betty Schechter	264.63
8	50	*	James Tarity, Jr.	200.86
8	51	*	Alice E. Ellman	191.25
12	52	*	Andrew Shaw, Jr.	363.52
12	53	*	Betty Schechter	264.63
12	54	*	James Tarity, Jr.	200.86
12	55	*	Alice E. Ellman	191.25
22	56		First National Bank	623.00
28	57		Robert Capin	50.00
28	58		Thomas Moran	300.00
28	59		Deemer & Company	21.17
28	60	**	James Tarity, Jr.	7.00
28	61		Welfare Planning Council	194.02
28	62	**	Betty Schechter	6.00
28	63	**	Thomas Moran	30.60
28	64	*	James Tarity, Jr.	100.44
28	65	**	Andrew Shaw, Jr.	128.10
			TOTAL	$6,615.46

* Payroll
** Reimbursement for expenses

Deposits

12/7/72	Biloxi Reception	$580.00
12/28/72	Contribution	100.00
	Local Government Meeting	32.00
	TOTAL	$712.00

Balance as of 12/31/72 - $11,919.50

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Andrew Shaw, Jr.
Executive Director

M E M O

February 9, 1973

To: A.J. Sordoni
Tom Kiley
Harold Rose
Charles Hardwick
Max Rosenn
Roman Rubinstein
Edward Schechter
Andrew Shaw

From: Betty Schechter

Listed below are the issues the Steering Committee will discuss with Bill Connor and other representatives of the Federal Government on Wednesday, February 14th (luncheon meeting, 12:15, Hotel Sterling, Susquehanna Room).

1. Use of Federal funds that militates against consolidation of municipalities. For example, EDA grants to fund construction of new municipal buildings.
   a) construction of such buildings would: 1) perpetuate existing separations, and 2) impose additional costs on communities concerned.
   b) can these grants be revoked?
2. Need for Federal support for restructuring of local government.
   It is suggested that the Federal Government attach some conditions to redevelopment funds allocated to municipalities, as it does in the cases of funds for highway and health facility construction.
3. Corps of Engineers proposals for control of flooding in Wyoming Valley.
   a) elevation of bridges
   b) areas unprotected by dikes
4. June 30th deadline re HUD Redevelopment funds
   Pressure of this deadline makes rational review of redevelopment plans impossible. Can the deadline be extended?
5. Desireability, in light of housing shortage, of rehabilitating many of the houses acquired by Redevelopment within areas protected by dikes.
   a) to acquire should not necessarily be to demolish
   b) rehabilitation would be more economical than new construction and would reduce loss of tax base.

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6/6/73 - 9:30 AM
Requested Betty S to
Call Maty first; AGS III
+ Hardwick out of town.

4 June 1973

MEMO TO: Andrew Sordoni, Judge Max Rosenn, Thomas Kiley, Harold Rose, Roman Rubinstein

FROM: Andrew Shaw, Charles Hardwick, Ed Schechter

RE: Selection of consultants for Flood Recovery Task Force

1. The Steering Committee at a meeting on 5/21 empowered Hardwick, Schechter, and Shaw as a selection committee to choose which consultants should perform the agreed upon studies and action programs in the areas of Housing, Public Opinion, and Area Appearance.

2. The committee's selections and generalized reasoning for each choice are stated in the attached report.

3. The award of these consulting contracts will be made, as indicated, by Andrew Shaw, Executive Director, in the afternoon of June 6th, unless the members of the Steering Committee, to whom this memo is directed, make known their disagreement with these selections before that time.

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4 June 1973

MEMO TO: Steering Committee, Flood Recovery Task Force

FROM: E. Schechter

RE: Selection of consultants

1. In order to promptly come to a decision on the selection of a consultant, Hardwick, Schechter, Shaw, and B. Schechter met with Dick Miller and Robert Braman of Wilbur Smith Associates (WSA) on 5/31 to discuss their proposals and on 6/3 Hardwick, Schechter and B. Schechter met with Roger Rubin of Direction Associates, Inc. (DAI) for the same purpose. Each conference lasted several hours and in each we attempted to form judgments on the relative competence of the firms, to explore in greater depth the meaning and usefulness of their proposed methodology and to more closely define the cost parameters.

2. It is the opinion of the committee that DAI should become the consultant to the FRTF in the study of Housing. Specifically they will

> "interpret the (area's) housing needs.....to provide specific practical and functional ways of creating necessary housing at the soonest possible time and according to an orderly and efficient program."

The choice of DAI was caused by their more comprehensive and imaginative proposal, and by their apparent greater experience and familiarity with the subject.

3. WSA is recommended as consultant for Public Opinion Survey. Their proposal of a 2% personal interview sample was judged superior to DAI's direct mail approach.

4. WSA is recommended as the chosen consultant for the study of Area Appearance and Image. Their proposal is more detailed and comprehensive and they are far more enthusiastic about the need for and the possibilities resulting from such a study than DAI. WSA's proposed prototype project was also important in influencing this choice.

5. Both consultants have been given an opportunity to review and re-evaluate their proposed charges. Some modifications, discussed and agreed upon with your committee, have resulted. The following summarizes the cost of the two proposals, as modified:

(in thousand dollars)

TASK	WSA	DAI	RECOMMENDED
1. Housing	35.7	57.5*	DAI * 57.5
2. Public Opinion Survey	26.9	23.0	WSA 26.9
3. Area Appearance	43.0	59.8	WSA 43.0
TOTALS	105.6	140.3	127.4

* New DAI proposal will be received 6/4 p.m. confirming a cost between 55.0 and 60.0. Therefore 57.5 is an estimate.

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7 June 1973

MEMO TO: Judge Max Rosenn, Andrew J. Sordoni, III, Ed Schechter, Thomas Kiley, Howard Grossman, John Hibbard, Ed Heiselberg

FROM: FRTF Staff

A breakfast meeting has been scheduled for Friday, June 15th at 8 a.m. in the Hunt Room of the Hotel Sterling. The topic of discussion will be housing.

Please notify Mrs. Alice Ellman at Task Force headquarters if you will not be able to attend.

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FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

August Financial Statement

Checks Issued

Date	#		Issued to:	Amount	
8/2/73	265	*	Andrew Shaw, Jr.	$ 369.61	
2	266	*	Betty Schechter	271.47	
2	267	*	Alice E. Ellman	203.01	
2	268		Bell of Pennsylvania	88.57	
2	269		Llewellyn & McKane, Inc.	196.10	
2	270		Wilkes-Barre Recreation Board	290.00	Rainbow Fair
2	271		Charles & Mary Music Company	47.70	see below
2	272		Graham-Rinehimer	100.00	
3	273		Unified Office Equipment, Inc.	30.00	
9	274		Postmaster, Wilkes-Barre	40.00	
9	275		Alice E. Ellman (Petty Cash)	50.50	
17	276	*	Andrew Shaw, Jr.	369.61	
17	277	*	Betty Schechter	271.47	
17	278	*	Alice E. Ellman	203.01	
17	279		Wilkes College Alumni Office	58.96	
17	280		Llewellyn Bros., Inc.	26.75	
17	281		Ace Hoffman Studios	34.00	
17	282		Xerox Corporation	60.00	
17	283		Wilbur Smith & Associates, Inc.	614.98	
17	284		Deemer & Company	8.48	
30	285	*	Andrew Shaw, Jr.	369.61	postage re catastrophe assn.
30	286	*	Betty Schechter	271.47	
30	287	*	Alice E. Ellman	203.01	
30	288		King's College Alumni Association	110.00	
30	289		Thomas Moran	300.00	
30	290		Robert Capin	50.00	
30	291	**	Betty Schechter	4.50	
30	292	**	Alice E. Ellman	9.50	
30	293		First National Bank	623.16	fed. with. Tel & tax security
			TOTAL	$5,278.47	

Deposits

8/2/73 $633.80 from Department of Community Affairs - Grant to Rainbow Recovery Fair

Balance as of 8/31/73 - $8,579.74

** Monthly Expenses
* Payroll

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

June Financial Statement

Checks Issued

Date	#	Issued to:	Amount
6/4/73	209	United Way of Wyoming Valley	632.84
4	210	Bell of Pennsylvania	89.47
4	211	Golden Business Machines	26.15
8	212	* Andrew Shaw, Jr.	369.61
8	213	* Betty Schechter	271.47
8	214	* Alice E. Ellman	203.01
8	215	Unified Office Equipment, Inc.	30.00
8	216	Deemer & Company	32.43
14	217	Wyoming Seminary	60.84
14	218	Postmaster, Wilkes-Barre	120.00
21	219	Major B. O. Delp	420.00
22	220	* Andrew Shaw, Jr.	369.61
22	221	* Betty Schechter	271.47
22	222	* Alice E. Ellman	203.01
22	223	Graham Rinehimer Associates	10.00
22	224	Xerox Corporation	105.09
22	225	Unified Office Equipment, Inc.	2.00
22	226	First National Bank	542.80
29	227	** Andrew Shaw, Jr.	46.52
29	228	** Betty Schechter	9.00
29	229	Engel Enterprises	185.00
29	230	Thomas Moran	300.00
29	231	Robert Capin	50.00
29	232	H. A. Berkheimer	65.22
	233	VOID	
29	234	Pennsylvania Dept. of Revenue	150.06
		TOTAL	$4,565.60

Deposits

6/22/73 $420 - Department of Community Affairs Grant to Rainbow Fair

Balance as of 6/30/73 - $9,919.61

** Reimbursement of monthly expenses
* Payroll

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

May Financial Statement

Checks Issued

Date	#		Issued to:	Amount
5/9/73	186		Siekman & Stone Advertising, Inc.	1,050.00
11	187	*	Andrew Shaw, Jr.	369.61
11	188	*	Betty Schechter	271.47
11	189	*	Alice E. Ellman	203.01
11	190		Mortimer Goldsmith	1,000.00
11	191		Junior Chamber of Commerce	2,550.00
11	192		Bell of Pennsylvania	92.31
11	193		Unified Office Equipment, Inc.	30.00
11	194		Xerox Corporation	64.00
21	195		Petty Cash	53.50
25	196	*	Andrew Shaw, Jr.	369.61
25	197	*	Betty Schechter	271.47
25	198	*	Alice E. Ellman	203.01
25	199		Xerox Corporation	60.00
25	200		First National Bank	542.68
29	201		Fine Arts Fiesta	4,600.00
29	202		Cherry Blossom Time	500.00
29	203		Mortimer Goldsmith	1,000.00
31	204		Engel Enterprises	185.00
31	205		Thomas Moran	300.00
31	206		Robert Capin	50.00
31	207	**	Betty Schechter	10.00
31	208	**	Andrew Shaw, Jr.	28.63
			TOTAL	$13,804.30

Deposits

5/11/73 $3,550 - Department of Community Affairs Grant to Rainbow Fair
5/29/73 $6,110 - Department of Community Affairs Grant to Rainbow Fair

Balance as of 5/31/73 - $14,047.27

** Reimbursement of monthly expenses
* Payroll

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

April Financial Statement

Checks Issued

Date	#		Issued to:	Amount
4/6/73	158		Deemer & Company	14.47
6	159		Golden Business Machines	26.15
6	160		Bell of Pennsylvania	97.17
6	161		Unified Office Equipment, Inc.	30.00
6	162		Wide Awake Book Shop	3.45
12	163	*	Andrew Shaw, Jr.	369.61
	164		VOID	
12	165	*	Betty Schechter	271.47
12	166	*	Alice E. Ellman	203.01
12	167		Llewellyn Brothers, Inc.	51.50
27	168	*	Andrew Shaw, Jr.	369.61
27	169	*	Betty Schechter	271.47
27	170	*	Alice E. Ellman	203.01
27	171		H. A. Berkheimer Associates	76.09
27	172	**	Andrew Shaw, Jr.	16.75
27	173	**	Betty Schechter	8.30
27	174		Internal Revenue Service	.14
27	175		Hotel Sterling	13.50
27	176		Welfare Planning Council	664.56
27	177		Hourigan, Kluger & Spohrer	88.49
27	178		Barre Engraving Company	16.07
27	179		DCA Regional Conference	8.00
27	180		Xerox Corporation	60.00
27	181		Engel Enterprises	185.00
27	182		Thomas Moran	300.00
27	183		Robert Capin	50.00
30	184		Golden Business Machines	26.15
30	185		First National Bank	542.68
			TOTAL	$3,966.65

Deposits

4/25/73 $14,000 from EDA Grant

Balance as of 4/30/73 - $18.209.57

** Reimbursement of monthly expenses
* Payroll