

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have reviewed with considerable interest your report on the activities and accomplishments of the Federal Executive Boards now established in twelve major metropolitan areas throughout the country. Having had the opportunity to meet personally with the Chairmen of these Boards during their recent conference, I was particularly gratified to note the extent to which the Boards have become constructively involved in significant areas of common management and program concern. The scope of these activities is in itself illustrative of the need for the modern Federal manager to view his executive responsibilities in terms of their wider public impact.

In my meeting with the Board Chairmen, and in other communications, I have called specific attention to matters of high national urgency. The areas of top priority for the coming year, which you suggested in your report, are ones which are particularly appropriate for joint action at the Federal Executive Board level. In the common responsibility for achieving equal opportunity for all citizens, for coordinating related Federal programs at the local level, for improving productivity and the utilization of manpower and facilities, and for effectively discharging community service obligations, the Federal Executive Boards represent a vast potential for serving the public interest.

The accomplishments of the Federal Executive Boards in the past year have been most heartening. I look forward with high expectation to their continuing significant impact on the effectiveness and economy of our Government operations.

Sincerely,



Honorable John W. Macy, Jr.  
Chairman  
Civil Service Commission