Memorandum

TO: Robert M. Paul, Deputy Director
Community Resources Development Administration

DATE: March 18, 1969

FROM: Paul Brace

SUBJECT: FY 69 Research Program

In accordance with your memorandum of March 7, attached is Format I for new communities research projects.

Of the following research proposals, Number 1, has already been prepared in format III, and discussed with the Director of the Office of Urban Technology and Research; number 2, has been discussed before, but not formally proposed; and number 3, is in response to a suggestion by Tom Melone of the Office of Urban Technology and Research.

This is not a definitive list, but merely a few preliminary ideas. If the systems analysis study were done, it would, hopefully, identify a whole research program which could proceed in an orderly fashion and with a minimum of duplication.

New Communities Division
A. Program Title: New Communities Research Program

Project Listing:

1. Project Title: Systems Analysis and Programming of New Community Development

   **Project Management Office:** New Communities Division, MD

   **Description:** The project is aimed at developing widely applicable methods of new community development which would, among other things, encourage more innovative solutions to social, economic and technological problems of new community development; increase understanding of the whole community development process; improve the scheduling of all elements of the development program; and identify in a systematic way, gaps in knowledge which should be filled by further demonstrations and research.

   **Funds:** FY '69, $200,000

   **Duration:** 18 months

2. Project Title: Design of an information and monitoring system for new communities and large scale developments.

   **Description:** The project would develop a system to collect data from and provide a basis for evaluation of new communities and large scale developments in the United States. This system would be implemented on a continuing basis by HUD staff, and would provide a firmer foundation for policy development, evaluation of new community proposals and up-to-date technical assistance to developers. Illustrative of the information to be gathered would be evidence of innovative housing or community planning, economic success or failure, governmental relations, quality and price of housing, extent of commercial or industrial facilities, open space design, and racial and economic mix.

   **Funds:** FY '69, $25,000; FY '70, $25,000

   **Duration:** One year
3. **Project Title**: Handbook and Analysis of Federal Aids for New Communities.

**Project Management Office**: New Communities Division

**Description**: The project is aimed at collecting information on, and evaluating the applicability of, Federal grant, loan, mortgage insurance, technical assistance, research and demonstration programs and publications for assisting in the development of new communities. Part I of the study would be a handbook which would include information on statutory eligibility and applicable administrative procedures and priorities to new community developers, special districts and consist of confidential recommendations to HUD concerning the evaluation of the applicability of these programs to new community development; their consistency with Title IV objectives; and recommendations for legislative or administrative changes to make them more effective.

**Funds**: FY '69 $20,000, FY '70 $20,000

**Duration**: 9 months