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COMMENTS:

Enclosed are four (4) new FOIA requests.

Thank You!

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May 2, 1997

Ms. Pat Morgan
Director, Executive Secretariat
U.S. Department of HUD
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 10139
Washington, D.C. 20410

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Re: HUD's Public Affairs Office

Dear Ms. Morgan:

For the Federal Housing Administration to have been able to continue the practice of illegal contracting and note sales favoritism that we have witnessed, it would have required the assistance of very well placed individuals in a number of other offices within HUD to divert the criticism. We believe that some, but not all, of the following offices (and individuals) may have been involved:

- Office of Housing (Helen Dunlap);
- Office of General Counsel (Monica Sussman);
- Comptroller's Office (Kathy Rock);
- Inspector General's Office (Chris Greer); and
- Office of Management and Budget.

In addition, these problems could not have been allowed to exist without the knowledge and concurrence of the FHA Commissioner (Nic Retsinas).

We are currently evaluating the extent to which the public and press may have also been misled, particularly during the tenure of Jean Nolan. Considering this, please provide us with the following information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act:

Pub doc. need not be requested. Under FOIA.

1. Copies of all press releases or press statements relating to the Federal Housing Administration since June 1993, including but not limited to those reporting on Note Sales, Portfolio Reengineering, Contracting, and Operation Safe Home

2. Any correspondence or documentation, including cc: Mail messages, regarding the lack of independence or objectivity by any member of the public affairs staff, particularly Jean Nolan.

Ervin and Associates is requesting this information because, as citizens, we have a right to evaluate whether HUD attempted to hinder the public understanding of government. The responsive documents will be of no commercial benefit to us. Considering this, any fees assessed should be subject to the limitations regarding non-commercial requestors.

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Ervin and Associates agrees to pay up to \$50 for the processing of this request. If the anticipated fees are to exceed \$50, please call me so I may have an opportunity to alter the request.

Very truly yours,
ERVIN and ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED


David J. Ervin