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# Chamber of Commerce of the United States

HUMAN AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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February 5, 1976

Mr. James M. Cannon  
The Domestic Council  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cannon:

We are delighted that you and members of the Domestic Council staff can be with us for our opening luncheon of the Community and Urban Affairs Committee February 11.

We have mailed the members of the Committee a copy of the report on the Domestic Council which your staff provided me, under the cover sheet attached. As I explained earlier, members of the Committee are interested in learning about the machinery and the major thrusts of the Council at this time, making a good initial report and questions a useful pattern.

Our chairman, Thomas F. Murray, will be presiding. It is our custom to give very brief introductions consisting mainly of titles, when presenting senior government officials. We plan to seat you and Messrs. Fletcher, McConahey and Myer with Mr. Murray at a small head table so that you can act in the manner of a panel if you choose to do so. With a relatively small group we try to be as informal as possible in order to trigger a better exchange between our speakers and members.

We will be in touch with your office by phone closer to the event for any last minute questions.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ivan C. Elmer".

Ivan C. Elmer  
Committee Executive  
Community and Urban Affairs Committee

attachment

cc: Thomas F. Murray



## THE WHITE HOUSE DOMESTIC COUNCIL

The Domestic Council is called the nerve center of Administration domestic policy planning. Its membership includes the secretaries of most cabinet departments and the heads of other agencies dealing with domestic concerns ranging from federal assistance programs for governments and individuals, growth policy, energy, environment, agriculture, transportation and others. Its staff is small but strategic.

As with other units of the Administration, the Council's roles and functions change over time. Members of the Community and Urban Affairs Committee will have an opportunity to explore the workings of the Council during the opening luncheon February 11.

James M. Cannon, Executive Director, and several of his top staff members will be with us. They will be able to interpret implications for cities in the State of the Union address, to give an outlook for the Council itself, to suggest how businessmen and organizations can work through the Council to affect Administration policies.

Committee members will be able to ask questions and to express their views on postures of the Administration relating to communities.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1. Bring your questions and comments. No formal Committee action is needed.

MATERIALS ATTACHED: A. Description of the Domestic Council.



January 29, 1976  
2:03 p.m.

*Fels*

Mr. Cannon:

Just received a call from the V.P.'s office regarding a working luncheon for Wednesday, ~~December~~ 11, at 12:30 p.m. This will conflict with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce luncheon which we accepted yesterday. I did mention to the VP's office that there was a possible conflict and I would get back to them after consulting you.

Your advice please:

\_\_\_\_\_ ✓

I WILL DO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON:  
let V.P.'s office know that I have  
previous commitment.

\_\_\_\_\_ HAVE McCONAHEY, FLETCHER and MYER take  
Chamber of Commerce luncheon without me.

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Wed  
2/11

Mr. Cannon:

Do you wish to do this discussion before the Community and Urban Affairs Committee of the National Chamber of Commerce or would you like Mr. McConahey or Mr. Fletcher to handle it??

         ✓ I WILL DO IT  
         ✓ FLETCHER ✓  
         ✓ McCONAHEY ✓

*Myer*



Mr. Elmer is delighted with your suggestion to bring Fletcher, McConahey and Myer.

FYI though, Paul Myer has already accepted an invitation to participate in a similar briefing with this group that same evening on revenue sharing. However, Mr. Elmer did not feel that Paul's participation in the earlier session, giving a broad overview of urban affairs matters, would diminish his later participation. Do you still want to take Paul?

         ✓ FLETCHER, McCONAHEY AND MYER  
         Just FLETCHER AND McCONAHEY



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January 28, 1976

Mr. James M. Cannon  
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Dear Mr. Cannon:

This is a cordial invitation and request for you to discuss the Administration's urban policy positions with members of the Community and Urban Affairs Committee of the National Chamber at luncheon on February 11, 1976.

Your remarks would open a two-day Washington meeting of the Committee. Other topics during the period will include: a strategy session to generate grass-roots support for the Administration's revenue sharing proposal; reports of the Chamber's recently completed research into community development; urban growth policy; business help for state and local finance; among others.

The Community and Urban Affairs Committee is the principal advisory body on urban policy for the Chamber. A roster of members is attached.

The luncheon is in the Hall of Flags of the National Chamber Building. A reception at 12:00 noon will precede the meal, scheduled for 12:30 p.m., and the business session beginning at approximately 1:10 p.m. An ideal time arrangement would be 20 minutes of prepared remarks followed by a similar period for questions from the Committee.

This schedule can be adjusted if necessary to conform to your schedule.

We do hope you can be with us. I can be reached at 659-6177 for further information.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ivan C. Elmer".

Ivan C. Elmer  
Committee Executive  
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Attachment



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 29, 1976

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                          ARTHUR FLETCHER  
                          PAUL MYER

FROM:                       Jennifer Morgan for  
                              JIM CANNON

Mr. Cannon has accepted the attached invitation of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to participate in discussion to open their meeting of the Community and Urban Affairs Committee of the National Chamber on February 11, 1976 at 12:00 noon; he would like all three of you to join him if schedules permit. Mr. Cannon feels that, with the team approach, a more complete overview may be presented to the Committee.

Mr. Elmer has been contacted and is delighted with the idea.

Would you please put this on your calendars?

Many thanks.