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TO ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
FM OEO WASHDC



IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL RESTRAINT OR
DIFFIDENCE ON THE PART OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND CAP ANALYSTS
TO PROPOSE FAMILY PLANNING COMPONENTS IN COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS
BASED ON A BELIEF THAT I OR OTHERS IN WASHINGTON OPPOSE OR TAKE
A DIM VIEW OF SUCH REQUESTS.
THIS MESSAGE WILL, I HOPE, SUFFICE TO CLEAR THE AIR ON THIS ISSUE.
THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO HESITATION ON MY PART OR, AS FAR AS I KNOW,
ON ANYONE'S PART IN WASHINGTON TO APPROVE FAMILY PLANNING GRANTS.
AS FAR AS I KNOW I HAVE SIGNED EVERY SUCH GRANT, WHICH HAS COME
TO MY DESK. I SHALL CONTINUE TO DO SO.
THEREFORE, IF ANYONE UNDER YOUR DIRECTION IS LABORING UNDER THE
IMPRESSION THAT WASHINGTON, OR THE DIRECTOR, IS OPPOSED TO SUCH
PROGRAMS, IT MIGHT BE WELL TO EXPLAIN TO THEM THAT IT WAS OEO
WHICH FIRST CREATED THESE PROGRAMS.
SARGENT SHRIVER, DIRECTOR
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