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From: Joseph A. Kershaw, Director, Division of Research, Plans, Programs, and Evaluation, OEO

To: Sargent Shriver, Director, OEO

"[The Institute] is expected to be an interdisciplinary effort ranging broadly over the economics, sociology, and psychology of population groups in the United States characterized by low income, family disintegration, poor housing, etc. . . . The Institute will bring together a staff and facilities of the highest caliber in order to carry out its objectives and will attract and give freedom for research and study to the most imaginative and creative talents that can be brought to bear on the problems of poverty."

"The committee concludes that the Institute for Research on Poverty has been an exceptionally successful vehicle for support of research by the federal government. Important government objectives have at least in substantial part been realized by its support: maintenance of a high-quality, sustained, cumulative program of research on poverty, production of knowledge that has influenced policy, and the allocation of research effort to important topics that OEO or HEW might not otherwise have studied." (p. 33)

"The committee concludes that the Institute for Research on Poverty has substantially enhanced the amount of high-quality poverty research being done. A great deal of research on poverty is being done at the Institute, and on the basis of our own review and those of the writers of our commissioned papers, . . . we conclude that much of it is truly distinguished work." (p. 37)