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STATE OF THE CITY REPORT  
OF HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

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The attached is the report delivered by His Honor, Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., before the City Council, of the "State of the City", upon the completion of his first year as Chief Executive of the City of Providence.

*Vincent Vespa*

City Clerk of the City of  
Providence

January 6, 1966

MAYOR'S MESSAGE TO CITY COUNCIL - JANUARY 6, 1966

"STATE OF THE CITY"

JUST ONE YEAR AGO THIS HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL WITNESSED THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW ADMINISTRATION. THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS OLD CITY PASSED INTO THE HANDS OF A NEW GENERATION. THIS HONORABLE BODY HEARD OF A FIRM INTENTION TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF TODAY WITH IMAGINATION, DETERMINATION AND ZEAL. TODAY, ONE YEAR LATER, I AM MORE CONVINCED THAN EVER THAT THE TRULY WHOLESOME REDEVELOPMENT OF OUR CITY REQUIRES THE PHYSICAL REHABILITATION OF BUILDINGS AND AN EVEN GREATER CONCERN AND EFFORT IN THE REHABILITATION OF MANY OF OUR PEOPLE.

I AM NOT YET SATISFIED THAT THE FULL URGENCY AND THE CONCERN OF WHICH WE SPOKE ONE YEAR AGO HAS SPREAD THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY. LET NO ONE BE MISTAKEN - UNTIL THAT DAY - UNTIL EVERY ADULT - EVERY CHILD HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE EQUALLY AND FULL IN THE BOUNTY OF THIS CITY AND THIS STATE WE SHALL NOT HAVE ACCOMPLISHED OUR GOAL.

YOU MAY RECALL OUR PLEDGE TO TRANSFORM IDEAS INTO ACTION ---  
POLITICAL POWER INTO POLICY --- THE STATUS QUO INTO PROGRESS. I  
AM HERE TODAY TO REPORT TO YOU ON THE STATE OF OUR CITY AND TO  
RENEW MY INSISTENCE ON MOVING AHEAD IN THE NEXT YEAR TO MAKE  
PROVIDENCE THE MOST ATTRACTIVE URBAN COMMUNITY ON THE EASTERN  
SEABOARD.

DURING THIS PAST YEAR, WITH THE APPROVAL AND ACTIVE SUPPORT  
OF YOUR HONORABLE BODY, WE ADOPTED A BALANCED BUDGET WHICH DID NOT  
INCLUDE THE BENEFIT OF ANY PRIOR RESERVES.

HOWEVER, OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION CONTINUES TO REMAIN BLEAK.  
RATHER THAN ASK THIS BODY FOR AN INCREASE IN TAXES, I HAVE  
IMPLEMENTED CERTAIN ECONOMIES AND HAVE UNDERTAKEN CERTAIN PROGRAMS  
WHICH HAVE GIVEN OUR CITY ITS NECESSARY OPERATING INCOME. GENERAL  
FUND INVESTMENTS EARNED IN EXCESS OF \$230,000 DURING MY FIRST YEAR  
IN OFFICE. FEES FORMERLY COLLECTED AND RETAINED BY THE SEALER OF  
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND BY THE POLICE COURT ARE NOW BEING PAID  
INTO GENERAL FUND REVENUE.

SUPPLIES, OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER GOODS ARE NOW BEING PURCHASED THROUGH A BID PROCEDURE WHICH HAS RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS FOR OUR CITY. THESE PRACTICES ALONG WITH OTHERS GIVE US REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT PROVIDENCE CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE AT ITS PRESENT TAX RATE AT LEAST FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

AT THE LAST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WE PRESENTED A VERY AMBITIOUS LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. THE LEGISLATURE GAVE ITS APPROVAL TO A MAJOR PORTION OF THIS PROGRAM. WE SECURED AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CHARLES V. CHAPIN HOSPITAL AND BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR A WATER AQUEDUCT AND TUNNEL, A NEW WELFARE BUILDING AND A RECREATIONAL FACILITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THE REDEVELOPMENT ACT WAS AMENDED TO PERMIT THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CODE ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZED ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REDEVELOPMENT PROCESS, WHEN AT ITS LAST SESSION, IT GAVE PASSAGE TO A STATE AID FOR REDEVELOPMENT BOND BILL.

OUR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 1966 SESSION WILL BE AS AMBITIOUS AS THAT OF LAST YEAR.

WE ARE IMMEDIATELY PREPARED TO SPONSOR LEGISLATION TO OFFER REALISTIC ADJUSTMENTS OF POTENTIAL TAX LIABILITY IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT; TO PROVIDE TAX INCENTIVES FOR HOMEOWNERS TO MAKE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR PROPERTY; AND TO SECURE BONDING AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS FOR OUR YOUTH. WE ARE, OF COURSE, KEENLY INTERESTED IN SECURING ACTUAL STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. PROVIDENCE, LIKE PAWTUCKET, NEWPORT, CENTRAL FALLS, EAST PROVIDENCE AND WOONSOCKET VITALLY NEEDS STATE ASSISTANCE. IN SO MANY OTHER CITIES ACROSS THIS NATION, STATE AID HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF RENEWAL.

SCHOOL AID MUST BE INCREASED IF WE INTEND TO PREPARE OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF TOMORROW. WE WILL EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO SECURE THIS ADDITIONAL STATE AID.

THE YEAR 1965 HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT ONE FOR THE URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAM IN PROVIDENCE. 1965 WAS A PRODUCTIVE YEAR BOTH IN TERMS OF ACTUAL RENEWAL AND IN TERMS OF PLANNING.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR WAS THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES MARKING THE START OF CONSTRUCTION OF A 13-STORY APARTMENT HOUSE IN THE WEYBOSSET HILL PROJECT BY THE REYNOLDS METALS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST NEW PRIVATE HOUSING IN OUR DOWNTOWN AREA.

THERE WERE OTHER IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS 54-ACRE PROJECT, WHERE DEMOLITION AND SITE PREPARATION WORK PROGRESSED RAPIDLY DURING 1965. ONE WAS THE SALES AGREEMENT SIGNED IN OCTOBER BETWEEN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND BENEFICENT HOUSE, INC., WHICH WILL RESULT NEXT SPRING IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NINE-STORY APARTMENT HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET FROM WEYBOSSET HILL'S HISTORIC "ROUND TOP CHURCH". ANOTHER WAS THE DECISION BY THE SHORT LINE BUS COMPANY TO BUILD A MILLION DOLLAR ADDITION TO THE COMPANY'S EXISTING TERMINAL AT SABIN AND WEST EXCHANGE STREETS. THIS ADDITION WILL ALSO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEXT SPRING.

FINALLY, WHILE THERE IS NOTHING TANGIBLE TO REPORT CONCERNING THE SPORTS-CONVENTION CENTER PROPOSED FOR WEYBOSSET HILL, I WILL PERSIST IN MY EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS IMPORTANT FACILITY WHICH WILL SERVICE THE ENTIRE METROPOLITAN AREA.

THE LIPPITTHILL PROJECT MADE NEWS IN JANUARY OF THIS PAST YEAR WHEN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, INC., THE PRIVATE DEVELOPERS, PURCHASED SEVEN ACRES OF LAND FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 147 HOUSING UNITS ALONG OLNEY STREET.

ALSO, DURING THE YEAR, GROUND WAS BROKEN FOR A MODERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND RECREATION CENTER ALONG CAMP STREET, JUST EAST OF THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT. THIS FACILITY IS SCHEDULED TO BE READY FOR USE DURING THE 1966-67 SCHOOL YEAR.

NEWS ABOUT LIPPITT HILL WAS FURTHER BRIGHTENED JUST RECENTLY WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CONGRESSMAN FERNAND J. ST GERMAIN'S OFFICE THAT THREE-QUARTERS OF THE PUBLIC COST OF THIS PROJECT WILL BE ASSUMED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, RATHER THAN THE NORMAL TWO-THIRD'S SHARE.

THIS WILL RESULT IN A SAVING TO THE CITY OF MORE THAN \$400,000.

EARLIER IN THE YEAR, CONGRESS PASSED THE 1965 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT. THIS ACT SINGLED OUT PROVIDENCE FOR SPECIAL BENEFITS THAT HAVE ALREADY SAVED OUR CITY MORE THAN TWO MILLION DOLLARS. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THIS SECTION REPRESENTS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT BY THE MEMBERS OF OUR DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON.

THE CITY'S INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT WEST RIVER MADE NOTABLE PROGRESS DURING 1965. CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOURTEENTH AND LAST PLANT AT WEST RIVER PARK BEGAN IN SEPTEMBER. LATER IN THE YEAR, IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE PARK, WORK WAS BEGUN TO RECLAIM FOR FURTHER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SEVERAL ACRES OF LAND NOT REQUIRED BY THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSTATE 95. THIS LAND CAN ACCOMMODATE TWO NEW PLANTS.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE JAMES L. HANLEY EDUCATION CENTER IN THE CENTRAL-CLASSICAL PROJECT HAS BEEN DELAYED BY A NUMBER OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

IT IS NOT AN EASY TASK TO CONSTRUCT THE NEW FACILITY IN THE MIDST OF TWO OPERATING HIGH SCHOOLS. NOW THAT WE HAVE A DEFINITE COMMITMENT FROM THE STATE TO PROVIDE 1.5 MILLION FOR A VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITY WE CAN LOOK FOR THE START OF CONSTRUCTION THIS SPRING.

AFTER MANY MONTHS OF PLANNING AND REVISION THE EAST SIDE RENEWAL PROJECT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE URBAN RENEWAL ADMINISTRATION.

EFFORTS ARE NOW BEING MADE TO DEVELOP AN ALTERNATE PLAN FOR THE RAILROAD RELOCATION PROJECT WHICH WILL MEET THE OBJECTIONS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND AT THE SAME TIME OFFER A PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO THE NEEDS OF DOWNTOWN RENEWAL.

THE ADMINISTRATION IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE VARIED FUNDING METHODS AVAILABLE FOR RENEWAL. A SURVEY AND PLANNING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE REHABILITATION OF THE MOUNT HOPE SECTION OF THE CITY. THE CITY'S SHARE OF THIS PROPOSED PROJECT IS A \$700,000 CREDIT AS A RESULT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW LIPPITT HILL SCHOOL.

1965 MARKED THE START OF THE PLANNING OF A PROGRAM OF NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL WAS GIVEN TO A GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL PLAN WHICH SEEKS A BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR MORE THAN 70,000 PEOPLE WITHIN ALMOST 2,000 ACRES FROM FEDERAL HILL TO SOUTH PROVIDENCE. HERE AGAIN, IT IS HOPED THAT A 3.8 MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE JAMES L. HANLEY EDUCATION COMPLEX WILL ENABLE THE CITY TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE PLAN WITHOUT THE IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT OF ADDITIONAL REDEVELOPMENT BOND DOLLARS.

FOR ALL THE SECTIONS ENCOMPASSED BY THE GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL PLAN, OUR GOAL WILL BE TO ACHIEVE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT WHILE CAUSING THE LEAST POSSIBLE DISPLACEMENT.

VERY SOON, I WILL MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THIS HONORABLE BODY CONCERNING A REORGANIZATION OF THE STAFFS OF CERTAIN DIVISIONS, AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY BRING GREATER COORDINATION AND EFFICIENCY IN OUR PLANNING, REDEVELOPMENT AND INSPECTING FUNCTIONS.

THIS ADMINISTRATION MOVED RAPIDLY TO ADVANCE THE CONCEPT THAT A COMMUNITY IS STRENGTHENED IN ITS ENTIRETY WHEN ITS MOST DISADVANTAGED ARE BROUGHT OUT OF OBSCURITY INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF LIFE.

WHILE IT IS ONLY A START, WE HAVE SEEN HUNDREDS OF PERSONS EMERGE FROM THE SHADOWS OF POVERTY AND HOPELESSNESS INTO A MORE MEANINGFUL LIFE THROUGH NEW PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND WORK EXPERIENCE.

WE WERE QUICK TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITIES EXTENDED BY AN ENLIGHTENED FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION.

IN PROVIDENCE, ARMED WITH VITAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MULTITUDE OF PROBLEMS THAT BESET THE POOR OF OUR INNER CITY, WE QUALIFIED FOR FEDERAL FUNDS AMOUNTING TO ALMOST THREE MILLION DOLLARS TO COMBAT THESE PROBLEMS WITH A CAREFULLY COORDINATED NETWORK OF ANTIPOVERTY PROJECTS.

PROVIDENCE RESIDENTS BY THE HUNDREDS, ARE FINDING SECURITY AND SIGNIFICANCE BY WAY OF THEIR RECENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS, HEAD START AND COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAMS,  
AND A GROWING NUMBER OF COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY  
PROGRESS FOR PROVIDENCE, INC.

IN THE FIRST YEAR, THROUGH THIS IMAGINATIVE EFFORT THAT  
DEPARTS SO DRAMATICALLY FROM THE TRADITIONAL FORMS, WE HAVE REACHED  
OUT TO MORE THAN 6,000 PROVIDENCE RESIDENTS. THEY ARE ENROLLED IN  
OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. THEY ARE GAINING VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCE  
WITH BUILT-IN TRAINING AND COUNSELING. THEY ARE WORKING AS  
TEACHERS' AIDES, AS NEIGHBORHOOD WORKERS, AS INTERVIEWERS AND  
LIAISON PERSONNEL. MANY OF THEM ARE STUDENTS WHO ARE ENABLED TO  
COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION WITH THE SALARIES THEY RECEIVE AS PART-  
TIME WORKERS. THEY ARE GAINING A STRONGER VOICE IN DECIDING WHAT  
SERVICES THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS SHOULD HAVE IN ORDER TO MAKE LIFE MORE  
ENGAGING AND FULFILLING. THE TERM, HUMAN DIGNITY, IS BEGINNING TO  
HAVE A TRUER RING FOR THEM.

HERE ARE THE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED IN PROVIDENCE  
IN AN ATTEMPT TO MOBILIZE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES IN THE WAR ON  
POVERTY, AN ATTEMPT TO REVERSE THE DEBILITATING CYCLE OF POVERTY  
AND INVEST LIVES WITH NEW HOPE AND MEANING.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS WHICH IN PROVIDENCE HAS  
CONTRIBUTED WITH WHAT SEEMS TO BE SINGULAR EFFECTIVENESS TO IMPROVED  
WORK HABITS, SKILLS AND ATTITUDES AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE HEAD START PROGRAM AND ITS SUCCESSORS, GREEN LIGHT AND  
GIANT STEP, WHICH HAVE GIVEN AN INVALUABLE EARLY PUSH TO MORE THAN  
1,300 PRE-SCHOOL YOUNGSTERS FROM DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES.

THE NINE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, WHERE YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE ARE  
FINDING NEW LEARNING TOOLS, NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES, NEW WAYS OF  
IMPROVING THEIR LOTS IN LIFE, AND WHERE AT THE SAME TIME GREATER  
USE IS BEING MADE OF OUR CITY FACILITIES.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE UNITS, WITH DROP-IN CENTERS AND GARAGE  
CENTERS ADMINISTERED IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER CITY AND PRIVATE  
AGENCIES, ARE PROVIDING COUNSELLING AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES--AIMED  
PRIMARILY AT DELINQUENCY PREVENTION - IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SETTING

A HOME AND BLOCK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AGAIN USING NEIGHBORHOOD WORKERS, THAT WILL HELP TO IMPROVE THE LIVING SURROUNDINGS OF MANY, AND THAT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE THE FORERUNNER OF A MORE EXTENSIVE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM NOW UNDER REVIEW.

ALSO AWAITING FINAL APPROVAL ARE THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE CREDIT UNION AND CONSUMER EDUCATION PROGRAMS, WHICH WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES TO INVEST IN THEIR ABILITIES AND HAVE THE MEANS TO ACQUIRE MORE THAN THE MOST MEAGER NECESSITIES.

AND SOON WE SHALL HAVE AN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM THAT WILL GO INTO THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND SEEK OUT THE HARD-CORE UNEMPLOYED AND BRING THEM INTO LEARNING AND TRAINING SITUATIONS THAT IN TURN WILL LEAD TO JOBS IN BUSINESS AND IN SERVICE INDUSTRIES.

PLANS ARE ALSO IN PROGRESS FOR HEALTH CLINICS, AND FOR ACTIVITY CENTERS FOR THE ELDERLY.

HERE THEN, IN BRIEF, ARE THE NEW APPROACHES PROVIDENCE IS TAKING, WITH FEDERAL ASSISTANCE AND WITH THE COOPERATION OF OUR

TRADITIONAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES, TO APPLY RENEWAL TO HUMAN RESOURCES, RESOURCES THAT HAVE LAIN DORMANT FOR TOO LONG AND FOR REASONS THAT WE CAN NOW RISE ABOVE.

ONE OF THE PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR ADMINISTRATION DURING THE LAST YEAR WAS THE INAUGURATION OF THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. UNDER THE PROGRAM WE HAVE GIVEN THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN THE ABUNDANCE OF OUR NATION. WE HOPE TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND THIS PROGRAM IN THE NEXT YEAR.

I HAVE CONSISTENTLY EXPRESSED MY CONCERN ABOUT THE COST OF MAINTAINING THE CHARLES V. CHAPIN HOSPITAL. THAT FACILITY HAS AN ANNUAL OPERATING DEFICIT OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO THE CITIZENS OF PROVIDENCE IS THE FACT THAT BETTER THAT 54% OF THE PATIENTS ARE NON-RESIDENTS OF OUR CITY. I APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHAPIN FUNCTION, BUT I CANNOT DISREGARD MY OBLIGATION TO PROVIDENCE CITY TAXPAYERS. ACCORDINGLY, I INTEND TO CLOSE THE CHARLES V. CHAPIN HOSPITAL BEGINNING IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR.

ANTICIPATING THE CLOSE OF THE CHAPIN HOSPITAL, I HAVE APPOINTED A COMMITTEE WHICH WILL DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE DIAGNOSTIC CONSULTATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL DISORDERS, MENTAL RETARDATION, AND OTHER PSYCHIATRIC CONDITIONS. THIS PROGRAM WILL AFFORD PROVIDENCE RESIDENTS THE MEASURE OF PROTECTION WHICH THEY RIGHTLY DESERVE.

IT IS MY EXPECTATION THAT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON AGING WILL REPORT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO ME ON THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER. AS SOON AS THAT REPORT IS MADE AVAILABLE, I WILL MOVE TO SECURE FEDERAL APPROVAL TO PROVIDE LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR THE AGED OF PROVIDENCE.

I AM AWAITING REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE STUDYING THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AND THE CIVIL SERVICE STUDY COMMISSION. THE REPORTS OF BOTH THESE COMMITTEES WILL ASSURE OUR EMPLOYEES OF AN ATTRACTIVE CAREER SERVICE.

IN THE EARLY PART OF THIS YEAR, I ALSO APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE STRAYER ACT.

THAT COMMITTEE HAS WORKED LONG AND HARD AND WE AWAIT A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. I WILL SEEK YOUR COUNSEL IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSALS OF THAT STUDY GROUP.

IN MY INAUGURAL MESSAGE I SPOKE OF MY CONCERN FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF PROVIDENCE. SINCE THAT TIME I HAVE CALLED UPON THE BEST BUSINESS MINDS IN OUR CITY IN ORDER TO SECURE THEIR COUNSEL AND ADVICE. I EXPECT SOME SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THEM IN THE EARLY PART OF THIS YEAR, WHICH MAY INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AMBASSADORIAL CORPS, GREATER UTILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT, CHANGES IN THE BUILDING CODE AND AN OVERALL ANALYSIS OF OUR INDUSTRIAL CLIMATE, INVENTORY AND NEEDS. I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO MAKE PROVIDENCE AN ATTRACTIVE AND COMPETITIVE URBAN CENTER.

FINALLY, WITH THE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF THIS CITY COUNCIL, I RENEW MY PLEDGE TO EXERT EVERY ENERGY TO MAKE PROVIDENCE A PLACE WHERE EVERY MAN FEELS SAFE AND SECURE, A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ARE PART OF A COMMUNITY AND THEY HAVE A SENSE OF

DIGNITY AND WHERE SLUMS, UGLINESS, CRIME AND CONGESTION HAVE NO PLACE. TOGETHER, GENTLEMEN, WE CAN REALIZE THIS NEW PROFILE FOR OUR CITY.

THANK YOU.



CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR.  
MAYOR

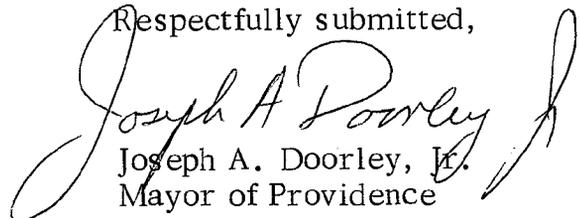
December 28, 1965

To the Honorable the City Council  
of the City of Providence

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 121 of Chapter 832 of the Public Laws of 1940, I have this day appointed Mr. John A. Doherty of Providence, a member of the Water Supply Board for the ensuing term ending on the first Monday in January, 1970, and respectfully submit same to you for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.  
Mayor of Providence

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IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 6 1966

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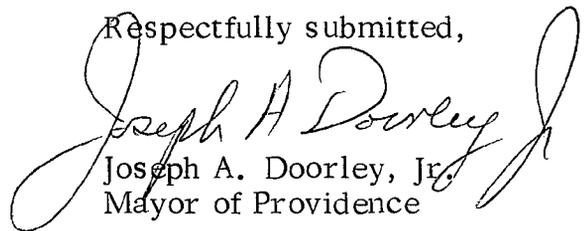
December 28, 1965

To the Honorable the City Council  
of the City of Providence

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 11,  
Chapter 1665 of the Public Laws of 1945, I have this day appointed  
Mr. Francis E. Little, Jr. of Providence a member of the Board  
of Tax Assessment Review for the term ending on the first Monday  
in January, 1969, and respectfully submit same to you for your approval.

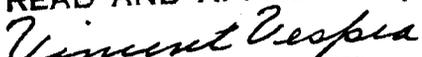
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To the Honorable the City Council  
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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 127 of Chapter 1079 of the Building Ordinances of 1956, I have this day appointed Mr. Oresto DiSaia of Providence, a member of the Building Code Revision Board to serve for a term of five years, ending on the first Monday in January 1971, and respectfully submit same to you for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.*  
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Gentlemen:

26. In accordance with Section 127 of Chapter 1079  
of the Building Ordinances of 1956, I have this day appointed  
Mr. Alfred Ardente of Providence, a member of the Building Code  
Code Revision Board to serve for a term of five years, ending on  
the first Monday in January 1971, and respectfully submit same to  
you for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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