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Dear Dr. Day:

The memorandum entitled "Possible Item for Rockefeller Foundation Emergency Program" sent me as a member of the Foundation Emergency Committee has been duly received. Since I am not able to have the benefit of a discussion of the proposals with the other members of the Committee and yourself, my general approval of them is given subject to the approval of the other two members of the Committee.

I am enthusiastically in favor of any concrete plans for aiding government agencies in solving the complex problems of every kind which confront the government, that upon careful analysis give promise of helpful and worth-while results along lines of endeavor that the Foundation can properly assist in. It would seem to me that the proposals made by the Social Science Research Council had merit and the results sought ought to be useful and helpful. That the results of these proposed studies should be as practical as possible and at the same time have the fullest benefit of the scientific approach, it would seem to me highly important that some one or two persons other than scientists be added to the commissions. The report mentions a publicist. It is not wholly clear to me of what particular value a publicist would be on such a commission. A man of affairs is also mentioned. Such a person, perhaps two, on each commission, if the right ones could be found, would seem to me to add great strength.

The report goes on to say that the commission members will accept full time assignments. The estimate provides only \$12,000 for stipends for members of commissions. How can scientific men of the right type be found who will give full time for six months on the stipends provided for?

With these few comments I register my favorable vote for the proposal, if the other two members of the Committee are also in favor of it.

Very sincerely,

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