

THE WHITE HOUSE
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My dear Mrs. Simkhovitch:

Since I extended my greeting to the National Public Housing Conference a year ago, memorable events have taken place in public housing. The public housing agencies of the Government and the agencies stimulating private home construction have been consolidated into one efficient National Housing Agency.

There can be no doubt in anyone's mind that when the war is over we shall proceed toward the goal of a slumless America with redoubled determination and vigor. The housing projects in Pittsburgh stand, as evidence stronger than words, as to what can be done and what will be done.

The Federal Government is not unmindful that we must commence now to develop plans to assure the winning of the peace on the economic and social front. I have been glad to observe the number of States and local communities which are preparing for large programs of housing and community rebuilding. Those engaged in public housing and those engaged in private housing are working together to see the job as a whole, and to encompass the needs of all the people.

It must be a great inspiration to the National Public Housing Conference to know that it was a pioneer in the whole task of relating housing to the people's welfare. Pioneers are always needed, and you have my continuing good wishes in your efforts which have contributed so much to our present war efforts and which we shall need so much in the years that lie ahead.

Very sincerely yours,



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