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THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 19, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT:

Justice Department News

Associate Deputy Attorney General Roger Clegg advised me of two developments at the Department of Justice of which you should be made aware. Brad Reynolds has written a letter (copy attached) to Secretary Pierce, advising him that the Civil Rights Division intends to review HUD policies under Title VI. Reynolds is reportedly concerned that HUD has adopted a racial quota system for public housing projects. You may recall the controversy that developed in Texas over Judge Justice's order that families be moved between two neighboring housing projects to achieve racial balance. HUD has reportedly adopted Judge Justice's approach, to which Reynolds objects. Reynolds's letter was sent out without review or clearance by the Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General; it seems obvious that the matter could have been better handled without producing a written document that will probably be leaked. There is now the potential for a news story on a rift between Reynolds and HUD on housing discrimination policy.

In a more curious if less substantive development, the Department has been having problems with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has allegedly been guilty of several violations of Department policy with respect to the press, including wandering the halls after hours to drop in on people in their offices and even eavesdropping outside the offices. Tom DeCair's office has warned [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] pass may be revoked; it is unclear if [REDACTED] will take the warnings to heart. I doubt you will get any calls on this matter at this stage, but it may develop into something interesting.

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