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FEDERAL COUNCIL ON THE AGING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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1-24-78

January 13, 1978

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Federal Council on the Aging and in accordance with provisions of the Older Americans Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, I submit our annual report for 1977.

You will recall that you asked me to assume the duties of Chairman effective July 1 following the resignation of Bertha S. Adkins as Chairman. I am pleased that Miss Adkins agreed to remain as a member of the Council. Her cooperation and support assured the continued, smooth functioning of the Council in its mandated role as advocate for older Americans to the executive and legislative branches of government.

This report describes the Council's continuing concerns and projects as well as specific positions taken by the Council on Federal policies and programs affecting the elderly. You will note that the Council shares your concern for the importance of a secure income in a person's later years. We expressed support for the proposals to strengthen the financing of the Social Security system which you sent to the Congress last May and are pleased that Congress completed action on the 1977 Social Security Act amendments before adjournment.

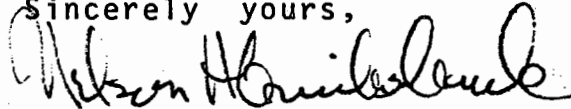
Noting the importance this Administration has assigned to developing a national health program, the Council gave extended consideration to the subject. It submitted to your Advisory Committee on National Health Insurance Issues a set of principles regarding the elderly which the Council offered as a guide to initiatives for national health care.

We hope that the Congress and the Administration will give early attention to completion of welfare reform measures which include many provisions of vital concern to older Americans.

While in no way minimizing the importance of adequate income in later years, the Council recognizes that as one gets older there is frequently an accumulation of physical, social, environmental and psychological frailties. These are often beyond the capacity of the individual to cope with even when assisted by family and friends. Then, the Federal Government, the Council has agreed, should be prepared, working in partnership with community institutions, both public and private, to see that necessary services are provided.

The report concludes by citing a number of areas of need within its broad Congressional mandate which should be addressed. The members recognize that not all of these can be adequately dealt with in the next year. Any suggestions from you or your official family as to priorities which would direct the Council's activities into courses that would be helpful to undertakings of this Administration would be welcomed.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nelson H. Cruikshank".

Nelson H. Cruikshank
Chairman

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