Please gather data pronto and discuss with me how and what to present.
July 3, 1974

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Dear Dr. Paul:

Following up on a recent conversation between your Deputy and my aide, I have prepared a list of questions which our House Health Subcommittee will consider when we continue mark-up of H.R. 13995 next week. As you may know, I am considering offering an amendment to establish Health Resource Development Agencies which would carry on the innovative work of RMPs.

The list of questions follows:

1) It is my understanding that approximately $84 million was recently allocated to some 51 RMPs. Is this correct? If so, please provide a list of grantees, dollars awarded, dollars requested by the grantees.

2) How much of this recent $81 million award was "new" money? That is, how much was previously impounded or otherwise withheld? Please indicate the source and fiscal year in which these funds were appropriated.

3) With "telegrams to terminate" and with "orders not to spend funds allocated," local RMP Directors have had some difficulty in planning their budgets. Could you provide a summary or chronology of correspondence sent from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to all RMPs regarding funding and spending matters over the last two years?

4) What criteria were used to allocate this year's $84 million? What criteria will be used to allocate the additional $28 million which I understand will be awarded in August, 1974?
Please provide a list of the 47 or so RMPs which are requesting additional monies when the $28 million becomes available in August. Why was this $28 million not awarded in late June? After this August awarding process will any FY 1974 funds remain under DHEW control or will all FY 1974 funds then be in the local RMP accounts?

I appreciate your cooperation; please telex or have your response hand-carried to my office, 307 Cannon HOB by July 8th.

Sincerely,

James W. Symington