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HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

A Report to

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Introduction

The Task Force on Health and Social Security was appointed by President-Elect Kennedy to review from among the most pressing and significant health and welfare proposals those which should have priority in the initial phase of the new Administration.

The recommendations of the task force consist of the following proposals:

A. MEDICAL AND HEALTH PROGRAMS

1. Medical Care for the Aged and Other Social Security Beneficiaries
2. Medical Education and Medical Manpower
3. Medical Research
4. Medical Care Facilities
5. Establishment of a National Academy of Health
6. Creation of a National Institute of Child Health

B. SERVICES FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND OLDER PERSONS

7. Assistance to Children of an Unemployed Parent
8. Preparation of a Family and Child Welfare Services Plan
9. Strengthening and Streamlining Administrative Organization

The task force has had available to it the public recommendations of various groups, and a substantial body of data, including the information and conclusions in the following official reports which have been of inestimable value to it in making its recommendations:

1. Federal Support of Medical Research: Report of the Committee of Consultants on Medical Research to the Senate Committee on Appropriations (The Jones Report), 1960.
2. Physicians for a Growing America: Report of the Surgeon's General's Consultant Group on Medical Education (The Bane Report), 1959.
3. The Advancement of Medical Research and Education Through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (The Bayne-Jones Report), 1958.
4. Hospitalization Insurance for OASDI Beneficiaries: Report Submitted to the Committee on Ways and Means by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare (The Flemming Report), 1959.
5. Report of the Advisory Council on Public Assistance (The Mitchell Report), 1960.
6. Report of the Advisory Council on Child Welfare Services (The Kidneigh Report), 1959.
7. The Condition of American Nursing Homes, A Study by the Subcommittee on Problems of the Aged and Aging of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare (The McNamara Committee), 1960.
8. Report of the Special Committee on Unemployment Problems, 86th Congress, 2nd Session, Report No.1206 (The Eugene Mc Carthy Committee), 1960.

The Task Force urges the favorable consideration of the proposals discussed in this report.