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Mr. Robert C. Lindstrom, Director
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Office of Urban Affairs
Jefferson Building
Jefferson City, Missouri

Re: Older Americans Program

Dear Mr. Lindstrom:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 22, 1966, requesting further specification as to the authority of the office of State and Regional Planning and Community Development in connection with the State Plan under the Older Americans Act. This letter will supplant and replace our earlier letter dated June 14, 1966.

At your request we have reviewed the State Plan for services to Older Missourians prepared pursuant to the Older Americans Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-73), together with the letter of Governor Warren E. Hearnes to John W. Gardner, Secretary, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, dated May 31, 1966, in which the office of State and Regional Planning and Community Development was designated the State Agency for participation in the Older Americans Act. We have also considered Senate Bill 14, Second Extra Session, 73d General Assembly, which establishes the State Planning office. We are informed that the State Plan will be amended so as to conform with the Governor's redesignation of the State Agency.

Based on the foregoing, we hereby certify that upon the effective date of Senate Bill 14, the office of State and Regional Planning and Community Development has been designated to be the sole State Agency responsible for administering the

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Older Americans Program and that it is primarily responsible for the coordination of State programs and activities in connection with the Older Americans Act. It is our judgment that the State Agency has authority to submit a State Plan in cooperation with the Federal Government and that nothing in the State Plan is inconsistent with the provisions of State law.

Very truly yours,

Louis C. DeFeo, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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