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NATIONAL HOUSING AGENCY
FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
BANGOR, MAINE

January 31, 1949

Honorable Louis P. Gagne
Lewiston
Maine

Dear Mayor Gagne:

The Housing and Home Finance Agency, in cooperation with industry, labor, local governments and other Federal Agencies, is undertaking a nationwide program to encourage the construction of a large volume of housing for sale or rent to meet the needs of the average American citizen at considerably lower prices and rents than are now generally prevailing. This program, which has the strong support of the national organizations representative of industry and labor, has been designated "The Economy Program for 1949."

Since this program must be carried out primarily in the localities where housing is produced, the Federal Housing Administration has been given the responsibility for organizing a series of industry meetings in the larger cities, beginning February 8, 1949, to launch the program. In order to provide the indispensable local leadership for these meetings and for the continuing efforts to stimulate increased production of lower-cost housing this year, we propose to establish Advisory Committees in these cities which will be representative of all groups having a direct role in the production of housing.

We would like to arrange to hold a meeting in Lewiston, ^{or Auburn} some evening during the month of February, or early March after our Portland meeting is held.

It is believed that you, as Mayor of Lewiston, would be in a good position to state whether or not such a meeting could be arranged, possibly jointly with the Mayor of Auburn.

This meeting would last about two hours. We would have representatives of the Federal Housing Administration, Veterans Administration, Bankers and others present at the meeting to give whatever help they could to planning a campaign that would bring results.

It would be appreciated if you will let me know if you could sponsor such a meeting. To sponsor such a meeting all that would be required is for arrangements to be made for a date and place for the meeting to be held.