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THE HOUSING EXPEDITER
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Hon. Louis P. Gagne
Mayor
City of Lewiston
Lewiston, Maine

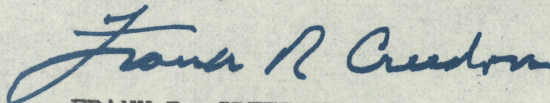
Dear Mayor Gagne:

The Housing and Rent Act of 1947, which became law with the President's signature on July 1, repeals most of the provisions of the Veterans' Emergency Housing Act of 1946. Accordingly, the offices of Regional and Locality Housing Expeditors are being closed during the month of July 1947, and this agency no longer will maintain a field staff to assist communities in the preparation and prosecution of local housing programs.

During the past year and a half the results of community action programs—defined as results achieved in building homes for sale and for rent to veterans through local voluntary action—have been splendid. It has been our pleasure to cite publicly more than 300 individual communities for the development of practical and ingenious ideas to speed home construction. In order that the outstanding examples of such local action will not be lost through liquidation of this agency, we have prepared a final community action bulletin summarizing 75 specific examples, credit for which belongs entirely to the local citizen committees that perfected them. A copy of the bulletin, "Homes Can Be Built Now—Through Community Action" is enclosed in the belief that it may be of some practical value to you and other civic leaders in your community now and in the future.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my great appreciation for the very splendid housing achievements of Mayors' Emergency Housing Committees and other civic agencies during the past year. I am certain that the many civic organizations, including the 795 Mayors' Committees that have functioned at various intervals in recent months, will continue their local efforts, despite the absence of the field organization of this agency. Although the Nation's housing problem continues as an urgent need, the great response that has been forthcoming in the form of voluntary community action guarantees that public spirited citizens will continue to utilize this most effective channel for getting homes built now.

Sincerely,



FRANK R. CREEDON
Housing Expediter