THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 2, 1970

TELEPHONE RECOMMENDATION

MIKE MANSFIELD, MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE

RECOMMENDED BY: Dr. Moynihan

REASON: Mansfield has assured the President that

the Family Assistance Bill will be considered

by the Senate before adjournment.

TALKING POINTS:

- (1) President appreciates what Mansfield describes as

 a "courtesy owed the President."
- (2) President is trying to be as flexible as he can, while maintaining the essential principle of aid to the working poor. This is why he announced he would accept the Ribicoff amendment. (Mansfield's statement came in response to the President's.)
- (3) There are at least sixty votes for Family Assistance in the Senate. If it is reported to the floor we will surely get a bill this year. It will be a great achievement of bi-partisanship.

Attachment