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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 14, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
29 Washinton Square, West
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New York 11, New York

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

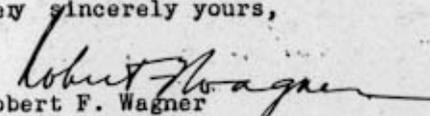
Thank you for your letter of January 9 concerning our mutual friend, Louis Nizer.

Mr. Nizer has been in touch with me concerning the appointment. I am aware of his high qualifications and am glad to know of your interest.

I read constantly in the press of the wonderful work you are doing. My regret is that we do not meet more often in these busy times.

I send you my warmest greetings and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,


Robert F. Wagner

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Original and attachments filed; Nizer

R. Wagner

Dear Senator Wagner

I have answered some of your questions, but I am not an expert on housing so I shall have to leave some of them unanswered.

With every good wish,

1. It certainly is not, largely because it would not get enough return on its investment to interest private capital
2. a - yes
b. yes
c. ~~xxxxxxx~~ No - my knowledge is not sufficient
3. a. yes
b. yes
c. - can not answer
4. a - no
b. yes
c. - can not ans.
d. I recommend a ceiling on the income of those using certain types of housing
5. When families are moved out I recommend that temporary housing be found for them and that they be assured of returning to the new housing. Otherwise they are apt to love to even less desirable housing and not to know when new housing is available or get an opportunity to move into it.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND CURRENCY

October 10, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Washington Square
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 104 passed at the recent session of Congress, there has been established a Joint Committee on Housing to investigate the entire field of housing and to submit its findings and its recommendations as to necessary legislation to the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than March 15, 1948.

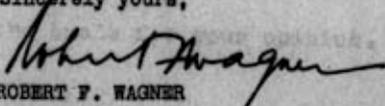
As a member of the Joint Committee, I have been asked to give special consideration to the broad question of slum clearance. Knowing your interest in housing matters, I am taking the liberty of requesting your views on this basic problem, which clearly represents one of the most critical phases of the entire housing crisis.

It has been my privilege to play a leading role in the development of Federal legislation on housing. In particular, I sponsored the United States Housing Act of 1937, which for the first time established a system of Federal assistance to communities for slum clearance and low-rent housing for families of low income, and as Chairman and now ranking minority member of the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate I have participated in the development and sponsorship of S. 866, the bi-partisan long-range housing bill which is now pending in the Congress.

Your answers to the attached questions will be of great benefit to me, to the Joint Committee on Housing, and to the Congress as a whole in arriving at the proper decisions on this important phase of housing. In view of the rather pressing time schedule facing us, your early reply will be most helpful.

With appreciation for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Sincerely yours,


ROBERT F. WAGNER

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Hon. Robt. F. Wagner
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.
(Room 226)

SURVEY OF URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC HOUSING

1. (a) In your opinion, is private enterprise in a position now or in the foreseeable future to provide decent housing, new or old, for all low-income families at rents or prices within their ability to pay?
(b) Please indicate briefly the basis for your opinion.
2. (a) If it is your opinion that private enterprise will not be able to provide decent housing for all such families, do you favor the provision of publicly-assisted low-rent housing for such families?
(b) If so, do you favor continuation of a program of Federal assistance to local communities, along the lines of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as a means of aiding the communities to provide decent housing for low-income families?
(c) Do you desire to recommend any modifications in that program which, in your opinion, would make it more effective?
(d) Please outline briefly and describe the practical effect of any alternative proposals which you desire to recommend as a feasible means of meeting this phase of the housing problem.
3. (a) In your opinion, wholly aside from low-rent housing for low-income families, is an urban redevelopment program needed in order to clear slums and blighted areas in American cities and to make the land therein available for new private and public development?
(b) If so, in your opinion is some form of public financial assistance necessary to write off the excessive costs of acquiring and clearing the land in slums and blighted areas if it is to be made available at prices which will permit its redevelopment for the most appropriate uses?
(c) Please indicate briefly the basis for your opinion.

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4. (a) In your opinion, are cities and States generally in a position to finance the full costs of urban redevelopment programs?
 - (b) S.866, now pending in Congress, proposes that two-thirds of the net cost of local urban redevelopment programs be carried by the Federal Government and one-third by the locality. In your opinion, is this an equitable and adequate proposal?
 - (c) Please outline briefly, and describe the practical effect of any alternative proposals which you desire to recommend as a feasible means of meeting this problem.
 - (d) In carrying out a program for the redevelopment of slums and blighted areas in your State, what means do you recommend to assure that low-income families now living in such areas will be provided with decent housing?
5. Are there any other matters in connection with low-rent housing for low-income families, or in connection with the clearance and redevelopment of slums and blighted areas, as to which you desire to comment or make recommendations?

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COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND CURRENCY

May 26, 1948

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Val-Kill Cottage
Hyde Park, Dutchess Co.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thank you for your letter of
May 22nd.

I am heartily in accord with
the President's recommendation to extend
for three years the Reciprocal Trade
Agreements Act.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert F. Wagner
Robert F. Wagner

B, Wagner

Bob Wagner, jr. wants to use the following statement in a leaflet for Harlem and Negro section of Brookly.

His record proves that he is an ardent fighter against poverty, against ignorance, persecution, prejudice and against exploitation.

Mrs. Aiken
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ROBERT F. WAGNER, JR.

Wagner, R.
said Mrs. Roosevelt
Oct. 22
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Oct. 22

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Through the kindness of my old friend Langdon I am taking this opportunity to write to you. As you know I am the Democratic and Liberal candidate for the office of Borough President in Manhattan. I would be deeply honored and grateful if you could find it possible to provide us with a statement in support of my candidacy. It would be most helpful and I do not feel that I need set forth my record to you, as I have been closely associated with many of the worthwhile causes to which you have given such inspiring leadership.

ROBERT F. WAGNER, JR.

Dad joins me in sending our
kindest regards.

Sincerely
Bob Wagner