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Memorandum 75-68

Subject: Research Contracts

Although our funds for research contracts are limited, the staff suggests that the following research contracts be approved and that the Executive Secretary be authorized to execute the contracts on behalf of the Commission:

Contract With Mr. Dankert

Mr. Dankert is one of our consultants on eminent domain. We have already incurred travel expenses in excess of the existing contract to cover his expenses in attending legislative hearings. His presence at those hearings and Commission meetings has been of great value. We plan to consider evidence in eminent domain and inverse condemnation and various technical problems under the new statute (whether or not it is signed by the Governor). We recommend, accordingly, that a contract be made for \$500 maximum to cover \$20 per meeting day at meetings attended at our request plus travel expenses subject to the same limitations as apply to members of the Commission. The contract would cover both eminent domain and inverse condemnation.

Contract With Professor Kanner

We have also exhausted the money under our existing contract with Professor Kanner. His presence at legislative hearings and at Commission meetings has been of great value. We recommend the same contract with the same maximum limitation as for Mr. Dankert.

Amount Available for Research Contracts

We have \$8,500 budgeted for contracts during 1975-76 with research consultants. We will expend \$500 under the new contract with Mr. Elmore and \$1,000 under the two contracts recommended above, leaving us with \$7,000 to cover additional research consultation services. We do not plan to make additional research

contracts until fairly late in the 1975-76 fiscal year so that we can be sure we have sufficient funds to cover expenditures in other budget categories. Late in the 1975-76 fiscal year, we also will be in a better position to determine priorities for expenditure of research funds.

Respectfully submitted,

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