

To: Steve
From: Peter
Date: September 8, 1980
Re: Weekly Report for August 25-29 and September 1-5

1. Summary of Meetings:

8/25 - Met with Bud Knapp and Tom Regan of Energy & Waste Management, Inc. of Hingham regarding construction of a Resource Recovery Plant in Hingham to service several South Shore communities. Selectmen are supportive of the concept and the site near Route 3. Per Mitch Tyson, I provided a copy of Fed. Reg. on Synfuels Municipal Waste Loan Guarantees. Have spoken with Studds and Kennedy staff regarding GSA land for a public purpose: energy and waste disposal. Also met with Conrad Derocher of EPA.

8/26 - Met with Dave Davis and Pat Moscaritola of Massport regarding Corps of Engineers involvement in Boston Harbor projects.

8/28 - Martha's Vineyard Town Meeting and meetings with local, regional, and county officials on the island. Also, met with Jim Green, Brockton, member of State Board of Education.

8/29 - vacation day; 9/1 - Labor Day.

9/3 - Attended pre-opening social event at Swansea Mall. Met Charles Leibler, President, Equity Development Corp. of New York, developers of the Dartmouth Mall. Also met Jim Carney, head of Merchants Association and discussed how they operate.

9/4 - Second meeting on status of Hingham Resource Recovery Plant with Regan and Knapp. Discussed situation by phone with Hingham Selectman Chairman Bickford. He promised to have Board of Selectmen come in to office to discuss local situation before a final decision is made on the project. Apparently, some local forces are trying to secure the GSA land for an abutting developer for another use. Bickford is only now beginning to realize the seriousness of the local landfill situation with DEQE regulations violated and methane gas explosions among the hidden problems.

9/5 - Attended opening ceremony for Malden Knitting Mills, bringing 300 employees back to work after being closed for a year and a half. Cong. Markey was driving force for EDA and SBA loans. Met with Art Silbert, head of Malden Downtown Merchants Association regarding perceptions on downtown changes and to determine degree of support we might expect for any initiatives from this office. Met briefly with Neil Cooper head of Chamber of Commerce and probably the person of most usefulness in this situation. Met with Mayor Conway and MRA Director FitzGerald regarding Carabetta Tandem financing.

2. Other activities:

(a) Followup on numerous questions from the public and officials from Martha's Vineyard meetings.

(b) Prepared appeal to Secretary of Defense on lifting of trade restrictions for Medical Devices of Fall River, Inc., military contractors for surgical instruments, feeling the impacts of greater foreign competition.

(c) In Ryan's absence, helped Nance with Medford newspaper message, and handled merchant complaint on Woburn TOPICS Project. Woburn City Councillor Jack Rabbitt is seeking help from this office on their downtown renewal.

(d) Provided Hull with computer printout on funding sources for waterfront planning.

(e) Reponded to concerns of Falmouth Chamber of Commerce regarding Route 28 project.

(f) Researched CETA regulations concerning impact of Federal Census on CETA Prime Sponsors

(g) Contacted Ray Coots, Pres., East Bay Development Corp., who says final lease negotiations with Jordan Marsh Co. at Assembly Square will be completed next Wednesday and he will ask me to set up a meeting with Mayor Conway at that point.