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Projects Report  
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The Chicopee day has been restructured. After meeting with the Mayor and the Chicopee Development Corp. (which is the group planning "Spring Fest") we have tentative plans to hold a breakfast, in a new restaurant located in an old school building, with the business community to discuss a Chicopee Plan. Uniroyal officials would be included. This would be followed by a tour of downtown Chicopee and perhaps a ground breaking on a downtown commercial development.

Met with a group from Huntington on a hydro project we have been working on for some time. The Army Corps folks did much to discourage the effort. There are problems with developing the site because of a long-term lease for water supply with the city of Springfield. I have asked the Corps to hold off on their reconnaissance study to allow Huntington officials a chance to discuss the issue with Springfield and perhaps work out a deal.

Met with Tom Litwibler (G.E.) to discuss Paul's trip on April 8. The only operational part of the tour will be through the power transformer division which is the largest and most depressed. G.E. is having a PCB-oil leakage problem in one corner of their plant. Tom briefed me on the problem and I believe they are making every effort to clean it up.

Had a cup of coffee with an Agawam woman who is strongly opposed to RTE. 57. She is also concerned about the number of housing developments in her community which are not in the best location. This is the first anti 57 sentiment I have encountered in Agawam and she felt her feelings were widespread. The PVTa vote on 57 is set for Wednesday.

The Springfield UDAG has been reworked and all that seems missing now is an agreement on the 121A with the developer. Some concern has been expressed regarding the number of parking spaces committed to office use (vs. commercial retail) on this project but I don't think this is too serious.

Attended a Springfield C of C session on small business financing. Bob Schwarz asked me here if we would be of some help getting Wang to look at greater Springfield for their future expansion. ....

Also attended the graduation ceremonies of the Chicopee Job Corps Center. The director asked me to help them obtain phones for the Corps members to use which I will pursue this week.