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WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: TO ALL WROs

FROM: George A. Wiley, Executive Director

IMPORTANT: A NEW WEAPON TO USE IN OUR FIGHT
FOR MORE MONEY NOW!

Attached is information on a very important part of the 1967 Social Security Amendments. All states are required to raise their standard of need to meet current living conditions and TO RAISE WELFARE GRANTS.

Many states will try to avoid doing this. Many states are already breaking this law by lowering grants.

Your group should begin NOW to fight to see that your state obeys this law.

Among the things you can do are:

1. Demand to participate in planning to bring your state's standard up to the current cost of living. Make sure you find out NOW what your state welfare department is doing to obey this law.
2. Call your own public meetings to demonstrate what it really costs to live in your state. (The attached "City Worker's Budget" can give you beginning ideas of what it takes to live in America.)
3. Enlist the support of church people, women's groups, social workers, businessmen, etc. in helping to educate the public on this important issue.

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PLAN FOR LEGAL ACTION

NWRO will go to court in every state to make sure this law is obeyed. Get this material to your WRO's lawyer NOW. and ask him to call NWRO Headquarters right away! (202-462-8804).

NOTE: It is important that NWRO Headquarters know the name, address and telephone number of your WRO's lawyer. (The lawyer that works closest with your group.) It is important that copies of all letters, legal documents, etc. involving your members and your group be sent by your lawyer to NWRO Headquarters and to Carl Rachlin, NWRO General Counsel (Rachlin's address is SEDF, 64 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016, his office telephone number is 212-532-8216).

ATTENTION

GIVE YOUR LAWYER THE EXTRA COPY OF MY
LETTER TO SECRETARY WILBUR COHEN AND
THE MEMORANDUM TO COHEN.