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Memorandum

TO: Steering Committee/CIJE
FROM: Shulamith Elster *file*
RE: Norman Lipoff
DATE: November 26, 1991

I met with Norman Lipoff on Friday, November 22nd at the GA.

1. On the CIJE

Norman was interested in hearing about the status of our projects. I sense that he is pleased to be on the Board and that he would like to be actively involved.

Norm was most interested in lead communities so I spent most of my time with him on lead communities in preparation for the January meeting and for his possible involvement before January.

2. On the Lead Communities

He expressed serious concern about the current ability of many interested communities to generate sufficient local funds to support the lead communities activities. There will be communities genuinely interested - and who the CIJE will want to have involved - that will not consider the program because of the economic climate. Communities will be very reluctant to take on additional projects. Many are worried about their ability to continue funding existing programs at their current levels and many have already cut-back subventions for educational programs. Furthermore, there are communities that are unable to meet their obligations to UJA and Exodus.

He stressed the importance of letting communities know - as best we can - about what will be expected of them financially. How much will it cost to be a lead community?

He suggested that when applications come in that they be reviewed carefully by people who know what a particular community's true financial capability is and who know about its financial 'track-record'.

I asked if he would be interested in helping the CIJE review the financial aspects of the project. He said he would be pleased to help. (Are we going to have a Board committee on Lead Communities? If so, this would be a good way to involve him!)

3. Board/Annual Meeting

He has planned his schedule around the date of our meeting and will be there for most of the day. He may have to leave before the end of the afternoon meeting.