Foreword

Residence and Race is the final report of a broad study of housing problems involving minority racial and ethnic groups, conducted for the Commission on Race and Housing, under the direction of Davis McEntire.

Where the members of racial and ethnic minorities should live—whether in segregated communities or dispersed through the general housing supply—is a social problem of large and growing importance in American cities. To inquire into this problem was the purpose of the Commission on Race and Housing, formed in 1955. The Commission is an independent, private citizens' group, not a part of any other organization. Its work was made possible by a grant of \$305,000 from the Fund for the Republic. The Fund's participation was limited to financial assistance, and it is not in any way otherwise responsible for the studies carried out for the Commission or for its conclusions.

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The central focus of the study undertaken for the Commission was on the problem of inequality of housing opportunity connected with racial or ethnic distinctions, with emphasis on the situation of Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Mexican-Americans, and Orientals. The research was national in scope and sought to comprehend all the more important aspects and ramifications of a very complex problem—its causes, impacts and consequences, and directions of change. Social scientists in a dozen universities cooperated in various phases of the inquiry. Some thirty research reports and memoranda were prepared for the consideration of the Commission, culminating in the Research Director's final and comprehensive report, which constitutes the present volume.

The Commission has previously published its own findings and recommendations under the title, *Where Shall We Live?* (University of California Press, 1958). The main results of the entire study, upon which the Commission based its own report, are presented in the present volume by the Commission's Research Director. In addition, the full findings of certain particular phases of the study are published separately. Other products of the research are unpublished but available in the library of the University of California at Berkeley.

The Commission has authorized publication of the results of

research done under its auspices, desiring to share with the public the facts and analysis on the basis of which it arrived at its own conclusions. Although believing that the studies were conscientiously and competently carried out, the Commission does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of specific data nor does it necessarily endorse all the interpretations and conclusions of the authors. In particular, the Commission considers Dr. McEntire's final report to be an objective and scholarly work, but the same principle applies. The study stands on its own merits. Persons desiring to know the position of the Commission on Race and Housing are referred to its own report.

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