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NEWS from Congressman CHARLES W. WHALEN, Jr.

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FOR RELEASE UPON RECEIPT

Congressman Charles W. Whalen, Jr. (R-Ohio) today asked for an on-site meeting with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department representatives this Sunday at the Countrybrook Apartments in Dayton.

Whalen made the request in a letter to HUD Secretary Robert Weaver this afternoon.

Whalen said he earlier had requested such a meeting. However, it became moot "inasmuch as the Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority (DMHA) had decided not to purchase Countrybrook Apartments."

"I now must restate my request, Mr. Secretary, as negotiations have been resumed, apparently at the insistence of your Chicago office," the Third District Congressman said in the letter.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review not only the suitability of the apartments for senior citizens but also the broader question of housing for the elderly in the Dayton Metropolitan Area, Whalen said.

He will contact DMHA officials to finalize the meeting arrangements after receiving confirmation from Secretary Weaver.

HUD's role is that of providing financial assistance in the purchase of such housing facilities.