

George Silver Lecture

Philip Lee M.D.

Secretary Gardner's memorandum to John Macy

“In addition to his professional qualifications, Dr. Silver brings personal qualifications which I find very attractive. He is a brilliant, provocative thinker, he is energetic and immensely enthusiastic about his work with us in the Department. He has the capacity for leadership and teamwork that are so essential in any top staff.”

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“In the short time that he has been with us as a consultant he has broken through a variety of bureaucratic logjams that have showed close cooperation with the Office of Economic Opportunity. He has provided leadership in the health manpower area; he has helped us identify the high priority needs in civil rights; and he has worked very effectively with Phil Lee, Wilbur Cohen, Ralph Huitt and others in developing our legislative program.”

Priority areas of involvement

1. Medicare and Civil Rights
2. Health Professions Education
3. Health Services Research.

Kennedy's Campaign

“It is time to get the
country moving again”

The New Frontier

“The new Frontier is not what programs I am going to offer you;

The New Frontier is what I will ask you to do for your country”

Presidential priorities - Civil Rights

1. Civil Rights Act of 1964 Title VI

“No person in the United States, shall, on grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

The Medicare Hospital Civil Rights Certification Program

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“To begin this effort, I have directed the Secretary of Health Education and Welfare to establish a National Center for Health Service Research and Development”

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