FINAL PROPOSAL

OF THE

HILL COUNTY STUDY COMMISSION & HAVRE CITY STUDY COMMISSION

The Hill County Study Commission and Havre City Study Commission have been in existence for over a year. During this period, we have solicited comments from interested individuals, held one joint public hearing, and visited with County and City officials, as well as some candidates for office.

Study Commissions presently in office are not, like those of ten years ago, charged with the responsibility of coming up with an alternate form of government unless they feel the people would be better served by such a change. Therefore, as a result of our studies, we recommend that no change be made in the forms of government and no issue will be presented to the voters on the ballot.

We do believe that the City and County can be better served by a consolidation of services such as are being implemented with the City-County Library. We have been made aware of a start in this direction on the part of the Law Enforcement agencies in the City and County.

We applaud these efforts.

We believe that there will be some costs associated with establishing a consolidated Law Enforcement service for the City and County. However, we feel sure that the end result will be savings for both parties and provide better and more efficient Law Enforcement services for both the City and the County. We feel that the desired results can best be achieved by the people involved rather than the Study Commissions.

We therefore recommend that a Commission be established by the City Council and the County Commissioners consisting of:

- 1. A representative from the County Commissioners and the City Council.
- 2. The Sheriff and the Chief of Police.
- 3. A prosecuting attorney and a defense attorney to be appointed by the City Council and County Commissioners.
- 4. A representative from the Hill County Republican Party and a representative from the Hill County Democratic Party to be appointed by the Central Committee of each Party.
- 5. A Chairperson to be chosen at large from the general public by the group to create a nine-member commission to assist in bringing about the consolidation effort.
- 6. It is suggested that this commission be formed following the

General Election in 1986 and no later than January, 1987. We further recommend that, in the future, when opportunities for consolidation of other services present themselves, they should be undertaken in the same manner.

Adopted this 13th day of May, 1986.

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