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Herewith Mike's two brief paragraphs:

I. Citizen Mobilization (Dec.-March 17)

A committee of 50-150 citizen activists from business, labor, religion, minorities, youth, senior citizens, will be formed, whose initial task is to put together a meeting of 500 hundred or more people who will hear a personal presentation in January or February to recruit Town Meeting Hosts--people who invite others to their homes to watch the T.V. programs, discuss issues, and mark ballots.

II. Citizen Participation (March 17-May 14)

Five Town Meetings will be held on Housing, Transportation, Poverty, Environment and Cities with 18 cooperating T.V. stations and about 25 newspapers and several hundred thousand people organized in advance, or during the broadcast period.

III. Citizen Action (June-September)

In as many of the counties or borough as possible, we will help our Town Meeting Committees to hold major conferences --what might be called "Town Meeting Congresses." Three kinds of activities might occur at them. Special interest citizen organizations--groups interested in clean air, parks, housing, etc.--will be able to pitch tents to gather recruits, people who want to become more actively involved. Key political leaders can be invited to speak--to see how responsive they will be to the spring balloting process. And the Town Meeting Committees might begin to develop a long-term citizen movement to accomplish concrete county-wide goals. This citizen action phase will provide a major rationale for local citizen groups to invest extra energy to stimulate participation in the earlier phase.