FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by Carol Angell,

Complainant

Report of Hearing Officer

against

Docket #FIC79-233

Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development of the State of Connecticut,

May **20**, 1980

Respondent

The above captioned matter was heard on April 29, 1980, at which time the complainant appeared and presented evidence on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:

- 1. The respondent is a public agency within the meaning of \$1-18a(a), G.S.
- 2. By letter filed with the Commission on November 14, 1979, the complainant alleged denial of her right of access to public by the respondent commissioner.
 - 3. By letter dated November 14, 1979, the complainant requested:
 - (1) copies of contracts or correspondence for the building or projected building of low and moderate income or elderly housing in the Town of Manchester;
 - (2) copies of contracts surrounding any housing assistance monies given by the Department of Economic Development to the Town of Manchester;
 - (3) copies of correspondence between the respondent commissioner's office and the Town of Manchester in regard to the J. C. Penney complex.
 - 4. No such records were furnished to the complainant.
- 5. It is found that the requested documents are public records within the meaning of \$1-18a(d), G.S. and are subject to disclosure under \$1-19(a), G.S.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above captioned complaint:

1. The respondent commissioner shall forthwith provide the complainant with copies of any and all records within the scope of the request set forth in her letter of November 14, 1979.

Commissioner Helen M Loy as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on July 9, 1980.

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Clerk of the Commission