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Housing conditions, the movement of people, the economics of rebuilding old neighborhoods, the social effects of urban renewal programs—these are some of the elements that have a bearing on the choice of public policies for the future of our cities. Research on these subjects must depend largely upon information from people close to the scene of events. Three cities were chosen for detailed examination in this study: New York, Los Angeles, and Hartford. Information was collected in 1961, and the findings in each of these cities should be re-examined in the light of changes since then. Public officials, housing specialists, and realtors in all three cities were generous in sharing their experience with me. Beyond the indebtedness acknowledged in citations within this study, several people are due for special thanks.

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