

FORM 7

DOCUMENTATION OF INFORMATION FROM INTERVIEWS OR LETTERS

1 Names of research group members

2 Date _____

3 Briefly describe the problem you are researching.

4 Source of information

- Name _____
- Title and organization _____
- Address _____
- Phone _____

5 After introducing yourself and your task, briefly describe the problem you are studying and then ask the following questions.

a How serious do you believe this problem is in our community?

b How widespread is the problem in the community?

c What might be the cause or causes of the problem?

d Is there a public policy that deals with the problem? Yes No

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6 If there a public policy that deals with the problem, answer the following questions.

a What form does it take (law, regulation, governmental order, other)?

b Can you describe the public policy?

c Is the public policy for dealing with the problem inadequate?
Briefly, explain why.

d If the public policy for dealing with the problem is adequate,
is it being poorly implemented or not enforced? Briefly explain.

e If no, why do you think there is no policy at this time?

7 Do you think that this is a problem that should be handled by government? Why?

8 What level and branch of government or governmental agency,
if any, is responsible for dealing with the problem?

9 What is the government currently doing about the problem?

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- 10** Should the government seek the assistance of civil society and/or the private sphere in dealing with the problem? Why or why not?

- 11** What disagreements, if any, exist in the community about this problem?

- 12** Who are the major individuals, groups, or organizations taking sides on the problem?

- a** What is their interest in the problem?

- b** What positions are they taking?

- c** What are the advantages and disadvantages of their positions?

- d** How are they trying to influence government to adopt their solutions to the problem?

- 13** If my class, or group, develops a policy to deal with this problem, how might we influence government to adopt our policy?
