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U. S. to Seek

By Kim Willenson
Staff Reporter

The Federal Government is going to press for higher architectural and design standards in redevelopment areas, Robert C. Weaver, administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency told a group of Howard University architecture students yesterday.

He noted that "you can do something attractive for the same cost or just a little bit more as you can do something atrocious." Weaver said the Federal agency has been bothered not only by the fact that some developments it has helped finance have not been in the best taste but that they will continue to annoy people 50 to 100 years hence.

While admitting that "taste has to be a local decision," Weaver said the agency would do all in its power to encourage schemes like one undertaken in Philadelphia, where 1 per cent of the cost of renewal projects must be spent on artful design.

Weaver chided architects in general for the cost they add to rehabilitation programs which are being pushed in some areas as an alternative to the bulldozer approach to redevelopment.

The architect's first impulse in laying plans for extensive

remodeling, said to rip out the bathroom and r... tirely. Unfortun... the kitchen and