

Section 2(c) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1703)

- (c)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall have the power, under regulations to be prescribed by him and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, to assign or sell at public or private sale, or otherwise dispose of, any evidence of debt, contract, claim, personal property, or security assigned to or held by him in connection with the payment of insurance heretofore or hereafter granted under this section, and to collect or compromise all obligations assigned to or held by him and all legal or equitable rights accruing to him in connection with the payment of such insurance until such time as such obligations may be referred to the Attorney General for suit or collection.
- (2) The Secretary is authorized and empowered (a) to deal with, complete, rent, renovate, modernize, insure, or sell for cash or credit in his discretion, and upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Secretary shall determine to be reasonable, any real or personal property conveyed to or otherwise acquired by him, in connection with the payment of insurance heretofore or hereafter granted under this title and (b) to pursue to final collection, by way of compromise or otherwise, all claims against mortgagors assigned by mortgagees to the Secretary in connection with such real or personal property by way of deficiency or otherwise: *Provided*, That section 3709 of the Revised Statutes shall not be construed to apply to any contract of hazard insurance or to any purchase or contract for services or supplies on account of such property if the amount thereof does not exceed \$1,000. The power to convey and to execute in the name of the Secretary, deeds of conveyance, deeds of release, assignments and satisfactions of mortgages, and any other written instrument relating to real or personal property or any interest therein heretofore or hereafter acquired by the Secretary pursuant to the provisions of this title may be exercised by an officer appointed by him without the execution of any express delegation of power or power of attorney: *Provided*, That nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent the Secretary from delegating such power by order or by power of attorney, in his discretion, to any officer or agent he may appoint. (d) The Secretary is authorized and empowered, under such