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March 21, 1972

Dr. Stegeman
Associate Superintendent
4100 Normal St
San Diego, California

Dear Dr. Stegeman:

I have enclosed a copy of a letter recently sent to CURE by the Director of Education Programs of N.A.A.C.P.

Since the letter makes several assertions which seem contrary to statements of yours at our meeting February 23, I thought you would be interested in reading these views. The second, third, and fourth paragraphs seem particularly germane.

Sincerely,

Keith Robinson
President

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Mrs. Dorothy M. Lloyd
Executive Secretary
Citizens United for Racial Equality
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Dear Mrs. Lloyd:

I am writing in response to your recent inquiry.

First, let me suggest that you contact our Regional Director, Mr. Leonard Carter, for information regarding California school districts that have voluntarily desegregated their schools. Mr. Carter may be reached at the following address: 995 Market Street, 16th floor, San Francisco, California 94103.

Second, to the best of my knowledge, the only school district that released its Superintendent of Schools as a direct consequence of desegregation is Evanston, Illinois. A few school districts, such as Denver and Detroit, elected very conservative school board members after a school desegregation plan had been adopted or put into effect.

Third, the school districts that have ended segregation most effectively are those where the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools have provided clear, firm, and unequivocal leadership to the community.

Fourth, an untold number of school districts throughout the country have effectively and successfully ended all forms of segregation in their public schools. In most of these districts, there was some initial opposition to change from white parents and communities, but school officials held firm, and the opposition gradually lessened. It would be unrealistic to expect a transition from segregated to non-segregated schools without opposition. The question is not whether there is opposition to change, but how school officials respond to this opposition.

I hope I have answered your questions, at least in part. I am sending you, under separate cover, some materials that may be helpful.

Sincerely,

June Shagaloff Alexander

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Director for Education Programs

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