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Mrs. Dorothy M. Lloyd, Executive Secretary
Citizens United for Racial Equality
3386 - 30th Street
San Diego, California 92104

Dear Mrs. Lloyd:

Until this time, most of our efforts regarding school reorganization have focused on relief of overcrowding and providing a middle school experience, or providing experiences in a special program. Better racial balance is a welcome bonus in most of these efforts.

Therefore, while it may be easy to prove that better education results, it would be impossible to say that this result comes as a result of integration, or because of the obviously improved program being made available to youngsters. In spite of this approach, many parents have been protesting our efforts, and we have even been challenged in court--receiving one adverse opinion, and having it upheld on appeal. We, of course, will be appealing this ruling to a higher court. On the other hand, we have been ordered by our State Human Relations Commission to effect total racial balance at a faster rate than we are now projecting.

In summary, we are not in a position to give you an evaluation of our attempts to achieve racial balance, in that so far this has not been our sole purpose for causing changes in our school system. We are under legal pressure on the one hand to bring some of these changes to our system, and we have been challenged by some who seek to maintain and/or restore the old neighborhood school patterns. It may be that in a year or two I may be able to respond more directly to your concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Louis J. Kishkunas
Superintendent of Schools

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