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Mrs. Richard Wing
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Dear Mrs. Wing:

Your request for funds from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation has been studied in the light of the Foundation's objectives and resources. As you will understand, the Mott Foundation receives thousands of requests for assistance. To avoid "scatteration" giving, the Trustees of the Foundation have, therefore, chosen to concentrate on pilot-demonstration programs in Flint, helping the citizens of this community to address themselves to the wide range of today's urban problems. Our hope is that experience gained in this laboratory will be helpful to other communities stimulated to make similar approaches to their problem.

I am sure yours is an excellent and worthy project. It does not, however, come within the purview of the Mott Foundation's operation, and for this reason we must decline the invitation to participate with you.

We are sorry we cannot be of assistance. Best wishes for the success of your efforts.

Sincerely,

Homer E. Dowdy

Homer E. Dowdy,
Vice-President
Program Administration

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Draft of letter to; The Mott foundation and The James Irvine Foundation
Flint, Michigan, 500 Newport Center Dr.
Newport Beach, Cal,92660

(must be very brief for Irvine people)

Gentlemen:

We are writing to solicit financial support for the educational activities of CURE, Citizens United for Racial Equality. CURE, incorporated in 1968, is a civic league of over 500 members in San Diego County. Its purpose is to promote racial equality, and specifically, to urge the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. (Kerner Report)

CURE publishes a monthly newsletter with a circulation of 5000, which focuses on racial problems in San Diego County. The newsletter provides a forum for individuals and groups from all of San Diego's racial and ethnic communities. Many of these groups do not have the financial resources to reach 5000 families on their own. Many of the issues discussed do not receive adaquete attention in the daily papers or other media. CURE also sponsers conferences, panel discussions, and other programs on racial problems. In these efforts, we cooperate with many other groups including the League of Women Voters, the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the YMCA. As San Diego has been without a city or a county human relations agency for the past year, CURE has also acted as a trouble shooter and referral agency.

CURE has always prided itself on being an all-volunteer organization. For two years our files have been scattered in rooms and closets all over town. We have borrowed office equipment as the need arose. Now, however, we cannot continue to expand without a central office and our own equipment. Attached is a summary of our past and projected expenses,copies of the CURE Newsletter, and a sample of a letter explaining our latest community project, and copies of our tax forms

We hope you will give us the opportunity to explain our projects and future plans in more detail.

Thank you. etc.

Dot: Suggest you copy the Statistics and Financial Section from the 2nd annual report and add at the bottom,Projected additional expenses; office rent, parking, gas, salery, equipment.

also include copy of State + federal tax exemptions