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December 17, 1964

Mr. Harold Brown
CORE
2965 Imperial Avenue
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Brown:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of two days ago, this letter will simply re-state the position of CIC with regard to the matter of the zoo following the Executive Board meeting on yesterday.

The Executive Committee felt that CIC's objectives and goals as a human relations agency might be better realized by not participating as one of the community groups before the city council on December 22, 1964, but by reaffirming its previously stated position of making available its services and offices to both the Congress of Racial Equality and the Zoological Gardens Society in an attempt to effect such a desired conference.

The decision by the Executive Board not to participate in the manner requested does not in any manner deny or question the legitimacy of CORES' objectives and goals. On the contrary, the Board reaffirms its position that CORE's aims in desiring to bring about a correction of any practice of discrimination wherever existing is also one of the many objectives of CIC.

CIC's initial proposal, with any necessary modifications, as contained in the letter submitted to you on December 9, 1964, still holds. Should you find that after reflection such an approach might be advisable, please contact us.

Sincerely yours,

Carrol W. Waymon

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CITIZENS INTERRACIAL COMMITTEE

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