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RECOMMENDATIONS

ON

EDUCATION

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
(Board of Education)

Since July of this year at the time that C.I.C. raised some significant questions about one of the proposed compensatory programs submitted to the E.O.C. Advisory Council for analysis, communication between C.I.C. staff and the administration of the San Diego School District has continuously deteriorated. This fact was noted officially by board action at the August 26, 1965 meeting through the appointment by the president of a board committee "which will for the present carry on C.I.C.'s relationship with the Board of Education." The staff is not only acutely aware of this complete break-down of communication, but is quite perturbed over its many and very important implications at this most critical time in San Diego with mounting pressures and tensions in all sections of the community.

Without detailing herein the most recent incident which C.I.C. reported to the Superintendent, Dr. Dailard, it may be sufficient to just point out that the matter of restoring positive and effective communication with the Administration of the School District is most urgent. And to this end, the staff offers the following recommendations as broad outline guides.

1. That the recently appointed education committee of the board review with staff the nature of the complaints with reference to education in all its aspects in southeast San Diego in an informal atmosphere.

2. That the committee hear first-hand from the southeast community their concerns and problems relative to education. The staff may at any time submit names for the committee to contact and may make the necessary arrangements for conferences if desired.

3. That based upon the committees own analysis and decision, the committee initiate steps to set up a series of conferences with the school administration and board members if pertinent for the purpose of interpreting their own findings to the school officials firsthand.

4. That, further these conferences be used to interpret the many functions of C.I.C. (any human relations agency) to the school officials with regard to the community and the school district; C.I.C.'s position equal educational opportunity; C.I.C.'s concern that means be found by which the citizens themselves can and do express their concerns and problems directly to the appropriate school administrator with the assurance that they will be heard, respected and have their complaints, valid or not, considered and that they be made aware of the decisions after their cases.

C.I.C. POSITION PAPER ON EDUCATION

The Citizens Interracial Committee of San Diego County is committed to the principle of quality integrated education and to equal education: this includes curriculum, teaching personnel, buildings, equipment, the nature of visual aids, and other equal employment opportunities for minority groups without reservation. While the different situations in different cities require different approaches and techniques for the achievement of these ends, the committee believes that school districts and school personnel not only have a responsibility but also an obligation to implement such a policy through commitment and action. That this should go beyond such statement of position papers and policy statements with school districts but must accrue in specific programs of implementation of that policy. The committee believes that all kinds of techniques and methods must be considered for the achievement of this end and that creative ideas must not only be developed in order to implement this, but must be encouraged and nutured. This committee believes that the national policy as well as the state policy on educational matters are in keeping with this position. This committee believes that each school district has an obligation to implement its policy of equal education and quality integrated education in the spirit of the national commitment. The educational programs of C.I.C. are based on this statement both on the policy level and operational level.