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Mr. Mike Madigan
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Dear Mike:

Responding to your letter of January 17th having to do with the San Diego City Schools' Voluntary Integration Program, we as a Company and as individuals with children in school are most interested in the development of the public school system and in making it a far better one. We do some work in that direction and I might say have been considerably disappointed in the quality of the schools. They have reduced their level of excellence since I last lived in California, seventeen years ago.

At the same time, I must express some hesitancy about getting involved as a Corporation with what is obviously a hot political potato in overseeing or observing a voluntary integration program.

I would encourage our people to involve themselves as individuals, certainly.

At the same time, I am asking our Contributions Committee to review the proposal carefully and to make a recommendation.

I'm going to be away from town for the next three weeks but will review their proposal when I return.

Sincerely,

E. L. McNeely

cc: Chief Wm. Kolender -- Bill, I'm sorry that we missed one another with phone calls and I am now away from the office for some time.

Our Company has been involved in a great many San Diego activities and will continue to be. At the same time, I have at least a modest amount of apprehension about putting the Company in this emotional conflict. I have no problem in encouraging individuals to act.

However, we certainly will give this proposal every consideration.

More than incidentally, congratulations on the fine job you're doing. You have been and continue to be of great assistance in making our decision to locate and stay in the downtown area, a bright one.

Best regards,