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Mr. Lamour  
U.S. Office of Education  
Division of Program Operations  
Bureau of Elementary & Secondary Education  
400 Maryland Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Mr. Lamour:

I have been retained by the Lowndes County (Alabama) Freedom Organization as consultant to the candidates (of that organization) for County Board of Education in the forthcoming November elections.

As you may recall I briefly discussed the problems of the County school system with you by telephone on 15 July last at which time you made an appointment for me to come to Washington on 25 July. When I arrived on July 25, you were away and I met with another member of the staff in your office who informed me among other things that the Lowndes County School System had received, for the 1965-66 school year \$323,706. in Title I funds.

My clients are deeply concerned over their inability, to date, to obtain any information about the program for which this grant of funds was made. I have had no substantive reply to inquiries made during recent visits to both the State Department of Education in Montgomery and the County Board of Education in Hayneville. In addition, numerous discussions with Negro parents in the county have failed to reveal knowledge of any change in school experience to which their children were exposed. Given the relatively enormous size of the grant (30% of the School Board's total operating budget) it is disturbing to find that the presence of such a program is not apparent to those for whose benefit it was intended.

Would you, therefore, send me a description of the above mentioned program, preferably a copy of the application as filed by the Lowndes County Board of Education. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Yale Rabin

c.c. John Hulett, Chairman  
Lowndes County Freedom Organization

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