

Mr. Amzie Moore

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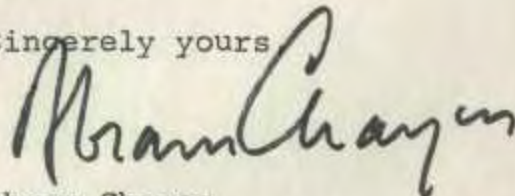
Third, a meeting was held out in California this August to discuss the project with grass roots groups out there -- from the Negro, Mexican-American and Indian communities. Edgar Cahn, Augustine Flores, Bart Lytton and myself attended that meeting. There was a considerable turn out (about fifty people), great interest coupled with a certain amount of skepticism, but a desire to keep involved. The groups, on their own motion, set up an ad hoc advisory committee to keep in touch. Over time, it will be necessary to create a formal regional structure and this ad hoc committee would provide an excellent core for such a group.

Fourth, during the past two months, Edgar and his wife, Jean, have co-authored an article entitled "The New Sovereign Immunity" which outlines the CDGM controversy (of which you have heard much in the past months) and goes into the legal and supra-legal problems involved in extending the rule of law and democratic process to the grant-making function of government. The first part of the article draws heavily upon the legal research Mrs. Cahn and her associates did as counsel for CDGM. The last portion of the article draws heavily upon the material in the enclosed proposal though it approaches it from a more theoretical and philosophical vantage point. The Harvard Law Review has accepted the article for publication. Although it will not appear until March, its acceptance by the Harvard Law Review as the lead article is a strong selling point for the proposal.

In addition, in case you missed mention of it, the Chairman of the Administrative Conference was appointed in mid-October -- Professor Jerome Williams of the University of Texas Law School -- and we can (and have) claimed a modest degree of credit for prodding the White House into making an appointment after three years.

One final word -- we will shortly proceed to incorporate the Center. I would like to ask you, on this occasion, if you would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors on the Citizens' Advocate Center.

Sincerely yours



Abram Chayes
Chairman of the Steering Committee

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