

The Chicago URBAN

League *for the improvement of race relations through research, education and community organization*

May 11, 1966

Mrs. Kenneth F. Montgomery
875 Bridlewood Road
Northbrook, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Montgomery:

This communication is forwarded to request your 1966 contribution to the Chicago Urban League in an increased amount. We ask that you give now for two reasons:

- 1.) We need the money, and
- 2.) Our National Board of Trustees will meet in Chicago on May 17, 1966.

We are very anxious to display Chicago to our National visitors in its very best light. The Chicago financial report will be one of the prominent items on the agenda, and we would like for our report to look good.

During 1966, we will operate on the budget, \$667,151. Of this amount, we will receive \$230,651 from the Chicago Community Fund. This represents an increase from the Community Fund of \$28,000 as a bonus for excellent performance during 1965. We must raise for ourselves, \$436,500.

The increase in our financial need for 1966 will be reflected in:

- 1.) Intensive training and development of new and young staff members;
- 2.) Intensified and expanded program of job opportunities for qualified workers;
- 3.) Seeking on-the-job training opportunities with government and industry for potential workers who do not qualify at this moment;
- 4.) A concerted drive to penetrate deeply apprenticeship training in Chicago craft unions and Washburne School, and
- 5.) Salary adjustments.

We will of course continue all of our regular programs.

We shall submit to you detailed reports of our work subsequently. However, we would like you to know that our entire organization is determined that 1966 is the year we will place the Chicago Urban League in a sound, business-like, financial position. To do this, we will need your help.

Sincerely,

Edwin C. Berry

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Executive Director

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