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September 8, 1966

Miss Hulda Coleman, Superintendent Lowndes County Board of Education County Courthouse Hayneville, Alabama

Dear Miss Coleman:

I have been retained by the Lowndes County Freedom Organization as consultant to the candidates running for election to the Board of Education. It is the great concern of these candidates that inequities in the quality of education afforded Negro and White pupils in the County be eliminated, and that every available resource be used to raise the level of educational opportunity for all pupils.

In that regard I have participated in preliminary discussions with various staff members of the U.S. Office of Education in Washington and the State Department of Education in Montgomery to explore the programs of assistance for which the County might be eligible. I learned from these discussions that the County received, during the 1965-66 school year, \$323,706 in Federal assistance under the provisions of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

I and my clients would like to have information describing in detail the program(s) for which this money has been or will be spent including the cost breakdown of its various elements or stages.

Sincerely yours,

Yale Rabin

C.C. Harold Howe, Commissioner — TORY TO COODER - SEE SERT QU.S. Office of Education

John Hulett, Chairman

Lowndes County Freedom Organization

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U.S. Department of Justice