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Mrs. Lucy Montgomery  
875 Bridlewood Road  
Northbrook, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Montgomery:

Your kind offer of assistance to our campaign is greatly appreciated. As Bob Zellner told you on the phone today, we are now in the final weeks of an effort which began nine months ago to bring to the citizens of this urban district a political campaign centering on the issues of the war in Vietnam and the unresolved domestic problems of racial inequality and poverty.

The materials enclosed will give you some idea of the flavor of the campaign. What they do not reveal, however, is the unexpected success we have had in reaching out to thousands of people who have never before been touched by the civil rights and peace movements. For example, our contacts with organized labor were an unprecedented occasion to raise these issues with a large group of voters who have been virtually excluded from these causes in the past, and we have been pleased at the positive response they have given to our campaign.

Right now we have generated enormous momentum in this campaign which we expect will carry over after the election in the form of a continuing political organization. But there is also the danger that this momentum will dissipate unless we can raise quickly \$10,000 to make advance payments on radio and television time and billboard and newspaper space. There is no question that these funds, constituting only a fraction of what we have already raised, can be gotten during the next two months from our local supporters, but funds are needed immediately because the mass media require payment in advance. Contributions from yourself and your friends in the Chicago area would be of great help but even more important is our need to find one or more individuals willing to lend us substantial funds immediately, repayable in the next few months.

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Bob Zellner's high regard for you leaves me with no doubt that you understand the importance of the effort Mr. Cook and his supporters are making here. We will be very grateful for whatever assistance you can provide on such short notice. You can contact us at 241 Orange Street, New Haven, or call person to person, collect, for me or Bob Zellner, 787-0123.

Sincerely,

*Robert Gelbach*

Robert Gelbach  
Fund Raising Chairman

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Enclosures

*Lucy, Work out!  
as we say in the South.*

*Bob Zellner*