

Drafts

Mr. Mark W. Gray
President of the Board of
School Commissioners
Indianapolis Public School System
Indianapolis, Indiana 46200

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Unfortunately, it now appears that I cannot be personally present at that meeting. However, because of the importance I attach to having a prompt resolution of this matter, I ~~would~~ ^{nevertheless} wish that the meeting be held ^{as scheduled.} Mr. James Turner, Chief of the Section covering Indianapolis ^{will} ~~will~~ represent the Department ^{at this meeting}

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1968 to advise ^{us} ~~me~~ whether the school board is prepared ^{commit itself to taking} ~~to~~ the necessary corrective action ^{described in my previous letter} ~~to~~ ^{which I have} ~~decided~~ ^{decided in} ~~the basis of ~~that meeting~~~~

we would also be pleased to receive any additional or supplemental data which the board would like us to consider. For example, it would be productive if you could present the details of the board's plan to seek professional assistance in evaluating district boundaries, as well as any relevant plans it may have ^{already formulated} for the recruitment, hiring and assignment of teachers and ^{for the construction of new schools.} ~~to the extent formulated, its school construction program.~~

As I stated on the telephone, we are pleased to accept your invitation to confer on the matters raised in my letter of April 18, 1968, ~~and look forward to learning firsthand the considerations which the Board has undertaken.~~ This should help us in reaching the determinations which are the Department's responsibility under Title ~~IV~~ of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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