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Dr. James E. Allen, Jr.  
Commissioner  
Office of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
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Dear Commissioner Allen:

Recently, I personally investigated The Harlem Preparatory School, located in New York City, and was deeply impressed with the school's educational program, the enthusiasm of its student body, and the quality and dedication of the faculty. The school appears to be a truly extraordinary example of what can be accomplished in inner-city education with many lessons for our cities' public school systems which have had such difficulty relating to youngsters from depressed areas.

Harlem Prep was conceived for dropouts with college potential and has maintained that emphasis since its inception in 1967. The school now has some 250 students and over 100 graduates attend college. Its curriculum is sound and varied, ranging from basic college preparatory courses to a superb film-making program. Imaginative plans for expansion of the curriculum are summarized in the attached prospectus.

During its short life, Harlem Prep has been supported generously by industry and private foundations, but it is obvious to me that if the school is to survive and grow it cannot depend indefinitely on such support. It must develop a relationship with permanent government programs.

I would, therefore, greatly appreciate your consideration of support for Harlem Prep from programs of the Office of Education or other agencies concerned with improving educational opportunities in depressed areas.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

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