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Howard University and the Metropolitan Applied Research Ctr., Inc.

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Mr. Maceo Dixon
Staff Coordinator
612 Blue Hill Avenue
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Dixon:

We have now been able to complete arrangements for a one day meeting to discuss ways and means of ensuring greater voter participation by Blacks in the 1976 elections. The session will be held on Wednesday, May 5, at the Labor Studies Center, 10000 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. It is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m., include a working lunch and end no later than 4:30 p.m. We will arrange transportation to and from the meeting site for out of town participants.

As you will see from the enclosed list of invitees, most of whom are planning to attend, we are trying to bring together individuals who are in various positions of leadership around the country and who could, if they wanted, exert considerable influence on the role played by Blacks in the political process during 1976 and beyond.

This "brain-storming" session has two objectives:

1. To ascertain the interest and commitment of the participants to an all out effort to increase dramatically black voter registration between now and October and to increase black turnout in the November elections;
2. To develop a program and a strategy to translate that interest and commitment into an effective coordinated campaign.

The Joint Center is in the process of preparing a brief paper for discussion at the meeting. We hope that it will serve to focus the dialogue on a realistic assessment of what needs to be done and what each individual and group can and will do to attain agreed upon objectives.

We will send you this outline prior to May 5, along with other details about the meeting. If you would like additional information or if we can assist you with arrangements, please let me know.

This will be an important and valuable meeting, and your participation is greatly needed.

Best wishes.

Sincerely, s/Eddie N. Williams

P.S. The Joint Center will be glad to pay for your round trip air travel from Boston to Washington.

INVITEES TO MAY 5, 1976 MEETING ON
BLACK VOTER PARTICIPATION

Vernon Jordan
Executive Dir.
National Urban League

M. Carl Holman
President
Natl. Urban Coalition

Margaret Bush Wilson
Chairman, Board of
Directors, NAACP

William Pollard
Director, Civil Rights
Office, AFL-CIO

John Lewis
Director
Voter Education
Project

Jessie Jackson
President
Operation PUSH

William Lucy
Intl. Secretary/Trea-
surer, AFSCME

Coretta Scott King
President
Martin Luther King Ctr.

Dorothy Height
President
Natl. Council of Negro
Women

Dr. J.H. Jackson
President
Natl. Baptist Conven-
tion, USA, Inc.

Bishop Henry W. Murph
President, Council of
Bishops AME Church

Bishop H.H. Brookings
President, PUSH Board

Mr. Joseph McKinney
Treasurer, AME Church

Ronald Daniels, Chair-
person, Natl. Black
Political Assembly

Hobson R. Reynolds
Grand Exalted Ruler
Improved Benevolent
Protective Order of
Elks of the World

M.J. Anderson, Pres.
Federation of Masons
of the World

Audrey R. Colom
President
Natl. Women's Politi-
cal Caucus

Carlton Goodlett
President, NNPA

Norman Hill, Exec.
Director, A. Philip
Randolph Institute

Christopher F. Edley
Executive Director,
United Negro College
Fund, Inc.

Earl W. David, Natl.
Field Coordinator,
COPE, AFL-CIO

Marc Steppe, Vice-
President, UAW

Louis E. Martin
Chairman, Vice Presi-
dent & Editorial Dir-
ector, Sengstacke
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Wendell Freeland,
Esquire, Attorney

Timothy Jenkins
President
Match Institution

Basil Paterson
Vice Chairman
Democratic Natl.
Committee

John Wilks,
Chairman, Natl.
Black Republican
Council

Wiley A. Branton,
Esquire, Attorney,
Dolphin, Branton,
Stafford & Waffler

Leon H. Sullivan
President, Opportu-
nities Industriali-
zation Center

Abdul Alim Shabaz
National Director of
Adult Education,
Muhammad University
of Islam

Maceo Dixon
Staff Coordinator
National Student
Coalition Against
Racism