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Mr. Allen S. Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

I am writing to express interest in our Department participating in a program from which resource materials specifically about Maryland for Maryland schools will be generated.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation will be responsible for fiscally supporting the development and dissemination of materials. I also understand that the Maryland State Department of Education will recruit and/or select the people who will work in the program and supervise the development of materials to ensure that they reflect a product which will complement our Education That Is Multicultural approach to curriculum. I appreciate your willingness to work with staff in our Department responsible for curriculum materials.

I appreciate the Foundation's generosity and look, with great anticipation, forward to the exciting product you envision.

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Grasmick
State Superintendent of Schools

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IRIS T. METTS, Ed. D.
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Mr. Allan S. Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

It is with enthusiasm that I endorse the work of the People of America Foundation and the *Americans All* materials. These national educational materials will be available for dissemination throughout the state to support the infusion of diversity and "Education That Is Multicultural" into existing curriculum.

Prince George's County Public Schools, with its diverse population, is an ideal laboratory for the distribution and use of *Americans All* materials. Your program seeks to help this nation, especially its students, understand the social and economic values created by its diversity. As such, it is a perfect match with our school system's commitment to excellence, equity, and diversity.

Focusing on factors that unite rather than divide the American people, this program uses our nation's common heritage of both diversity and democracy. *Americans All* may serve to substantially improve our understanding of how immigration and migration (both forced and voluntary) have contributed to this country's growth and development, and its current status. These materials are structured to provide an in-depth intercultural group knowledge that is a prerequisite for an effective climate for teaching and learning.

I look forward to working with you in the future. Please feel free to contact my office if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Iris T. Metts
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Cc: Dr. Rita L. Robinson



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August 14, 2000

Mr. Allan Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

The creation of the *People of America Foundation Resource Project* has resulted in the production of state specific curriculum materials. Completing the *American All* project will be an admirable feat. The Maryland State Department of Education is dedicated to meeting the needs of our diverse population and will certainly benefit from this initiative. The Education That is Multicultural Committee that supports pluralism in teaching and curriculum resources would certainly benefit from a resource guide that would represent the rich ethnic heritage in Maryland.

Marcie Taylor-Thoma, our State Social Studies Specialist, speaks very highly of the program and the quality of your resources thus far collected. She has suggested that this program be coordinated through the efforts of the Maryland Center for the Study of History Education under the leadership of Dr. James Adomanis, a leading historian in early Maryland history. Dr. Adomanis has a firm commitment to representing all the voices in Maryland's history and had designed several nationally acclaimed web-based courses in history.

Please keep us informed on the success of your fund raising for this project. All of the school systems in Maryland could certainly benefit from a locally developed history resource. Dr. Adomanis can be reached at 410-974-4680 and Marcie Taylor-Thoma at 410-767-0519.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Kullen:

The Equity Assurance Office takes great pride in working collaboratively with the People of America Foundation. The opportunity to play a major role in the production of high quality educational materials for this project is one that we look forward to with great interest and enthusiasm. The issue of diversity and its resulting impact on our schools and the society at large makes this an exceedingly worthwhile endeavor. Prince George's County Public Schools, with its diverse population is a perfect laboratory for implementation of these materials.

The major goal of the Equity Assurance Office is to ensure that a positive learning climate exists for the total school community, resulting in equitable outcomes that service the needs of our diverse population. What better way to help accomplish this goal than by working to develop and create materials to support the teaching and learning of our varied cultures.

Once again, we look forward to working with you on this exciting venture.

Sincerely,

Rita L. Robinson