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Washington, D.C.

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Dear Ms. Sweitzer:

When I met with Senator Metzenbaum last month, he asked me to provide information, by letter to you, about the organizations to which I have made charitable gifts in the recent past and about the policy and practice of a particular organization, the Mayhew Program, in admitting and serving members of racial minorities. I would be grateful if you would bring the responses that follow to Senator Metzenbaum's attention.

During the calendar year 1989 and so far in 1990, I made contributions to the following organizations:

Capitol Region Food Program
 United Way of Concord, New Hampshire
 Presiding Bishops' Fund for World Relief
 The Mayhew Program
 Contoocook Valley Counseling Service
 Operation Santa Claus
 St. Andrew's Hurricane Relief Fund
 Shrine Circus Fund
 National Foundation for Cancer Research
 WGBH TV
 The New Hampshire Historical Society
 The Currier Gallery, Manchester, New Hampshire
 Shaker Village
 Museum of Fine Arts
 Harvard College Fund
 Harvard Law School Fund
 Harvard-Radcliff Club of New Hampshire Scholarship Fund
 Phi Beta Kappa
 St. Andrew's Church
 New Hampshire Bar Foundation
 Association of American Rhode Scholars
 Appalachian Mountain Club
 Piscataquog Watershed Association
 The Trust for New Hampshire Lands

The subject of the Senator's second request is the Mayhew Program which operates a camp on Mayhew Island in Newfound Lake, New Hampshire for boys at risk of

trouble. Mayhew's statement of its nondiscrimination policy was adopted in 1974 and provides that:

"Mayhew admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at Mayhew. Mayhew does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational admissions, policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs."

The Executive Director of Mayhew has informed me that in addition to this stated policy, the Mayhew staff handbook provides that "any form of racism, whether directed toward a boy, a fellow staff member, or a group in general, has absolutely no place on Mayhew Island."

The Director has also advised me that according to the 1980 census, New Hampshire is 98.9% "white, non-hispanic." Despite the state-wide percentage of minorities of 1.1%, such minorities were represented by 6% of the enrollment at Mayhew this summer, and the Director advises me that this figure is consistent with the average for the past five years or so. In effect, then, the minority representation at Mayhew is more than five times that for the state population from which Mayhew's campers are selected.

Yours sincerely,



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