

the Office of Education. We are totally frustrated by the failure of that office to enforce its own guidelines. We have appealed in writing to Commissioner Kemis, Commissioner Howe, Mr. Howe, Mr. Johnson, and others, but no investigation has ever been made of our complaints.

If you could stand it, I would like to give you a much abbreviated chronological version of some of the things that happened, and why we feel so strongly that it was the operation of the U.S. Office of Education that has in fact prevented the ending of the dual school system in De Kalb County. We think it could have been ended at any time.

I might, just for clarity—I am not sure how much you know about De Kalb County, but I think it contributes a great deal if you realize it is a largely white bedroom county with a school population of around 70,000 pupils, of which only about 3,000 are Negro, living in small pockets scattered around the county.

At the present time, we have achieved some integration of schools and faculty. However, some schoolhouses which were integrated last year are segregated this year. Negro children are still bussed out of their attendance districts to Negro schools. In fact, some of them are bussed past several white schools in order to get to the Negro schools.

We still have in existence two very small Negro high schools, with limited course offerings. One of them has only something like 120 pupils in the whole school. There are many over-a-thousand pupil schools within a couple of miles, or 5 or 10 miles, in any case, of this school.

Our superintendent of schools boasts that he received \$5 million of Federal aid to education in the last year. We have repeatedly suggested to Mr. Seeley's office that just the suggestion of the withholding of Federal aid would bring De Kalb into immediate compliance.

Now, this all started, as far as we are concerned, back in 1965, but I won't go through what happened during the year 1965, but pick it up in the spring of 1966.

We reported by letter to Mr. Seeley, in the U.S. Office of Education, in February of this year some of the particular points concerning the events in De Kalb County that we felt needed correction, such as that there was no faculty integration, and there was no individual notification concerning the possibilities of transfer of schools. The burden of proof at that time was entirely upon the Negro, and we had very clearly and obviously gerrymandered school districts. We asked the Office to intervene. We got no response to that letter.

We then wrote to Mr. Peter LeBasi, a month later, asking for help in getting the Office of Education to pay attention to our complaints. We also sent a copy of this letter to Mr. Howe.

We received no response to the letter to Mr. Howe.

On March 21, however, we did receive a reply from Mr. LeBasi, apologizing for the Office of Education not responding to our complaints, and stating that Mr. Kruger would follow through.

In the meantime, on March 11, we had written again to Mr. Seeley, right after the new guidelines were prepared, noting not only that their Office had not answered our letters, but we thought the new guidelines were just great.

We still think that the guidelines themselves were a very fine document, and a very intelligent one, that was produced by someone who