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would be funded and that we could proceed. No word was heard until in January I inquired of the office in Zumbrota, and they again assured me verbally that the project would be funded. They told me that the Chicago office had informed them that the funding date would be effective March 1.

I did not return to the matter until about a month ago as I just assumed that this project had been funded. You will note that the date of the letter from Chicago to Mr. Christensen stating that the project is ineligible is June 19. This is approximately two weeks after my first contact with Mrs. Maloney on the second round and was written after she had called the Chicago office.

I suspect that we never would have received this notification if Mrs. Maloney had not contacted the Chicago office.

The net result of this situation is that we are now sitting with a bill for \$1,600 that is illegal to pay out of regular school funds and for which no Title I funds are available under Public Law 89-10. If this situation had been taken care of in a business-like manner by the Chicago office, we should have known the disposition of this application by at least the end of September.

I believe that O.E.O. should fund this project for the year just completed, inasmuch as the bill would not have been incurred if they had handled this matter properly. Whether or not they would fund it for coming years is now no longer an issue.

I appreciate all the help you and your office have given me on this matter and certainly hope that you will be able to carry this through to a successful conclusion for us.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID W. MEADE,
Principal.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
MINNEAPOLIS AREA OFFICE,
Minneapolis, Minn., May 16, 1966.

Mr. DAVID W. MEADE,
*Principal, Red Wing Public Schools,
Red Wing, Minn.,*

DEAR MR. MEADE: Our Area Education Specialist Mr. Frank Brady has talked with me about your recent meeting with him and has described your splendid educational program that is proving so successful in meeting the needs of local Indian students.

We recognize that the pilot transportation project involving the Bureau and the Goodhue County Welfare Department has been of help in reducing drop-out tendencies and in strengthening the participation of Indian students in co-curricular activities of the total school program.

While we heartily endorse this transportation project which was instituted prior to passage of recent federal school legislation, it does not appear possible that the Bureau will be able to participate beyond this current school year because projects of this type are eligible for funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (Public Law 89-10) or as a component of the Community Action Program (Economic Opportunity Act).

We wish to offer our help as a justification resource to you as you seek alternate funding for this most worthwhile project.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Area Director.

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY,
GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE,
Chicago, Ill., June 19, 1967.

Mr. WALLACE G. CHRISTENSEN,
*Director, Goodhue-Rice-Wabasha Citizens'
Action Council, Inc.,
Zumbrota, Minn.*

DEAR MR. CHRISTENSEN: We are returning under separate cover your applications for Project Friendship, Component 7-4, and School Activities Transportation, Component 7-6.