

cc: Dr. Wilbur Layton
Mr. Carl Hamilton

September 19, 1969

Mr. Larry Salter, President
Black Students' Organization
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Dear Larry:

I understand the desires of the Black students to have a black cultural house or facility for their use and for the advancement of an educational program of cross-cultural and racial understanding. I am fully aware that the staff members in the Office of Student Affairs have been working with you since last spring in an attempt to satisfy your needs for such a facility.

To use the University's state and federally appropriated funds for the procurement of such a facility is not legally acceptable. The University administration strongly believes, however, that much potential good can be derived from such a project if properly conceived and carried through. Therefore, I am encouraging individual members of the University administration and faculty to continue to work with the Black Students' Organization to bring together the resources needed to procure an appropriate off-campus facility which will be conveniently accessible to the students and faculty who will wish to use it.

I am asking Vice President Wilbur Layton vigorously to pursue this project with you, in the hope of success at an early date. Enclosed is Dr. Layton's review of the progress made to date and his comments on the points raised in your communication.

Sincerely yours,

W. Robert Parks
President

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