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INVITATION LETTER TO MAY 3, 1989 NATIONAL MEETING

Because of your commitment to our nation's children, schools and families, we are pleased to invite you to a special breakfast meeting on May 3, 1989 at 8:00 a.m. at the historic Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives, 1201 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The meeting, sponsored by the American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association, The Learning Channel, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Coordinating Committee for Ellis Island, is to brief representatives in the field of education, funding and public policy and the media about an exciting national education project—Americans All.

This project is a comprehensive public-private partnership/educational support program which addresses critical issues of our time. It provides a vehicle for enhancing skills among students, teachers and parents as well as a tool for delivering resources and needed curriculum materials into our nation's 70,000 public schools.

Dr. Floretta McKenzie, former Superintendent of the D.C. Public School System and President of the McKenzie Group, will open the meeting and share her insights on the critical issues of school reform. The subjects of families; problem solving and higher order thinking skills; ethnic diversity; cultural awareness; and the media in the public education system will be addressed by other experts.

A brief overview of the Americans All project (with a video and slide presentation) will be given by the program developers.

Components of the Americans All program have already been successfully implemented in several school

districts across the nation. A comprehensive pilot will be initiated in the San Diego and Chicago public schools in the fall of 1989.

This unique program utilizes the social studies curriculum to teach critical thinking to build self-esteem, to reduce racism and prejudice and to equip teachers with new skills required for meeting the needs of today's diverse student population.

We look forward to your participation at this meeting and would appreciate your call to let us know you will attend.

Sincerely,

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American Association of School Administrators

American Folklife Center

American Federation of Teachers

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

Baltimore County Public Schools

Boys Clubs of America

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Business-Higher Education Forum

Cable Television Administration and Marketing Society

Capital Financial Group

Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission

Close Up Foundation

Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution

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Coordinating Committee for Ellis Island

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Council for Basic Education

Council for Education Development and Research

Council of Chief State School Officers

Council on Foundations

D.C. National Guard

Department of Education, Office of Education, Research and Improvement

Education USA

Family Resource Coalition

Future Homemakers of America

Gallagher & Widmeyer

Georgetown University, CIPRA

Philip L. Graham Fund

Senator Orrin Hatch's Office

Hispanic Policy Development Project

Hitachi Foundation

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National Association of Elementary School Principals

National Association of Secondary School Principals

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National Catholic Education Association

National Conference of Christians and Jews

National Education Association

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San Diego Unified School District
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United Press International
Youth Project
Washington Center