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Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the *Americans All* materials and to hear about your plans for future endeavors by your foundation. I especially enjoyed examining the fourth edition of *The Peopling of America*, which I had not seen before. There is much interesting information contained in the resource that is not readily available elsewhere under one cover.

You requested that we consider involvement in your foundation's new plans for the future. The current efforts in developing state standards in California precludes our endorsing or committing to any additional curriculum projects at this time. For the present, you may want to consider working directly with those counties in California whose administration and/or county boards of education indicate support of your efforts. One possible advantage to this approach is that the materials developed might be better tailored to local needs.

Thank you for keeping us informed of your progress. If you have questions or need further information, please feel free to telephone me at (916) 657-3153.

Sincerely,

Rod Atkinson
Staff Consultant to the Deputy Superintendent,
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Mr. Allan S. Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

On behalf of the history/social science educators, kindergartens through community college, in southern California, the Los Angeles County Office of Education wishes to complement you and support your Foundation's mission. To assist the American people in understanding about the value of our nation's pluralism so that citizens acting on their own self interests can become healthier, better informed, and more secure in their workplaces and communities is a ambitious and noble undertaking.

I thank and applaud you for your commitment to work with educators and business communities in achieving your goals and mission. We will support your efforts in all various ways through our office, as we service 29% of California's rich and valued ethnic/racial population.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (310) 922-6331 for further assistance.

Sincerely,

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May 22, 1997

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Dear Allan:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the latest version of the "Americans All" curriculum samplers and the proposal for the new People of America Foundation.

We are excited about what you and others at the foundation are proposing and implementing nationwide. We are familiar with the "Americans All" program, as well as the materials that accompany the project. The materials are perfectly aligned with our curriculum goals and outcomes.

Your "too good to be true" proposal, that includes an opportunity for every school in San Diego city and county to participate in the program, is a very generous offer and one which we support.

We are supportive of curriculum and instruction that will benefit our students. The materials are a unique way to fill the gap when it comes to analyzing multiple perspectives in historical events for the student population who would be using them. We look forward to working with you in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Allan Kullen
 People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen,

I and the Region 2 History Social Science Committee thank you for your letter regarding the Americans All materials, and the chance to review the materials. As I noted in our first conversation, the topic itself is especially appropriate to California with its diverse population. It is framework appropriate, illustrating especially the ethnic literacy strand within the framework. Finally, it aligns with staff development in our region.

As I said, I am director of two summer institutes in the region. The first, sponsored by the California Northstate History Project, is entitled "People on the Move: Immigration Throughout History". The second is "Immigration in Northern California", sponsored by the International Studies Project at California State University, Chico (CSUC). The Butte County Office of Education has co-sponsored three recent Diversity Institutes with Butte Community College and CSUC. And I have made numerous presentations about the topic at state social studies conferences.

With that context, I applaud your efforts to distribute these materials in the schools. Not only are they more resources for teachers - they are critical and meaningful resources within the context of California. Recently, I helped to organize a state framework conference which included "Diversity" within its title. This was very deliberate. The discussion of diversity, and a resolution of its place in California, is one of the most crucial educational, political, and social topics of the day in our state.

We in the region believe your materials will inform that discussion. The chance to assist in modifying the materials to more closely fit our framework is welcome. Indeed, the offer seems to good to be true. We offer our full support in the development and distribution of these California specific materials.

Sincerely,

Bob Benoit

Bob Benoit
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 Region 2 History Social Science Committee Chair

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July 3, 1997

Mr. Allen Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

I am writing in support of the People of America's goal of raising funds for research, development, and dissemination of California specific multicultural educational instructional materials that are aligned with the California History-Social Science Framework and your Foundation's mission. The Foundation's mission to collect, organize and distribute information to the American people about the tangible value of our nation's pluralism so that citizens, acting in their own self-interests, can become healthier, better educated and more secure in their workplaces and communities is ambitious and a significant undertaking.

I am enthused about what you and the Foundation are proposing to implement across the nation. I understand that the Foundation will be responsible for the development of the materials with cooperation and input from the individual states as well as for seeking funds for their publication and distribution to schools. Fresno Unified School District serves a very diverse student population of 78,000 students and is in need of additional quality multicultural instructional materials.

Good luck to you and the Foundation as you pursue the goals of this worthwhile project. As the American All project evolves, please feel free to contact me for further assistance (209-441-3644).

Sincerely,

Marvin Awbrey, Coordinator
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April 15, 1997

Mr. Allan S. Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

I am writing in support of the People of America's goal of raising funds for research, development and dissemination of California specific multicultural educational resources. California is currently going through a demographic revolution. Not since the turn of the century has so large an immigrant population crossed into America's territory in so short a time. Well researched, pedagogically sound multicultural materials that truly support the California curriculum are a critical need.

Educators in San Bernardino County, the fastest growing county in the United States, will benefit greatly from your commitment to work with schools and business to raise the necessary funds for the Americans All materials. We appreciate that materials will reflect the needs of the state as well as the nation. Californians are sensitive to the fact that much of the nation's curriculum has a northeastern seaboard perspective. Your concern to involve local educators in program development and to offer the completed curriculum on a voluntary basis is an excellent strategy.

As the Americans All project evolves, please feel free to call on my office at (909) 387-4604 for further assistance.

Sincerely,

Margaret Hill, Ph.D.
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April 29, 1997

Mr. Allan S. Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

I am writing in support of the People of America Foundation's goal to raise funds for research, development, and dissemination of multicultural materials specific to the needs of the students in California's schools. Well-researched, pedagogically-sound materials that support the California History/Social Science Framework are crucial to the success of our students.

I appreciated the opportunity to examine the current materials that your organizations has produced. While I am not a social science expert, I was impressed with the quality of your instructional materials.

If California joins in your efforts, it is my understanding that local educators will be involved in the development of a California-specific program that reflects the diversity of our state. This strategy will ensure that our state and local needs are met.

I hope that the People of America Foundation is able to raise the necessary funds. Your products will assist us in our efforts to improve instruction in multicultural education and teaching about our diverse society.

Sincerely,

Karen Morelli
Karen Morelli, Director
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Dear Mr. Kullen:
Thank you for bringing to my attention and sharing the work of the People of America Foundation. I have had the opportunity to review the Americans All materials and I see great potential for its use in Tulare County. I am impressed with the quality of the work.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation plans to further develop the program by working with each state department of education in creating state-specific materials. I also understand that your foundation will be raising funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials at no cost to schools and the state. I applaud and support your goal to promote multicultural awareness and appreciation for and sensitivity to cultural diversity among students and teachers.

The Tulare County Office of Education is responsible in assisting 49 school districts in an area the size of Connecticut. Like the rest of California, Tulare County has a diverse population. There is a tremendous need in our county and our state for quality materials that help our students understand the issues of diversity so they will be successful in working together in improving our world.

As the History/Social Science Consultant for Tulare County, I am constantly trying to help students of the many school communities develop a better understanding of their past origins. One activity my county coordinates for our students is the National History Day program. The 1998 National History Day theme "Migration in History: People, Cultures, Ideas," is very timely in helping bring focus to this endeavor and your program fits perfectly with that theme.

If your project, as you have explained to me, supports the criteria I have discussed, I support the work you have set out to accomplish. I wish you and the People of America Foundation the best in raising the funds necessary to carry out your ambitious goals to develop and disseminate quality materials.

Respectfully yours,

Milton Kato
Milton Kato
Instructional Consultant

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Gary F. Del Rossi, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

June 16, 1997

Allen Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, MD 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for bringing to my attention the program entitled "The Peopling of America: A Timeline of Events That Helped Shape Our Nation." You, and the People of America Foundation, have done a great deal of work in developing the "American All" program; a program that I believe many teachers and students would enjoy.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. At such a time that becomes a reality, the San Joaquin County Office of Education would like to participate.

Good luck with your endeavor.

Sincerely,

Gary F. Del Rossi

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Floyd Gonella, Ed.D., County Superintendent of Schools

June 17, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, MD 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

San Mateo County Office of Education considers the work that your foundation has done with Americans. All to be useful material for young people as they study the diverse, pluralistic, multicultural society of the United States. We know that schools in San Diego have found it to be an excellent tool.

I am certain that the development of materials which are customized, California-specific would be of great use to our students in San Mateo County schools and districts. We also have been working on linking health care and other community-related needs within the school, community, and county through special programs funded through state and private grant sources.

We assume that as you acquire the funding required for such a project that you will work with the California Department of Education, subject-matter projects in history, social science, international studies, and geography as well as the professional social studies organization who can provide key roles for research and demographics, development of materials, and effective dissemination of the resources. Our county office would be willing to support efforts to develop and disseminate the appropriate materials. Please contact our county office liaison, Shirley Mead-Mezzetta at (415) 692-9260 for further assistance.

Thank you for sharing a sample of your materials, your goals and objectives, and the invitation to promote the development of these materials. We look forward to hearing more about the Foundation's progress in moving toward the achievement of its goal.

Sincerely yours,

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Associate Superintendent

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MIKE MOSES
COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

June 5, 1997

Mr. Allen Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding Texas' interest in participating in the People of America Foundation program to develop materials specifically for Texas schools. I am happy to support your efforts to raise funds for research, development, and dissemination of curriculum materials that would reflect the diverse cultures and ethnic groups that have created the rich heritage that is uniquely Texan.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also my understanding that the Texas Education Agency will select those who will work on the project and supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of students and schools in Texas.

Although the Texas Education Agency cannot endorse a particular set of resources, we welcome the opportunity to participate in the development and distribution of free materials to Texas schools.

We wish you success in securing funding for this project. Please keep us informed on your progress and do not hesitate to call on us for additional assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Moses

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MIKE MOSES
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September 27, 1996

Mr. Allen Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for allowing me to review your *Americans All Education Materials*. I very much appreciate the information you have provided about the People of America Foundation and its efforts to provide educational materials without cost to the state. Schools in Texas wishing to use materials such as the *Americans All* program are allowed to do so under current state law and State Board of Education rules.

Your plan to individually contact each school principal in the state to determine their interest and willingness to obtain both the existing *Americans All* materials and state specific components is quite appropriate since we are a textbook adoption state. It is my understanding that the Foundation will not send materials to any school in the state until such approval is obtained.

With regard to creating the state specific publications, your offer to allow the state to select the subject matter within the social studies curriculum area and to govern the specific content of the material is also very much appreciated. We also appreciate your sensitivity in wishing to work with existing state developers of curriculum materials in producing these new texts.

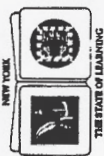
Although your major focus is to create materials on the "peopling of Texas," school districts may already have access to similar materials through the state adoption process (although not on a free distribution basis). You may, however, be able to develop materials that will help schools connect the current social studies materials with the new Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, now in development. We can explore this in more detail once you have your funding in hand.

Thank you again for your proposal and we eagerly look forward to hearing from you regarding the Foundation's progress in providing solid content for our students and teachers.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Leos

Robert H. Leos
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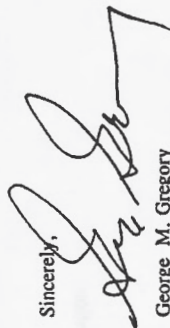
Mr. Allan S. Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for sending me the information related to the People of America Foundation timeline proposal. As we discussed, due to staff and program priorities the State Education Department will not be able to participate. As I suggested, you might contact the District Superintendents for the BOCES (Boards of Cooperative Educational Services) units to determine their interest, addressing your request to members of the Staff and Curriculum Development Network (see enclosed listing).

Again, thank you for the information and good luck with your proposal. If you have other questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me again.

Sincerely,


George M. Gregory
Supervisor, Social Studies Education

cc: Edward T. Lalor
Assistant Commissioner for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment



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June 6, 1997

Mr. Allan S. Kullen
c/o People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:


Thank you for sharing the sample materials from the People of America Foundation.

In New York City, with more than 1,000,000 students enrolled in PreK-12 programs, we are clearly the largest school system in the United States. Our students come to us from all over the world, speaking the many languages of their native lands. We are, of course, devoted to multi-cultural education and teaching about the strengths a country derives from diversity.

We are in the beginning stages of planning for the Centennial celebration of a unified New York City. Materials such as yours would be of assistance to our teachers as they prepare our students about New York City's history as "a port of entry".

I am eagerly looking forward to reviewing the materials that would be developed for New York and available for use in our classrooms. Good luck in your efforts to raise the necessary funds.

Sincerely,


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Dr. Judith S. Wooster
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Mr. Allan Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

My congratulations to you for your thoughtful and comprehensive plan to address education for diversity in our pluralistic society. Your efforts to develop instructional materials focusing on New York State would be most useful to us as a suburban school district. Both the process of curriculum development and the products created would enable us to meet the challenges of raising standards while at the same time offering students rich and engaging learning opportunities.

I look forward to learning more about your progress, and wish you success in your fund raising initiatives. On behalf of our district, I am most enthusiastic about your approach. We would welcome an opportunity to participate in the exciting efforts.

Sincerely,

Judith S. Wooster



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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

June 30, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
C/O People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Ave
Beltsville, MD 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in support of People of America Foundation's effort to raise funds to develop materials specifically aligned to New York's standards and initiatives in Social Studies.

Of great interest to us at Nassau Boces, and I am sure for those at intermediate districts outside the state, is the opportunity for New York educators to be involved in the project and be assured a close fit between the materials and the educators needs of the students of New York. As Dr. John Gargemi indicated to you on the phone, we will make every effort to build support for this project at the State Education Department and with the Staff and Curriculum Development Network which is a committee representing the 38 Boces, the five big cities and the State Education Department's curriculum, instruction and assessment staff.

Please let us know as soon as you have more information about this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Fowler
District Superintendent

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August 26, 1997

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Mr. Allan S. Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

The materials produced by the People of America Foundation appear to be of high quality and are relevant to New York State Social Studies Learning Standard One (U.S. and N.Y.S. History) and Standard Five (Government). In particular, the "Americans All" slide and photograph collection would be very helpful at a variety of grade levels when teaching about immigration. This component includes five grade-specific teacher guides.

We support the People of America Foundation efforts to produce materials specifically for New York State. As the materials exist now they are consistently good, but more work would be needed to insure that state-specific books and ancillary materials are truly standards based.

Best of luck on securing the necessary funds for the continuation of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Ogilvie
Donald A. Ogilvie
District Superintendent

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Robert L. Bedford
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March 3, 1997

Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding Florida's interest in a program to develop materials specifically for Florida schools.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also my understanding that the Florida Department of Education will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of schools in Florida.

This is a most generous offer and Florida is eager to participate. The enclosed materials are of excellent quality. It would be most valuable to have similar materials developed on the state level. This effort would provide us the opportunity to develop materials that support the Sunshine State Standards for Social Studies.

Consider this letter to be of support and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Bedford

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November 13, 1996

Mr. Allan Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your question regarding Florida's interest in participating in the People of America Foundation program to develop materials specifically for Florida's schools. It is my understanding that the foundation would raise the funds to support the research, development and dissemination of materials regarding the diverse cultures and ethnic groups that have made Florida their home. It is also my understanding that the Florida Department of Education will participate in the project and monitor the development of instructional materials to meet the needs of the students in our state.

Dade County Public Schools has more than 330,000 students enrolled in PreK - 12th grade programs. Our district is the largest school district in Florida and the fourth in the nation. Our school district is most diverse and our students come from more than 120 countries in the world and speak more than 50 languages. Approximately 50% of our students are of Hispanic origin and 33% African American.

One of our major district objectives is multicultural education. Since there is a lack of high quality multicultural materials, our state and school district would welcome instructional materials that would describe the contributions and presence of the many groups that live in our state and our community.

As you are aware, I have written several books on the Hispanic heritage of our nation and state and I would be pleased to participate in this project as a researcher, writer or editor.

I hope that the People of America Foundation is able to raise the necessary funds for such a needed project that would strengthen our efforts to improve instruction in multicultural education and teaching about our diverse and pluralistic society.

Sincerely,

Frank de Varona
Region Superintendent

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June 18, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

I am writing to offer my support for the People of America Foundation as they strive to generate funding for a major national curriculum development project.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also my understanding that the Illinois State Board of Education will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of materials to ensure that they are in alignment with the Illinois Learning Standards and meet the needs of our students.

Thank you for offering this potential opportunity to enrich teaching and learning about our state and national heritage.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Spagnolo
State Superintendent
of Education



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

February 12, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

The creation of the People of America Foundation to produce state specific curriculum materials to complete the educational goals of "Americans All" is admirable. The Department has been referring to "Americans All" as well as three other programs to schools wishing to address the issue of pluralism. Dr. Jim Wetzi, Director of Social Studies Education, has spoken of the quality of your materials.

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives recently passed a resolution calling attention to goals for promoting greater tolerance. Your generous offer would not only provide quality state initiated resources, but would have other beneficial results as well.

Pennsylvania has a rich ethnic heritage and would be pleased to participate in your generous offer. I understand raising funds to make the project a reality will be your responsibility.

Department coordination with your project will be directed through Dr. Wetzi's office and will probably include our Pennsylvania Ethnic Heritage Studies Centers.

School districts in Pennsylvania will benefit from quality materials developed locally, therefore, I am pleased to support this effort.

Sincerely yours,

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John M. Goff
Superintendent of Public Instruction

September 11, 1996

Allan Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding Ohio's interest in participating in a program to develop materials specifically for Ohio's schools.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also my understanding that the Ohio Department of Education will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of schools in Ohio.

This is a most generous offer and Ohio is eager to participate. Recognizing the high quality of the Americans All materials on the national level, it would be most valuable to have similar materials developed on the state level. This effort would provide us the opportunity to develop materials that support our state model curriculum guide in social studies.

Consider this letter to be one of support and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

John M. Goff
Superintendent of Public Instruction



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Linda C. Schrenko
State Superintendent of Schools

August 29, 1997

Mr. Allen S. Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to the proposal made by the People of America Foundation to develop supplemental social studies curriculum materials specific to the state of Georgia, to include a state-specific timeline, photograph collection and poster, and other resources as deemed appropriate for this state. I applaud your goal of providing information about the tangible value of our nation's pluralism, especially with regard to the economic assets and social benefits created by America's diversity. As you may know, we are now in the final stages of preparing a revised Quality Core Curriculum for Georgia, and it is my hope that these materials will reflect many of the specific content objectives for the revised curriculum.

It is my understanding the People of America Foundation will be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also my understanding that representatives from the Georgia Department of Education will work with the foundation to select those who will work on the project and will have considerable input during the development process to ensure that the materials reflect the educational needs of all Georgia students.

The Georgia Department of Education does not dictate specific curriculum materials for use by our students. These choices are made by each level school districts in Georgia. Therefore, any promotional activities or dissemination of these free materials would of necessity become the responsibility of the People of America Foundation. However, we welcome the opportunity to participate in this development effort with the hope that the high quality of the materials will be appealing to those districts seeking curriculum resources which focus on the diversity of our state's people.

We look forward to working with you on this important project. Please contact me when you are ready to proceed.

Sincerely,

Linda C. Schrenko
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April 11, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding Michigan's interest in participating in a program to develop materials specifically for Michigan's schools.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also my understanding that the Michigan Department of Education will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of schools in Michigan.

This is a most generous offer and Michigan is eager to participate. Recognizing the high quality of the Americans All materials on the national level, it would be most valuable to have similar materials developed on the state level. This effort would provide us the opportunity to develop materials that support our state's content standards for social studies.

Consider this letter to be one of support, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Anne L. Hansen, Ph.D.
Director
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May 1, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Allan:

The Michigan Department of Education is happy to support your initiative. It is the policy of Arthur E. Ellis, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Michigan, that empowering senior staff to make decisions such as this makes for a more efficient use of our organization.

Good luck with all your endeavors with the People of America Foundation and the Americans All project.

Sincerely,

Karen R. Todorov
Social Studies Education Consultant



State of New Jersey

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LEO KLAGHOLZ
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May 30, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Commissioner Leo Klagholz has asked me to respond to your letter in which you introduce the People of America Foundation. You have requested a support letter from the department acknowledging an informal partnership or alliance between the Foundation and our state relative to your mission and objectives.

As a home rule state, policy decisions on the acquisition of materials for the delivery of school programs are determined on a district to district basis. You will need to promote the plans of the Foundation through contact with school districts directly in order to request consideration of your publications and other services. I am sending you a Publication Order Form which is provided by our department Publications Office. You will see that the "New Jersey State Department of Education School Directory," which is now available for 1996-97, is available for purchase at a cost of \$9.00. The "School Directory" provides a comprehensive list of districts and schools in our state as well as a list of district staff.

Thank you for contacting the department.

Sincerely,

Faith Sarafin

Faith Sarafin, Manager
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Enclosure



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Leo Klagholz
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Beverly L. Hall, Ed.D.
State District Superintendent

July 9, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in support of People of America Foundation's initiative to raise funds to develop materials designed to support New Jersey standards in social studies.

Of special interest to the Newark Public Schools is the foundation's commitment to multicultural issues as evidenced by the "Americans All" materials you included in your correspondence.

The breadth of support you have received thus far is impressive. We are happy to add ours as well to this effort to enrich teaching and learning about our diverse cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

Beverly L. Hall

Beverly L. Hall, Ed. D.
State District Superintendent

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June 20, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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August 1, 1997

Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in support of your efforts to raise funds to develop materials aligned to the New Jersey Social Studies Core Curriculum Standards. Once your work is completed we will review these materials accordingly. Pursuant to policy, final approval to use these supplementary materials is subject to approval by our Board of Education.

Dear Mr. Kallen:

This letter is in support of People of America Foundation's effort to raise funds to develop materials specifically aligned to New Jersey standards and initiatives in social studies.

Particularly noteworthy is the opportunity for New Jersey educators to be involved in the project, thereby assuring a close fit between the materials and the educational needs of students in New Jersey.

If the examination materials are an indicator, then the project should benefit our students. I know that a neighboring community uses the Foundation's America All program with great success.

To develop materials in other areas of the social sciences through the fund-raising efforts of People of America Foundation is an opportunity that we encourage and support.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Ranta
ROBERT S. RANTA
Assistant Superintendent

RSR:ib
c: Dr. Vincent J. Capraro
Daniel P. Michaud
General of People of America

May you have continued success in the development of this important instructional package.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey Graber
Jeffrey Graber

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Mr. James L. Lerman
Administrative Assistant
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August 1, 1997

Allen Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

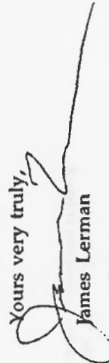
Thank you for contacting our school district regarding your organization's proposal concerning the development of a national base of social studies materials focused on the diversity of historical backgrounds of our peoples, on a state-by-state basis.

Your proposal seems imaginative and centers on an area where there is a definite need. The delivery system you envision is thoughtful and utilizes a healthy mixture of traditional and current technologies for communication. Your organization appears to have the track record to see this effort through to successful completion once the necessary financial support is in place.

With the understanding that this initial letter communicates that we think this proposal is worthy and practical, and that any specific commitment of resources on our part is premature at this time, we are pleased to indicate that we think this is a fine idea.

I wish you much success as you endeavor to gather together additional supporters of this vision. Thank you for inviting our participation.

Yours very truly,


James Lerman

JL/st
c: Dr. Clarence C. Hoover III

Our schools can use the help of all who desire to make a difference.



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August 18, 1997

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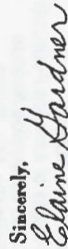
Dear Mr. Kullen:

This is in support of People of America Foundation's effort to raise funds to develop materials specifically aligned to New Jersey standards and initiatives in social studies.

Based on my review of the materials sent to us, and some familiarity with the Americans All Program, I feel it will benefit all New Jersey students. Particularly noteworthy is the foundation's commitment to multicultural and diversity issues.

With the understanding that this initial letter of support does not indicate any specific commitment of resources at this time, I am happy to add the Jersey City Public Schools to your impressive list of supporters.

Best of luck in your continued endeavor to raise the necessary funds.

Sincerely,

Elaine Gardner
Multicultural/Social Studies Supervisor

c: Dr. Grisel Lopez-Diaz

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February 12, 1997

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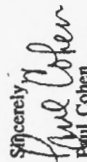
Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in support of the People of America Foundation's goal of raising funds to promote the research, development and dissemination of state-specific multicultural materials.

Based on our discussions at the National Council for the Social Studies National Conference in November, there is a real need for a program such as the one you described to me and I feel it will benefit all New Jersey students. It is my understanding that while the People of America Foundation will raise the necessary funds, people from within New Jersey will be responsible for supervising the development of the materials. Once the program is available, local school districts will decide whether to use the program.

I am well aware of the high quality of materials your organization produces. In the East Brunswick Public Schools we have been using the Americans All program for some years and find the materials to be comprehensive and of high quality.

I support your program and look forward to working with you on the project.

Sincerely,

Paul Cohen
Social Studies Supervisor

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January 7, 1998

Allan Kullen
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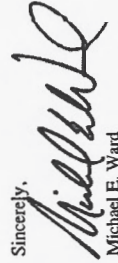
Dear Mr. Kullen:

I am writing in response to your inquiry about North Carolina's participation in a program to develop state-specific materials similar to the *Americans All* program. I appreciate the information you provided about the People of America Foundation and its efforts to provide free educational materials to our state.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation will be responsible for raising the funds to support the research for and the development and dissemination of curriculum materials. I also understand that the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the goals of our agency and the needs of our schools. Furthermore, our staff's involvement in and supervision of the program will assure us that the instructional resources produced will be aligned with our state social studies curriculum.

We appreciate the invitation to participate in this project. School districts in North Carolina will benefit from quality materials developed locally. Mike Frye, chief consultant for the English language arts/Social Studies Team, will serve as your contact in our department. He will coordinate our responsibilities in the project and assist you as needed.

Consider this letter to be one of support for this worthwhile project. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Ward

c: Dr. Henry Johnson
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May 30, 1997

Mr. Allan S. Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for your letter of April 14, 1997 inviting Virginia's participation in future *People of America Foundation* programs.

The Commonwealth of Virginia would be interested in pursuing the development of state-specific instructional materials that would be funded by your foundation. It is expected that the instructional materials developed for use in Virginia will support the rigorous academic standards adopted by the Virginia Board of Education in June 1995 for English, science, history and the social sciences, and mathematics.

The Virginia Department of Education, working with various state education organizations and other institutions, will assume responsibility for selection of project participants and for overseeing the development of materials to be coordinated with the Virginia Standards of Learning.

Again, thank you for offering this potential opportunity for Virginia to participate in this program. I look forward to hearing of your progress in securing the necessary funds for this project.

Sincerely,

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May 9, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for including Indiana in your proposal to promote the research, development, and distribution of materials for teaching about ethnic heritage at the state level.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation will take responsibility for raising funds to support this effort. Each participating state will supervise the development and dissemination of teaching materials. Once the materials are available, local schools will make decisions about how to use them in the classroom.

I am familiar with the *Americans All* program and know its value in teaching about our national history. It would be extremely helpful to have similar materials that emphasize Indiana's unique cultural contributions along with our common democratic heritage. Such a project would fit well with current state initiatives. The Indiana Department of Education would be happy to facilitate this effort by bringing together historians, classroom teachers, school administrators, community leaders, and representatives of other state agencies to consider instructional needs in this area.

I commend the People of America Foundation for developing this innovative plan. I am certain that it will be of great benefit to the students of Indiana. Please accept my best wishes for the success of your proposal.

Sincerely,

Dr. SuelLEN Reed
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Robert V. Antonucci
Commissioner

July 2, 1997

Allan Kullen, National Director
Americans All
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for your letter and informational materials on the People of America Foundation. In your correspondence, you request a letter of support acknowledging an informal partnership with the Foundation in order to demonstrate the state's support for the Foundation's development and dissemination of curriculum materials that reflect the country's diverse cultures and ethnic groups.

While the Foundation's goal is laudable, the Massachusetts Department of Education does not endorse specific curriculum products, publications or texts. Decisions about the selection and acquisition of curricular and instructional materials are made at the local school district level. Therefore, I recommend that the Foundation contact each Massachusetts school district directly regarding this project. Enclosed for your use is a printout of the names and addresses of the over 300 Massachusetts Superintendents and Charter School Leaders.

In addition, the Massachusetts Board of Education has approved, subject to final editing, a state curriculum framework for History and Social Science. This framework is scheduled to be reviewed by the Board in August and ready for school district use in the fall. You may wish to contact my office later in the fall to obtain a copy of this framework for your reference.

Thank you again for your materials. I wish you the best with your project.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Antonucci
Commissioner of Education

enclosure

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Sidney Smith, Director
Curriculum and Instructional Practices

Mr. Allen Kullen
People of America Foundation
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September 16, 1997

Dear Mr. Kullen:

I am writing now to support the People of America Foundation's efforts to raise funds to develop multicultural social studies materials specifically aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and "the Massachusetts experience". Should you reach your goal, your product will ensure schools have access to materials that are aligned with the frameworks, multicultural in perspective, and responsive to the diverse needs and interests of students, especially those in Boston. This is particularly important if we are going to both engage our students and prepare them for the "high stakes" History and Social Science assessments currently being developed by the Commonwealth.

The *Americans All* materials you have shared with us are high-quality and beneficial to all of our students. The materials are familiar to our superintendent, Thomas Payzant, who played a strong, supportive role in their development while he was superintendent in San Diego. We see a nice fit between these materials and our needs, and anticipate the same with any new "Massachusetts-specific" materials you may develop.

We encourage and support your efforts to raise additional funds and look forward to having the opportunity to collaborate more substantially in the not-too-distant future.

Good luck with your continuing efforts.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Peter J. Negrini
Superintendent

October 13, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

We applaud you and your colleagues at the People of America Foundation for initiating and implementing a worthwhile and visionary program for our nation and the individual states. Springfield supports the Foundation's goal to raise funds for research, development, and dissemination of multicultural materials specific to the needs of the students in Massachusetts schools. Well-researched, pedagogically-sound materials that support the recent Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework are crucial to the success of our students.

The Americans All program accomplishes a number of things that will help Springfield teachers enrich the study of history and social sciences. First, the program documents the experiences and contributions of all groups in shaping society and culture in the United States. This fits nicely with our Oneness of Humankind curriculum. Second, the program brings a wealth of additional visual and written primary sources into the classroom, that fit nicely with our state frameworks. Third, through its telecommunication initiative, the program links local and state history and culture to national themes and events, making this information accessible to students and teachers throughout the United States. Fourth, the program allows teachers to incorporate the state frameworks and the local outcomes and instructional approaches into a nationally adopted educational program. Finally, looking at the People of America Foundation overview for 1997, one sees the set up of a framework for an ongoing professional network that will continue to enrich social studies education among participating states.

If Massachusetts joins in your efforts, it is my understanding that local educators will be involved in the development of a Massachusetts-specific program that reflects the diversity of our state. This strategy will ensure that our state and local needs are met. We would certainly welcome the opportunity to be part of this effort.

We wish you success in securing funding for this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter J. Negrini
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John Papadonis Coordinator

December 12, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen,

Thank you for taking the time to review with me the *Americans All* curriculum materials at the National Council for the Social Studies annual conference. Your explanation highlighted my understanding of the materials you sent previously for my review. Certainly, this letter is in full support of the People of America Foundation's efforts in telling the story of America's growth. The materials I reviewed are of high quality.

I agree there is a real need for this program in Massachusetts. Indeed, there is a direct connection between it and our local curriculum at grades four (*The Peopling of Massachusetts*) and five (*The Peopling of the United States*). Surely, it will benefit students in many Massachusetts communities in their study of immigration. I also agree with your purpose of utilizing local Massachusetts scholars and educators in the development of Massachusetts specific data.

This letter of support does not indicate and specific commitment of resources at this time. The Lexington Public Schools Social Studies Program, however, does endorse your efforts and wishes to add its name to your growing list of supporters.

Sincerely,

John Papadonis,
Social Studies Coordinator

MASSACHUSETTS



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RICHARD YOUNG
Elementary Curriculum Coordinator
for Social Studies

December 22, 1997

Mr. Allen Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

Your peopling of America curriculum seems to have very interesting possibilities for us, especially in light of the recently adopted State Frameworks in Social Science and History in Massachusetts. We would be interested in maintaining a connection to you as you institute your program. Please let me know how we can support your initiative in Brookline and Massachusetts.

Let me know if you are interested in contacting our former Brookline Social Studies Director, Hank Zaberik.

Sincerely,

Richard Young
Social Studies Coordinator, K-8



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January 26, 1998

Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Americas All materials developed by the People of America Foundation. The material appears quite comprehensive, placing specific focus on helping students understand the contribution of the major ethnic and cultural groups to the development and growth of our nation.

I am particularly impressed by your commitment to adopt material to content guidelines of the respective States. As you know, Massachusetts has recently adopted State Curriculum Frameworks. Massachusetts students will participate in a "high stakes" testing program in the near future that evaluates their knowledge in key academic areas, which include History and Social Science.

I applaud your initiative and support your pursuit of funding to continue this project. Good luck in your endeavor.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Guttrich



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Deputy State Superintendent

March 12, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for inviting Wisconsin to participate in your proposal to develop teaching material related to the cultural history of our state. We are very supportive of the People of America Foundation's goal of raising funds to promote the research, development, and dissemination of state-specific multicultural materials. This is a most generous offer and Wisconsin is eager to participate.

I have reviewed some of the materials published by the Americans All program on the national level and have been impressed with the quality of work. I am certain that materials pertaining to the state of Wisconsin would be used in our classrooms. At the department, we receive calls almost daily from teachers who are seeking materials related to Wisconsin for use in their classrooms. There is definitely a need to be filled.

It is my understanding that the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will select the people who work on the project and oversee the development of material to ensure that they are in alignment with the Wisconsin Academic Social Studies Standards.

Please regard this letter as evidence of our support and willingness to participate. Thank you once again for offering this potential opportunity to enrich the teaching and learning about our state and national heritage. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

John T. Benson
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State Superintendent

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July 21, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for inviting Washington State to participate in the proposal to develop curricula about our state and the nation's cultural diversity. Washington State's population is becoming very diverse. Our geographic location makes us a gateway to the Pacific Rim. However, trade and other kinds of exchanges are not limited to just the Pacific Rim. Polar flights put us within easy reach of Europe. Mexico and South America are also becoming important partners.

Therefore, I support People of America Foundation in its efforts to bring the project to fruition. I am especially supportive of the idea of each state's education department becoming involved in the development of the state-specific materials. Larry Strickland of my staff will be most helpful in the selection of teachers to serve on the state's writing team. You can reach Larry at (360)753-6747 or TDD (360)664-3631. I also commend you for bringing People of America curricula in line with each state's restructuring effort. Teachers in our state will use your materials if they are tied to our essential academic learning requirements (EALRs) for social studies.

Our students and teachers will benefit from our nation's strength through diversity. I look forward to working with People of America Foundation.

Sincerely,

J.J. Coolican
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MISSOURI, TENNESSEE

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Commissioner of Education



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January 23, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your December 4, 1996, letter to Warren Solomon regarding the interest of Missouri and its school districts in participating in the People of America Foundation program.

Missouri will be very much interested in participating in your program. We reviewed the Americans All materials and found that they address a significant national social need as well as many of our state's academic performance standards, the "Show-Me Standards."

At this point, we do not have the details worked out with regard to who in Missouri could best manage the development of the state-specific resource package. We are, however, thinking of one of our state historical societies, university history departments, or other organizations with expertise and missions consistent with the needs of your program. All groups we are considering have access to people with historical research skills and with experience in working with elementary and secondary teachers. As we continue to explore such matters, we will be in touch with you.

Again, thank you for giving us the opportunity to examine the materials your organization has produced and for extending your offer for us to participate actively in your program.

Good wishes.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Bartman
Commissioner of Education

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c: Warren Solomon



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May 6, 1997

Mr. Allen S. Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for sharing with me the People of America Foundation materials and inquiring as to Tennessee's interest in participating in a program to develop materials specific to the curricular needs of our state. It is my understanding that your organization will assume full responsibility for raising the funds necessary for this project, and will agree to guidelines established by the Tennessee Department of Education for the development, distribution, and implementation of a finished product.

I see this program as a way to enhance the social studies instructional program at the middle grades level and wish for Tennessee to participate. I support this effort and look forward to seeing the program developed for our children. Bruce Opie, Executive Director for the Department's Division of Curriculum and Instruction, will serve as your contact.

Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Jane Walters

JW:bob



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February 10, 1997

Mr. Allan S. Kullen
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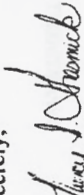
Dear Mr. Kullen:

I am writing to express interest in our Department participating in a program from which resource materials specifically about Maryland for Maryland schools will be generated.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation will be responsible for fiscally supporting the development and dissemination of materials. I also understand that the Maryland State Department of Education will recruit and/or select the people who will work in the program and supervise the development of materials to ensure that they reflect a product which will complement our Education That Is Multicultural approach to curriculum. I appreciate your willingness to work with staff in our Department responsible for curriculum materials.

I appreciate the Foundation's generosity and look, with great anticipation, forward to the exciting product you envision.

Sincerely,


Nancy S. Grasmick
State Superintendent of Schools

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
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June 3, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:


I appreciate the opportunity to review the materials you sent to the Department concerning the *Americans All* program which you are in the process of organizing. We are impressed with the amount of thought and support which your foundation has already dedicated to these early steps, and admire the devotion you have shown to the long term task.

As you are aware from your conversations with Colonel St. Amant, Louisiana is in the process of redefining the way we approach education. In support of our efforts to create Schools That Work, which will produce knowledgeable and competent citizens, committed to the future of our state and the nation, we are developing new content standards documents in all six core curriculum areas. It appears that your program will support this effort well. In addition, Louisiana has one of the most culturally diverse populations in the United States. As a result, we believe that our Louisiana studies program can benefit especially from this opportunity.

As we understand the proposal, *Americans All* is a cooperative educational effort, in which necessary funding will be provided by the People of America Foundation as a result of corporate donations and other sources. Adequate money is expected to become available through this channel to produce state-specific documents which are compliant with our content requirements in Louisiana. Our responsibility will include identifying or creating an organizational entity to manage the development, distribution and implementation of the program as we believe proper, both in our schools and in the furtherance of any other appropriate governmental interest at our discretion. These collateral uses may include, but are not limited to, the promotion of tourism and the encouragement of commercial investment in the state.

I look forward to the possibility of our working together with the People of America Foundation in this important effort. Please keep us advised of the status of the program.

Sincerely,


Cecil J. Picard
State Superintendent of Education

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May 2, 1997

Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for the opportunity to review *People of America Foundation's* goals and objectives with your overview and expectations. We support your efforts to obtain funding to provide educational materials to states at a time of reform while reinforcing standards.

Our state's standards-based reform effort provides a basis for your "People and Cultures" focus area. This enables you to develop materials that assist schools to connect relevant social studies materials with our graduation standards. We anticipate exploring these collaborative efforts once your funding has been obtained.

It is my understanding that the Foundation will provide information on the Internet and create publications based on the specific content desired by each state. This will encourage a higher level of interest in technology.

Please keep us informed as to the progress of the Foundation's funding.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Wedl, Commissioner
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STATE OF ALABAMA
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ED RICHARDSON
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

May 8, 1997

Mr. Allen Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for the People of America Foundation materials and the letters of endorsement from other states. At the present time, the Alabama Course of Study Committee is convening to rewrite the social studies course of study in order to guarantee the development of a product that complies with the new accountability law. Because of the time factor, your request to participate in the development of publications can not be considered at this time.

I appreciate the Foundation's interest in developing materials that reflect the educational needs of each state. If I may be of further assistance, please call me at (334) 242-8082.

Sincerely,

Judy G. Cooper
Education Specialist

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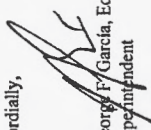
Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for the information on the Foundation and its 10 year campaign to instill an appreciation of the value of diversity in all Americans. I cannot think of a more important undertaking to ensure a positive future for our nation as we enter the 21st Century.

The materials you sent for my review are excellent. The word "timeline" does not do justice to *The Peopling of America*. I understand that all of *Americans All* resource materials will be provided at no cost to our schools. I also understand that the materials developed for Arizona will be developed by Arizonans.

I applaud the Foundation's efforts and your work. I look forward to implementing the program in the Tucson Unified School District.

Cordially,


George F. Garcia, Ed.D.
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April 22, 1997

Allan S. Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, MD 20705


Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for submitting your materials for our review regarding the Americans All program. Our director of curriculum has examined not only the materials but also the included endorsement letters, and finds them both to be worthy of our endorsement. We are particularly impressed that former ASCD executive director Gordon Cavewit supports the program, and that ASCD includes the Americans All program in its curriculum handbook of model programs.

It is particularly appropriate that curriculum professionals in Arizona review the Americans All materials. As you know, our state department of education is currently considering new social studies standards for our entire state, and will be adopting those standards within the very near future. All school districts in the state will then be required to meet those standards via their curriculum development and instructional material selection procedures. We are excited about the possibilities that these new standards offer for our students and believe that the Americans All program could play a significant role in Arizona's attempt to increase students' social science knowledge.

Thank you again for sharing your materials with us. We appreciate your generous offer of assisting us, as well as all school districts in Arizona, in the development of K-12 social science standards.

Sincerely,


James D. Buchanan
Superintendent

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ARIZONA



Mesa Public Schools

Susan Sprague, Ed.D., Director
Science and Social Science

April 9, 1997

People of America Foundation
Attn: Mr. Allan Kullen
5670 Sunnyside Ave.
Beltsville, MD 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

As I examined the *Americans All* curriculum with Jean Hamlin, I was very impressed with the thoroughness of the materials. As I stated to Jean, I thought the primary sources you were able to include in *A Guide To The Americans All Slide and Photograph Collection* were excellent. I am sure that students who have access to this guide will find that it is very interesting and highly informative.

The Peopling of America: A Timeline Of Events That Helped Shape Our Nation would be invaluable to students who are doing a historical perspective, in-depth study. The historical perspective you have compiled is very complete and yet easy to refer to in the study of the growth and development of America.

I enjoyed having the opportunity to speak with you about your excellent program.

Sincerely,

Susan Sprague

Dr. Susan Sprague
Director, Science and Social Sciences Resource Center

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April 18, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

I have reviewed the *Americans All* materials and your proposal to provide these curriculum resources to our school district at no cost in the future. I believe they will be a welcome addition to our program at Catalina Foothills School District. We are proud of our current social studies program but know that there are enhancements that can be realized through access to other quality resources.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation will be responsible for raising the funds to support the further development and dissemination of materials to individual states, when possible, and individual school districts like ours, in some cases. We would certainly welcome the opportunity to be a part of this effort.

We look forward to hearing from you in the future and wish you every success in securing further support for your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Mary Kamerzell

Mary Kamerzell, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

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Dr. Lee T. Peterson
Superintendent
Dr. Catherine Stafford
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June 16, 1997

Mr. Allan S. Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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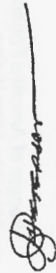
Dear Mr. Kullen:


We appreciate the opportunity to review the Americans All Program along with your proposal to provide these curriculum resources to our school district at no cost in the future. We are very impressed with the quality and comprehensive scope of the program. We are anxiously awaiting the development and adoption of new Arizona social studies standards for which these materials will be most valuable.

We wholeheartedly endorse and want to be a part of the People of America Foundation's work. We understand that all of these resources will be provided at no cost to our schools. We look forward to working with your organization in customizing the Americans All Program to our specific needs.

Thank you for including us in your generous offer.

Sincerely,


Dr. Lee T. Peterson
Superintendent


Dr. Catherine Stafford
Assistant Superintendent

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People of America Foundation
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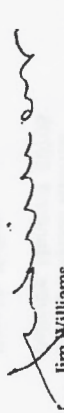
Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for sharing your Americans All social studies goals and materials. For those of us in Arizona, the information is timely. Our state is in the process of adopting new social studies standards. Each district in Arizona will be responsible for aligning its curriculum with the state standards.

Your offer to provide resources to help state and district curriculum developers create resource material to support our standards is too good to refuse. I applaud your efforts in pursuit of this vital and worthy project.

Thank you again for the excellent material. We look forward to the time when we can bring teachers together to create social studies resource material.

Sincerely,


Jim Williams,
Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction
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Wilmer S. Cody, Commissioner

July 7, 1998

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your correspondence regarding Kentucky's interest in the People of America Foundation program to develop and disseminate corporate-sponsored materials on diversity in America. As we understand the proposal, Americans All is a cooperative educational effort in which necessary funding will be provided by the People of America Foundation as a result of corporate donations and other sources. Further, it is our understanding that you will produce state-specific documents which are aligned with our content standards in Kentucky. Although the Kentucky Department of Education cannot endorse a particular set of resources, we welcome your effort to develop and distribute free materials to Kentucky schools.

We wish you success in securing funding for this project. Please keep us informed on your progress.

Sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dr. Barbara Stock Nielsen
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

December 11, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for sharing with us information on the People of America Foundation and the *Americans All* materials. This appears to be a very worthwhile endeavor and South Carolina would be interested in the use of the national materials and in the development of customized versions for our state.

South Carolina is currently developing a K-12 Social Studies Framework with Achievement Standards for all students. It appears that the national materials and similar state focused materials could be valuable resources in the implementation of the Framework and Standards.

I understand that the People of America Foundation would assume the responsibility for securing all funds necessary for the development and dissemination of our state level materials. I also understand that the South Carolina Department of Education would determine the structure and management of this effort to assure that the state level materials meet the requirements of the South Carolina Social Studies Framework and Achievement Standards.

I look forward to our partnership with the People of America Foundation and trust that it will result in enhanced social studies education for the children of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Barbara S. Nielsen, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

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Deputy Commissioner

Mr. Allen Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for your letter of March 6, 1997 regarding the opportunity for Colorado to take part in customized state-specific publication for the People of America Foundation project.

Colorado would be very interested in taking part in this program should it be funded. It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. I further understand that the Colorado Department of Education will select the people to work on the project and oversee the development of the materials to ensure that they closely align with and focus on our state model content standards in history and geography.

At this point we have no details worked out with regard to the development of these materials. With that said, I believe Colorado would be interested in an effort to build a consortium that would include the Colorado Department of Education and other institutions interested in the implementation of the content standards and multicultural education. There could be a very productive collaboration between the Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Historical Society, the Colorado Geographic Alliance, and the Center for Social Science Teaching at the University of Northern Colorado. All these organizations could play a key role in the research development, and dissemination of the standards-based resources.

Thank you for presenting this creative opportunity and extending the offer to develop much needed standards-based multicultural curriculum materials for our state. We appreciate the People of America Foundation for having the insight to propose this innovative and exciting high-quality program and the ambition to realize the vision.

Sincerely,

Susan P. Schafer

Susan P. Schafer, Director
School Effectiveness Unit

cc: Marianne Kenney



SANDY GARRETT
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

July 31, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for contacting me concerning the possibility of participating in the development of the "Americans All" curriculum program in conjunction with the People of America Foundation.

I understand that the main thrust of this program is to help students understand the contributions of the major ethnic and cultural population groups to the development and growth of the United States, and Oklahoma in particular. I also understand that it is your intent to work with educators chosen by the Oklahoma State Department of Education to develop such materials, correlated with the *Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS)*, which will stimulate higher order thinking skills in an integrated approach to reading, writing and the social studies.

The goals of such a program I support, and I applaud your efforts to gain the private funding necessary to support the research, development and dissemination of these curriculum materials which would be aligned with *PASS*, Oklahoma's core curriculum. I would like to reserve an endorsement of any resulting "Americans All" curriculum until after the Oklahoma portion of the project has been completed and I have had an opportunity to review it.

Best wishes to you in this venture. I would appreciate your keeping me informed of your progress in this worthy endeavor.

Sincerely,

Sandy Garrett

Sandy Garrett
State Superintendent

SG:cc

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Old State House

April 16, 1997

Dr. Allan S. Kullen
Director, *Americans All*
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

Americans All is an exciting and valuable addition to educational resources for teaching and learning about United States history and culture. Your leadership in launching this program at the national level is admirable, and your sensitivity to the needs of state and local educational programs is much appreciated.

The *Americans All* program accomplishes a number of things that will help Connecticut teachers enrich instruction in history, geography and the other social studies. First, the program documents the experiences and contributions of all groups in shaping society and culture in the United States. It integrates these as a whole story. Second, the program brings a wealth of additional visual and written primary sources into the classroom. Third, through its telecommunication initiative, the program links local and state history and culture to national themes and events, making this information accessible to teachers and students throughout the United States. Fourth, the program allows teachers to incorporate state and local curriculum goals and instructional approaches to a nationally adopted educational program. Finally, *Americans All* sets up a framework for an ongoing professional network that will continue to enrich social studies education among participating states.

The Old State House is pleased to be the primary sponsor of *Americans All*, and co-coordinator of the state-developed program with the Connecticut Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. We have a long-standing excellent relationship with the Department. Dan Gregg, the state Social Studies Coordinator, has worked closely with our Director of Education and Interpretation, Kathleen Hunter, in designing our educational programs and developing our curriculum. Kathleen and Dan would be the leaders for developing the process and selecting a cadre of people from throughout the state to prepare the Connecticut *Americans All* materials. They would provide the interface with the national program.

I applaud your dedication and insight in bringing the *Americans All* concept to this point. We wish you our very best good wishes in obtaining the financial resources to see the program to fruition. We are eager to begin so the Connecticut chapter can be shared with *Americans All*.

Sincerely,

Wilson H. Faude
Executive Director

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April 11, 1997

Mr. Wilson H. Faude
Executive Director
Old State House
800 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Bill:

I am pleased to offer my support for your effort to obtain funding from *Americans All* for the purpose of developing teaching resources on the history of the state of Connecticut. Historical knowledge and understanding at the local, state, national and world levels is essential for Connecticut's students to be prepared to live and work in a diverse society. The proposed materials to be developed would address these concerns as identified in our new history content standards for students. Quality state and local historical materials for classroom use are not currently available to teachers in Connecticut.

From my experience with teachers throughout the state, I am certain that materials pertaining specifically to Connecticut would be useful in our classrooms. Such materials would support the history content standards and lead to quality professional development for teachers that would improve classroom instruction.

I know that you have been in close contact with Daniel W. Gregg, Social Studies Consultant for the Connecticut State Department of Education. Mr. Gregg has worked closely with Kathleen Hunter, Director of Education and Interpretation, to design educational programs and develop curriculum. The partnership in leadership with the Department and the Old State House can result in bringing together the expertise of individuals and organizations in Connecticut to produce a quality product. Mr. Gregg has agreed to work closely with you by assisting in identifying teachers and others who could contribute to the project.

Please regard this letter as evidence of my support and willingness to pursue strategies to provide resources on Connecticut for students and teachers.

Thank you once again for offering this potential opportunity to enrich the teaching and learning about our state and national heritage.

Sincerely,

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August 8, 1997

Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding Oregon's interest in participating in a program to develop social studies materials for Oregon's schools. The Oregon Department of Education is committed to the principle of providing quality education for all students. We have developed social sciences content standards and benchmarks and welcome the chance to develop new materials aligned with those standards.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of the materials that we will create in Oregon. It is also my understanding that the Oregon Department of Education will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of the schools of Oregon.

Please regard this letter as evidence of my support and willingness to pursue strategies to provide resources on Oregon for students and teachers.

Sincerely,

Norma Paulus

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Mississippi Department of Education
Tom Barnham, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Education

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Associate State Superintendent
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April 16, 1997

Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

I am responding to your letter, materials sent, and inquiry of Mississippi's interest in the development of state specific materials. I understand that materials will be developed about Mississippi and distributed to school districts at no charge.

Assuming the funding will be forthcoming, the department would be glad to discuss the plans for Mississippi with you. The Mississippi Department of Education is always interested in providing districts with the opportunity to access quality materials.

Although the department can not endorse a particular set of resources, we welcome the development and distribution of free materials to participating school districts. If you have further questions, please contact our state social studies specialist at the following address:

Brenda Smith
State Social Studies Curriculum Specialist
Office of Instructional Development
P. O. Box 771
Jackson, MS 39205-0771
(601) 359-3778

Good Luck with your project.

Sincerely,

Gerald J. Hasselmann
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March 20, 1997

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Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding Iowa's interest in participating in a program to develop materials specifically for Iowa's schools.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also my understanding that the Iowa Department of Education will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of schools in Iowa. I also understand that these materials would be available to Iowa public and nonpublic schools consistent with the Iowa tradition of each district selecting materials that it finds most appropriate for the needs of students in their communities.

This is a most generous offer and Iowa is eager to participate. Recognizing the high quality of Americans All materials on the national level, it would be most valuable to have similar materials developed on the state level. This effort would provide us the opportunity to develop materials that support our state model curriculum guide in social studies.

Consider this letter to be one of support and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Ted Stilwill
Ted Stilwill
Director

cc: Judy Jeffrey, Administrator, Division of Elementary & Secondary Education
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June 3, 1977

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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding Utah's interest in participating in a program to develop materials specifically for Utah's schools. The Utah State Office of Education is committed to the principle of providing quality education for all students. We have recently developed and disseminated a social studies CORE curriculum for secondary students. It centers around a "balanced approach" to social studies and includes each of the social sciences in each course. The CORE framework includes seven standards that are uniform throughout the document with supporting objectives and examples of how to teach each objective. Your proposal has the potential of providing additional resources for our teachers.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also my understanding that the Utah State Office of Education will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of schools in Utah. I further understand that these materials would be available to Utah public and nonpublic schools consistent with the Utah tradition of each district selecting materials that it finds most appropriate for the needs of students in their communities.

Your most generous offer to assist in this effort is appreciated, and Utah is eager to participate. Recognizing the high quality of the Americans All on the national level, it would be most valuable to have similar materials developed on the state level. Your financial assistance would provide us the opportunity to develop materials that support our Utah K-12 Social Studies framework.

Enclosed is a copy of the Secondary Social Studies Core Curriculum for your interest and review. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Nancy M. Mathews

Nancy M. Mathews, Specialist
Social Studies & Law-Related Education

Enclosure



Kansas State Department of Education

120 S.E. 10th Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1182

October 22, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

As a follow-up to Dr. Leonard Wesley Jr.'s presentation to the State Board of Education in September, 1997 on the "Americans All" program, the People of America Foundation sent us additional information regarding the program. State Department of Education policy does not allow us to endorse such an initiative. The decision to participate in such a program is left up to the discretion of each local school district in the state. For your use, I have enclosed a listing of Kansas school districts. You may also wish to contact the following group who may be of assistance to you in publicizing your program.

Kansas State Historical Society
6425 W 6th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66615
(913) 272-8681

Thank you for sharing the information from the People of America Foundation. If I can be of further assistance to you, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Andy Tompkins
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February 2, 1998

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding the state of Kansas' interest in participating in a program to develop materials specifically for Kansas schools.

If funding were to become available, the Kansas State Historical Society would be interested in working with you to develop curriculum materials on topics of diversity as they apply to Kansas. In developing any materials the Historical Society would be in contact with the Kansas State Board of Education.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation will be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also my understanding that the Kansas State Historical Society will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of Kansas schools. Further, it is my understanding that the Historical Society will work with others in the state to define the concept of diversity in terms of the peopling of Kansas and will determine the objectives and the methods used in the development of the curriculum.

We would like to thank you for your proposal and applaud your efforts to develop such projects on a state level. Materials such as those that would be created through this project could be effectively used in conjunction with other materials we have developed for the school in Kansas. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ramon Powers
Executive Director

ARKANSAS



Arkansas History Education Coalition
12 Normandy Road
Little Rock, Arkansas 72207
(501) 666-7882

April 21, 1997

Mr. Allan S. Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Ave.
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

The People of America Foundation is to be thanks for its efforts to produce curricular materials which address the subject of pluralism and multi-culturalism. In no state is this issue more important than in Arkansas.

The Arkansas History Education Coalition exists to promote the study of the heritage of all Arkansans. Given the lack of quality instructional materials, it is difficult to teach multi-culturalism in this state. Thus, I believe your work along this line will, in the long run, prove exceedingly helpful to educators in this state.

Of course, I am sure you realize how important it will be for you to work with local folks here in Arkansas when you commence your work to create instructional materials specific to this state. The Arkansas History Education Coalition would like to be involved in selecting the staff people to produce the Arkansas materials.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation will be responsible for raising all funds necessary to support the development and dissemination of materials, as well as all other activities associated with your programming.

I appreciate the important work of your Foundation, and I wish you the best of luck in your efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Tom W. Dillard
Coalition President

Working Together to Teach the Heritage of All Arkansans



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GENE WILHOIT, Director, General Education Division

February 6, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

As our state continues its commitment to include cultural diversity in curriculum and teaching strategies, the proposed participation in your initiative to encourage the use of multicultural materials is most welcome. We are familiar with the "Americans All" program, and have received favorable review of its content from social studies teachers.

While it is just one part of a comprehensive K-12 approach that will voluntarily be implemented, we are encouraged by the quality of its design and accessibility as a teaching tool for exploring the rich cultural heritage of our country.

The state-specific educational program, wherein materials relating to the specific cultural heritage of Arkansas are researched, developed, and implemented would be especially helpful to us. We understand that the Arkansas Department of Education will guide the project and oversee the development of instructional materials that meet the needs of Arkansas students.

We are very encouraged by your efforts to include Arkansas in your work, and wish you every success in securing the funding necessary to implement this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Andre Guerrero
Supervisor, Equity Assistance Center

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July 24, 1997

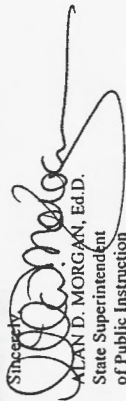
Mr. Allen S. Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for sharing the People of America Foundation materials with New Mexico Department of Education staff, and inquiring about our interest in participating in a program to develop materials specific to the curricular needs of our state. It is my understanding that your organization will assume full responsibility for raising the funds necessary for this project, and will agree to guidelines established by the New Mexico State Department of Education for the development, distribution, and implementation of a finished product. It is also my understanding that the New Mexico Department of Education will select those who will work on the project, and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of schools in New Mexico.

I see this program as a way to enhance the social studies instructional program for New Mexico students. I support this effort and look forward to seeing the program developed for our children. Dr. Michael Kaplan, Assistant Director of the School Program and Professional Development Unit, will serve as your contact. Dr. Kaplan can be reached at (505) 827-6576.

Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

ALAN D. MORGAN, Ed.D.
State Superintendent
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April 02, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen

We applaud you and your colleagues at the People of America Foundation for initiating and implementing a worthwhile and visionary program for our nation and the individual states. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to review your *Americans All* materials and overview of the Foundation's major goals, objectives, procedures, and expectations for Nebraska school systems. This is an ambitious and vitally important program, and we are pleased to be involved.

The Nebraska Department of Education is committed to the principle of providing quality education for all students. This commitment has guided us through a process of developing and disseminating a Social Studies Framework. Our Nebraska K-12 Framework identifies ten social studies thematic areas that represent content, knowledge, and skills in a way which provides direction, focus, and coordination of K-12 social studies curriculum without being prescriptive. Your proposal has the potential of providing additional resources for our teachers. These resources will definitely enhance the use of our K-12 Social Studies Framework.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of the materials that we will create in Nebraska. It is also my understanding that the Nebraska Department of Education will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of the schools in Nebraska.

Your most generous offer to assist in this effort is appreciated, and Nebraska is eager to participate. Recognizing the high quality of the *Americans All* materials on the national level, it would be most valuable to have similar materials developed on the state level. Your financial assistance would provide us the opportunity to develop materials that support our Nebraska K-12 Social Studies Framework.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



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July 15, 1997

Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is response to your inquiry regarding West Virginia's interest in participating in a program to develop materials specifically for West Virginia schools.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also my understanding that the West Virginia Department of Education will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of schools in West Virginia.

This is a most generous offer and West Virginia is eager to participate. Recognizing the high quality of the Americans All materials on the national level, it would be most valuable to have similar materials developed on the state level. This effort would provide us the opportunity to develop materials that support our state model curriculum guide in social studies.

Consider this letter to be one of support and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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April 25, 1997

Allan Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding Nevada's interest in participating in a program to develop social studies materials for Nevada's schools.

It is our understanding that the People of America Foundation will be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also our understanding that the Nevada Department of Education will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of schools throughout Nevada.

We appreciate your offer and are interested in participating in the project. We are in the process of developing new social studies content and student performance standards, and welcome the chance to develop new materials aligned with those standards.

Please consider this letter to be in support of your project. We look forward to working with you in the future. Your contact for this Department will be Holly Wallon-Buchanan, education consultant in the Standards, Curricula and Assessments Team.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Peterson
Superintendent of Public Instruction

cc: Dr. Kevin Crowe, Team Leader
Holly Wallon-Buchanan



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DR. ANNE C. FOX
STATE SUPERINTENDENT
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May 27, 1997

Allan Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding Idaho's interest in participating in a program to develop materials specifically for Idaho schools.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also my understanding that the Idaho Department of Education will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of schools in Idaho.

This is a most generous offer and Idaho is eager to participate. Recognizing the high quality of the Americans All materials on the national level, it would be most valuable to have similar materials developed on the state level. We appreciate the People of America Foundation for having the insight to propose this innovative and exciting high-quality program and the ambition to realize the vision.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Keenan
Superintendent

May 22, 1998

Mr. Allan S. Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

The Montana Office of Public Instruction supports the People of America Foundation program to develop, publish and disseminate educational material specific to Montana's cultural history.

The Office of Public Instruction, in partnership with the Montana Board of Public Education and the education community in Montana, is engaged in the task of revising the state content and performance standards in all subject areas. This effort builds on the good work that Montanans accomplished through Project Excellence. Completed in 1989, Project Excellence produced the current Montana Accreditation Standards and Model Learner Goals. As the standards are revised, the Montana Standards Framework will provide school districts and communities a common guide to develop or revise, organize, assess, and evaluate local curricula. The Social Studies content and performance standards will be revised in the summer of 1999.

The project funded by the People of America Foundation is timely for Montana's standards revision process. In order for standards to be useful to teachers, appropriate instructional material aligned to content and performance standards is necessary. The development process will enable Montana educators to supervise the creation of such material.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this work. I look forward to future dialogue on the project.

Sincerely,

Linda Vrooman Peterson
Administrator
School Improvement Division

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ANGUS S. KING, JR.
 GOVERNOR

January 24, 1997

J. DUKE ALBANESE
 COMMISSIONER

Mr. Allan Kullen
 People of America Foundation
 5760 Sunnyside Avenue
 Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

You and your colleagues at the People of America Foundation are to be applauded for initiating and implementing a worthwhile and visionary program for our nation and the individual states. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to review your *Americans All* materials and an overview of the Foundation's major goals, objectives, procedures, and expectations for Maine school systems regarding this ambitious and vitally important program.

During the past three years, Maine had been going through a formal, complex, and exciting process to establish rigorous Learning Results for ALL of our students. Currently, we are holding public Forums and preparing for the Maine Legislature's acceptance of a comprehensive system to support the Learning Results. The content area of Social Studies has proven to be one of our greatest challenges. Once we have the Learning Results legislated this spring, the People of America Foundation's program and support would become an essential component for the implementation of the Social Studies Learning Results. Additionally, your program would align specifically with one of our Guiding Principles which state that all students will become Responsible and Involved Citizens. I have included a copy of the latest draft of the Learning Results so that you may see some connections between Maine's initiatives and goals with those of your Foundation.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of materials. Also, I realize that the Maine Department of Education would be responsible for selecting people to work on the program and would supervise the development, implementation, and evaluation of materials to ensure that the entire process reflects the educational needs of the schools and students of Maine.

Again, I want to commend the People of America Foundation for offering a quality program and an opportunity which would significantly enable educators in Maine to implement the Learning Results for ALL of our students. We recognize the high quality of the *Americans All* materials developed at the national level and believe that it would be advantageous to create similar materials at the state level. Maine is eager to participate in this exemplary program.



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If you have questions regarding our involvement and commitment, please feel free to contact Connie Manter, who will serve as the Maine Department of Education's primary contact person for this program. Connie may be reached by calling her at (207) 287-5843 or writing to her at the Maine Department of Education, 23 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0023.

Please consider this letter to be one of support for your Foundation's work. We look forward to becoming a major partner with you for enriching the education and lives of our students, as life-long learners and responsible citizens.

Our students are the best hope for our future and they will certainly live in a culturally diverse democracy in an interrelated world. In Maine, we want ALL students to demonstrate the Learning Results at a high level of achievement. We are eager and willing to collaborate with you to achieve our mutual visions for the future.

Sincerely,

J. Duke Albanese
 Commissioner

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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND DEAN OF THE GRADUATE DIVISION

May 5, 1997

Mr. Allen Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, MD 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

We in Hawaii are highly supportive of the mission, objectives, and approach of the People of America Foundation.

Our people of multi-ethnic and multi-cultural origin are our greatest asset. While this reality is probably recognized more completely in Hawaii than in perhaps any other place in the world, we know that we must continually expand knowledge about and appreciation of all of our people. Community awareness changes, new cultural groups move into our state, ideologies change, new tensions build, and economic change add pressures to the community.

We agree with the approach of the Foundation; education is the key strategy. The University of Hawaii, with its many academic and educational support organizations, is committed to this approach.

In spite of our very substantial efforts of the past and at the present, much more needs to be done. Histories and cultural studies must be written and rewritten; curricula for the schools must be written and updated; teachers, both those entering the profession and those now in service, require new curricula, teaching materials, and supportive professional assistance.

The University of Hawaii has designated its Curriculum Research & Development Group to take the lead in the program. This organized research unit for education has long-standing and effective relationships with the schools of our state, as well as many schools

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Mr. Allen Kullen
May 5, 1997
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throughout the nation. Its highly successful program of providing curriculum and instructional ideas, student and teacher materials, and direct support to all teachers in the state's elementary and secondary schools has produced, distributed over 550 educational materials.

We look forward to participating in the program of the People of America Foundation. Please let us know how we can help.

Sincerely,

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Dean O. Smith
Senior Vice President for Research
and Dean of the Graduate Division

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Arthur R. King, Jr.,
Director, Curriculum Research
& Development Group

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Mr. Allen Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Thank you for inviting New Hampshire to participate in the programs developed by the People of America Foundation. It is our understanding that the curriculum materials may be adapted by the State to be in line with the curriculum frameworks of the New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program, and that the People of America foundation is responsible for raising all funds.

We understand that we will select program administrators and participants who will benefit from the multicultural education project in the State. The project has the potential to support existing work in furthering both Social Studies education and equity/diversity education and training in the state.

Christy Hammer, Social Studies Consultant, and Susan McKeivitt, Administrator of the Bureau for Equity, will serve as your contacts in the future.

Elizabeth M. Twomey
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Commissioner of Education

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8/25/97

Mr. Allen Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen,

As the Social Studies consultant for the state of New Hampshire, I am delighted about the prospect of the People of America curriculum being used and adapted in New Hampshire schools. I did my doctoral dissertation in the Sociology of Education on the topic of multicultural education, and with that research background I can attest to the quality and historical accuracy of your materials.

Please let me know if I may be of further service. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Christy Hammer
Christy Hammer, Ph.D.
Social Studies Consultant

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15 April 1997

Peter McWalters
Commissioner

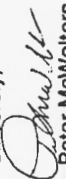
Allan Kullen, Director
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5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Rhode Island is a small but exceedingly diverse state. People from many lands come to the Ocean State seeking a better life. One out of every three students in the Providence Public Schools, for example, were not in the United States five years ago! Our linguistic and cultural mosaic could greatly benefit from the research-based approach to curriculum materials that your Foundation is proposing. The creative approach to funding this initiative holds great promise for schools and state education departments who are unable to themselves contribute the funds for such a ambitious venture.

The teaching of Rhode Island history and government in both elementary and secondary schools is a state law. We are hoping to soon announce a Rhode Island History Web Project. This effort, funded by the NYNEX Foundation, is a collaboration among the Department of Education, Scholarly Technology Group at Brown University, and numerous educational and professional organizations dedicated to the study of state and local history and government. The resources gathered under this web-based project will naturally feed into your effort. Dr. Dennis Cheek, Coordinator of Mathematics, Science, Technology & the Social Studies, will serve as the Department liaison. I wish you every success in this venture to help everyone understand and appreciate our cultural diversity and the incredible strengths it brings to all Americans.

Sincerely,


Peter McWalters
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Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding South Dakota's interest in participating in a program to develop materials specifically for South Dakota's schools.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also my understanding that the South Dakota Department of Education and Cultural Affairs will select those who will work on the project and will supervise the development of the materials to ensure that they reflect the educational needs of schools in South Dakota. I also understand that these materials would be available to South Dakota public and nonpublic schools consistent with the South Dakota tradition of each district selecting materials that it finds most appropriate for the needs of students in their communities.

Recognizing the high quality of Americans All materials on the national level, it would be most valuable to have similar materials developed on the state level. This effort would provide us the opportunity to develop materials that support our state model curriculum guide in social studies. This is a generous offer and South Dakota is eager to participate.

Consider this letter to be one of support and we look forward to working with you in the future. Your contact for this project will be Dr. Margo Heinert, Director, Division of Education Services and Resources.

Sincerely,


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July 28, 1997

Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding Alaska's interest in participating in a program to develop materials specifically for Alaska's schools.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. It is also to my understanding that the Alaska Department of Education might suggest those who will work on the project.

Due to a lack of personnel, the Department will be unable to be directly involved in or supervise the development of the materials. We suggest that you contact the Alaska Council for the Social Studies to elicit their support in the project. The organization has both rural and urban representation and could ensure that the materials reflect the educational needs of schools in Alaska. The current president of the Council is Pat Martin, P.O. Box 1403, Bethel, Alaska 99559, 907-543-3970 home; 907-543-3957 work. As you are working to develop the materials, we recommend that you use the social studies content standards (enclosed) developed in Alaska as a reference point for your work. These represent a consensus on what our students should know and be able to do.

We are pleased to know that your work will include Alaska. Our rich cultural heritage is diverse and materials which celebrate that diversity are always welcome. We hope that your effort to raise the necessary funds for this project are successful.

Sincerely,



Helen Mehrkens, Administrator

ALASKA COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES

October 1, 1997

Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

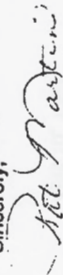
The Alaska Council for the Social Studies (ACSS) has met and considered the request for participation in a program to develop materials specifically for Alaska's schools. There was agreement that this program has a great deal of merit and the goals are definitely in line w/ the needs of our students. However, geographical distances and the small membership of ACSS prevents us from taking an active part in the formation of these materials. Alaska is a culturally diverse area and the materials that could come from this program would have immeasurable impact on our students and the diversity that exists.

As stated in the Department of Education letter, we would also encourage the development of the materials to refer to the Social Studies Standards that were developed in Alaska for Alaskan students.

It was suggested by the ACSS that the People of America Foundation contact the University of Alaska for further endorsement.

Thank you for the course you have set for your organization and for including our organization.

Sincerely,



Pat Martin, President
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June 30, 1997

Mr. Allen Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

I am writing in response to your inquiry about Delaware's participation in a program to develop state-specific materials similar to the *Americans All* program. First, let me express my appreciation for the information you provided about the People of America Foundation and its efforts to provide no-cost educational materials to our state. I applaud your efforts and wish you success in this endeavor.

I am very interested in your offer to create a publication focusing on the "peopling of Delaware". It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation would be responsible for raising the funds to support the development and dissemination of these materials. I further understand that the Department of Public Instruction will select the people who work on the project and oversee the development of the materials to ensure that they are in alignment with the recently adopted Social Studies Standards.

The *Americans All* program is based on high quality materials. It would be most helpful to have similar materials developed at the state level. Please consider this letter in support of your efforts to secure funding for this very worthwhile project. I am looking forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,


Iris T. Metts, Ed.D.
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cc: Dr. Steven Adamowski

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STATE DIRECTOR
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April 10, 1997

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Dear Mr. Kullen:

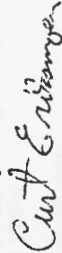
Thank you for inviting us to participate in your proposal to develop teaching material about the cultural history related to North Dakota. We strongly support this effort and this letter recognizes our interest in participating in that program.

We are currently involved in a similar project and have become frustrated because each step requires that we go out and raise funds before we can proceed to the next step. The proposal of the People of America Foundation appears to be the answer to a dream that we have been working on for three years.

It is my understanding that the North Dakota Division of Independent Study-Department of Public Instruction will select the people who work on the project and oversee the development of material to ensure that they are in alignment with the North Dakota Social Studies Standards.

Please regard this letter as evidence of our support and willingness to participate. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,


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WYOMING, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



JUDY CATCHPOLE
Superintendent of Public Instruction

May 5, 1997

Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Ave.
Beltsville, MD 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

The People of America Foundation "Americans All" program to create pluralism materials specific to each of the states is commendable and appreciated. Our former social studies consultant, Judy Kishman, has spoken highly of the quality of the materials at the national level.

As Ms. Kishman discussed with you at the National Council for the Social Studies Council conference in November in Washington, D.C., the Wyoming Department of Education no longer has the resources to maintain curriculum consultant positions and is working on a plan to contract with professional content organizations to provide curriculum resources and consulting for Wyoming teachers and school districts. When that system is in place, my recommendation is that the monies available for the development of Americans All materials for Wyoming be placed in the hands of whichever organization is awarded the contract to provide curriculum consulting services in the social studies.

Because Wyoming is sparsely populated our people resources are all the more valuable to us and the Americans All program can help us capitalize on them in some essential ways.

One of the most attractive features of Americans All is, of course, the development of materials by Wyoming educators, parents and industry to meet Wyoming needs.

I wish you continued success in your vital work on behalf of every United States citizen. I have asked Judy Kishman to keep in touch with you to let you know when the social studies curriculum consulting contract is in place so the monies available for Americans All materials development can be put to use in Wyoming.

Sincerely,

Judy Catchpole
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April 15, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
American All Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

It is with gratitude that I write you concerning your invitation to fund, through the American All Foundation, an Americans All Program for the District of Columbia Public Schools.

I understand from Judy Aaronson and Chris Stewart that the program shows how America was populated through the use of stories, historical narratives, slides, pictures and posters and supports the development of a District of Columbia component to be supervised by DCPS. They also stated that the program was successfully piloted in a number of our schools several years ago and that both our students and teachers valued the Americans All experience. Ms. Stewart indicated that while the historical materials may be used to support instruction in many courses, it is best placed in the Social Studies Department.

On behalf of our Chief Academic Officer, General Julius W. Beeton, Jr., I am pleased to accept the approximately \$800,000, three year grant for the District of Columbia Public Schools. Please meet with Ms. Aaronson and Ms. Stewart to define the details concerning the administration of the grant. They will draft an appropriate implementation plan for the Americans All Program to include teacher training for the 1997/98 school year.

Thank you for your generous support of the District of Columbia Public Schools. I look forward to the successful implementation of Americans All.

Sincerely,

Mildred L. Musgrove

Mildred L. Musgrove
Chief Academic Officer

cc: Ms. Judy Aaronson
Dr. Karin Cordell
Ms. W. Chris Stewart



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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July 30, 1997

Mr. Allan Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

This is a letter in response to your inquiry regarding Vermont's participation in a program to develop history and social science materials for Vermont schools. As was discussed in the conversation between you and Marge Petit, Vermont's history and social science standards are undergoing significant revision.

It is our understanding that People of America Foundation will take full responsibility for raising the funds to support the proposed development of history and social studies materials. However, it is also our understanding that Vermont and other participating states will have complete autonomy over the nature of the materials developed using the funds you raise.

Assuming the grant will provide for this level of flexibility, consider this a letter of support for the project.

Sincerely,

Marc Hull

Marc Hull
Commissioner

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May 21, 1997

Mr. Allan S. Kullen
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Mr. Kullen:

The Vermont Alliance for the Social Studies is delighted to support the People of the America Foundation in its efforts to produce and distribute multicultural materials for K-12 educators. The existing *Americans All* is an invaluable resource for schools in need of high quality materials for teaching about history, culture, and the value of a pluralistic society. Similar materials on the state level will keep significant knowledge alive in our collective memories for use by future generations of citizens.

We are especially excited about the prospect of calling upon local historians, researchers, and educators to create a Vermont set of materials that will also be linked to our national history and cultures. Both the local perspectives and the national (and international) links are important aspects of Vermont's *Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities*. Your receptiveness to these local needs is very much appreciated.

Our Framework also emphasizes knowledge and analysis of multiple perspectives, diverse cultures, and questions of justice and equality -- all issues linked directly to your mission of creating a better educated citizenry concerning our pluralistic society. We are eager to create materials that align with our standards and your mission.

Thank you for your initiative and vision. We enthusiastically endorse your efforts and wish you the best of luck on finding financial support for this vital endeavor.

Sincerely,

Elise A. Guyette

Elise A. Guyette,
President

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Allan Kullen
President
People of America Foundation
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for your letter requesting my review of your educational program, Americans All, and its operating concepts, as it relates to social studies instruction. Specifically, as you move ahead to nationwide implementation of the program, you wanted to discuss whether your program is aligned to federal and state guidelines. Due to prior commitments, I regret I will not be able to meet with you personally. However, I am pleased to address the role the Department plays in programs and initiative like yours that are adopted by the nation's public schools.

I feel encouraged by the work the People of America Foundation has done to improve the quality of instruction in our nation's schools. I commend you on the hard work to get Americans All to this stage of your implementation plan.

We believe that every child in America deserves a world-class education. Together, we must achieve the President's new goal, that by 2020, the United States will once again lead the world in college completion. We must raise the expectations for our students, for our schools, and for ourselves—this must be a national priority. We must ensure that every student graduates from high school well prepared for college and a career.

As you may know, the President announced the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) flexibility on Friday, September 23. Hopefully, you have had a chance to review the flexibility documents on the Department's website at www.ed.gov/esea/flexibility. I believe the ESEA flexibility calls for higher standards. These documents describe the flexibility the Department is offering and the principles which must be met to obtain that flexibility. The Department is inviting State educational agencies to request flexibility regarding specific requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) in exchange for rigorous and comprehensive state-developed plans designed to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction. This flexibility is intended to build on and support the significant state and local reform efforts already under way in critical areas such as transitioning to college- and career-ready standards and assessments; developing systems

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of differentiated recognition, accountability, and support; and evaluating and supporting teacher and principal effectiveness.

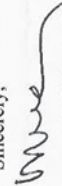
Federal law relies on education leaders in the states to make the best educational and curriculum decisions for improving student achievement. The Department does not have the authority to determine the curriculum set by states and does not have the authority to determine state or local education policies or practices, unless these matters are specifically required in federal education statutes. We are specifically prohibited by law from exercising any direction, supervision, or control over such matters as curriculum, methods of instruction, the teaching of particular subjects, graduation requirements, local administration and personnel issues, and allocation of state or local resources. I recommend that you continue working with state officials and other education stakeholders to expand this educational model nationwide.

Finally, I would like to share information regarding two resources the Department offers to the education community. The Department created and launched an online portal, the Open Innovation Portal, to help create a community where educators, innovators, and other interested individuals can share ideas and best practices. You can access the portal by visiting: <https://innovation.ed.gov/>. In order to enter the site you will need to register.

Although the Department cannot endorse or recommend any particular product or program to states or local school districts, in order to provide educators, policymakers, researchers, and the public with information on "what works" in education, the Department created the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC). The WWC provides user-friendly practice guides for educators that address instructional challenges with research-based recommendations for schools and classrooms. You may wish to review the WWC website at <http://ics.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/> and contact them for information on the possibility of including an evaluation of the Americans All program.

Thank you for your commitment to public education. I wish you much success with this endeavor.

Sincerely,



Michael Yudin
Acting Assistant Secretary



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

July 20, 2004

Mr. Allan Kullen
President
People of America Foundation
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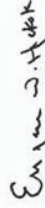
Dear Allan:

Thank you for coming in to update us on the progress of your Americans All program. I was pleased to hear about the People of America Foundation's efforts to produce educational resources that make classroom instruction relevant to student's lives and encourage them to stay in school until graduation.

Programs like yours that aim to prepare students to become responsible citizens and productive employees in a democratic society will foster one of the missions of the Department – support for civic education.

We appreciate your recognition of the goals of the *No Child Left Behind Act* and your efforts to help provide resources for its implementation. Please continue to keep me apprised of your progress.

Sincerely,



Eugene W. Hickok

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ASSISTANT DEPUTY SECRETARY

June 14, 2005

Mr. Allan Kullen
President
People of the America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, MD 20705

Dear Allan:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me recently and provide an overview of the Americans All program. I appreciated the opportunity to discuss the program with you and applaud People of the America Foundation for working to help encourage students to stay in school by providing tools that help make the instruction they receive in their classrooms more relevant to their lives.

As you know, the president has made education a centerpiece of his domestic agenda, and with the passage of the *No Child Left Behind Act*, we as a nation made a commitment that every child can – and will – achieve. Included in that commitment is the goal to provide students with the necessary information to help them become responsible citizens and appreciative of the democratic society which we as Americans enjoy. Your program is helping to meet that important goal.

We are most appreciative of your desire to work in conjunction with us in achieving the promise of *No Child Left Behind*. As you expand and implement your program, please continue to keep me updated on your progress.

Sincerely,

Nina S. Rees

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June 8, 2004

Mr. Allan Kullen
President
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Dear Allan:

I want to thank you for bringing the work of your Foundation to the attention of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. We fully support your goals of encouraging all students to stay in school until graduation and of helping to prepare them to become responsible citizens and productive employees in a democratic society. Your plan to use the existing Americans All® National Education Program and to create state-specific resources that make classroom instruction relevant to student's lives and the diverse world around them is most laudable and consistent with the philosophy of our Committee.

The complete education of our K-12 youth is very important to us all. We are intrigued by your concept of creating an innovative business-education partnership model – one that schools have already welcomed – that will enable our nation's concerned corporations to assist the education community without commercializing our classrooms. It is also appealing that these resources will fully support the reading and mathematics testing elements of the No Child Left Behind Act, as well as prepare schools to test in the areas of history and civics.

We are very pleased that your implementation plan also focuses on student populations that are deemed "at risk," that have different learning styles and that are receiving special education services in our schools. These students clearly deserve the opportunity to reach their full potential, and we know this can be accomplished with proper instruction and appropriate resources.

Thank you again for your willingness to work for a better America. Please keep me informed of your progress.

Sincerely,

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September 22, 2004

Mr. Allan Kullen
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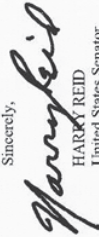
I am pleased to support the State of Nevada in its efforts to establish and enhance a curriculum in social studies and civics education that benefits teachers and students alike. To that end, it is my understanding the People of America Foundation and Americans All and the State of Nevada have reached an understanding that will realize this goal in the near future.

An important step is to provide staff development resources and inclusive, state-specific data that can be used to broaden the base from which history and civics are taught in the elementary, middle, and secondary schools. Making academic instruction relevant to students' lives and the interdependent world around them will help ensure their future success.

Moreover, it is important to see that educators are united behind this effort: the Nevada Department of Education, Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs, Nevada Historical Society, University of Nevada at Reno Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and UNLV's Dean of University Libraries all endorse this social studies program and have expressed their desire to work with this group to develop a meaningful statewide curriculum.

I am hopeful that this pilot project will yield success in its efforts to create a content-rich curriculum that will enhance students' understanding of the social and economic value of Nevada's and our nations' rich history.

Sincerely,


HARRY REID
United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510
September 21, 2004

Mr. Allan Kullen
President
People of America Foundation
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Beltsville, MD 20705

Dear Allan:

I am writing to thank your foundation for your commitment to the educational development of our nation's children. I am pleased to learn about the educational resources the People of America Foundation is developing in conjunction with states. It is time to put the teaching of American history and civics back in its rightful place in our schools so our children can learn what it means to be an American. The Americans All National Education program will enhance the education of our students by providing resources to states.

National exams show that three quarters of the nation's 4th, 8th, and 12th graders are not proficient in the knowledge of American history and civics, and one-third are "civics illiterates" lacking basic knowledge of these subjects. I believe that increased access to high quality relevant material will enable teachers to become knowledgeable and engaging instructors of U.S. History. Therefore, I strongly support your efforts to educate American History students on civic responsibilities and hope your work helps our children understand and experience the importance of civic involvement. Additionally, your corporate-sponsored education initiative will be instrumental in helping many schools effectively comply with the standards of the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

I am delighted to see the efforts and success of the Americans All National Education Program and look forward to receiving updates as your progress continues. Thanks for your continued dedication to education.

Sincerely,



Lamar Alexander

ARLEN SPECTER
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May 10, 2005

Mr. Allan Kullen
President
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Thank you for contacting my office and updating my staff on the current developments of the People of America Foundation's Americans All Program. I am pleased to hear that the Americans All National Education Program is committed to providing comprehensive history and civics curriculum resources to elementary, middle, and secondary schools nationwide to enhance students' appreciation of American democracy.

Similar to you, I support the concept that all students need to understand that our nation's history is their history. It is my understanding that this program emphasizes this notion by exposing students to the principles of democracy, freedom, and equality so that they will understand the importance of exercising their responsibilities as American citizens. Additionally, I commend the Americans All National Education program for integrating civics, history, geography and economics in the classroom, while building reading and writing skills which are critical to achieving the goals of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Thank you for your work to ensure that every child has access to the quality of education necessary for success in the 21st Century and please continue to inform me of your progress.

Sincerely,


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August 20, 2004

Mr. Allan Kullen
President, People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, MD 20705

Dear Allan:

I appreciated the opportunity to be updated concerning the progress of your Foundation and the wonderful work that you are completing on behalf of our nation's children. I am pleased to learn of your plan to use the existing Americans All National Education Program in order to create state-specific resources that make classroom instruction relevant to the lives of students, as well as encouraging them to appreciate diversity in their community, nation and world.

As you know, I am very supportive of your efforts to ensure that Kansas students as well as students throughout the nation have access to high quality and comprehensive education. Your goals of encouraging students to stay in school and making certain that students not only are exposed to the importance of democracy, freedom and equality but understand the importance of exercising their civic duty in our society is exemplary. I am proud to support your Foundation and your efforts to instill in our nation's students pride in not only their lives but in our nation's history, diversity, and the democratic process.

The education of our nation's children is paramount and is one of the most important and pressing issues facing our country. Your program enhances the education of our students by providing resources to states for the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act in order to aid schools in the testing elements for reading and mathematics. In addition, your program also enables innovative partnerships to be formed between the education and business communities—a partnership that not only benefits our schools but communities as well.

Thank you again for your work in preparing our nation's children for success in the future and your commitment to creating a better America. Please continue to keep me informed of your progress.

Sincerely,


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Mr. Allan Kullen
President
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

I am pleased to know of the advances being made for education through the Americans All National Education Program. I commend your efforts and achievements on behalf of children across the nation, especially in Kansas.

As a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, I am aware of the vital importance of education in our children's lives and our nation's future. Your program encourages students to stay in school, makes classroom instruction relevant to their lives and the diverse world around them, and helps prepare them to become responsible citizens and productive employees in society. It is a pleasure to support your work that prepares our youth to be strong leaders for an increasingly diverse, competitive world.

The Americans All National Education Program will provide new state-specific resources to support the elements of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and will assist schools in meeting state assessment requirements. Because these resources will be provided free of charge, every school will have the unique opportunity to enhance their curriculum and strengthen their community through key partnerships with the business sector. With the support of all 50 states and the District of Columbia, your initiative is in a key position to positively impact our nation's public and private schools and become a model for other organizations wanting to offer noncommercial educational resources.

Again, thank you for your work to enhance our children's lives, our educational system, and America's future. I look forward to hearing of your continued progress.

With every best wish,

Sincerely,



Pat Roberts

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January 25, 2005

Mr. Allan Kullen
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Dear Allan,

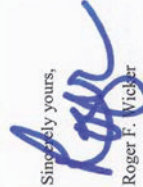
Thank you for updating me on the important work the People of America Foundation is doing. I am glad to have the benefit of your views on the state of history and civics education in our nation's schools.

I applaud the work your group is doing to involve the business community in making investments in our children's education. Educating students in American history and civics – one of the most fundamental areas of study for our nation's citizens – is vital to ensure that future generations understand what it means to be an American. I share your desire to see that all students have a working knowledge of our government and the basic principles of democracy on which it was founded. It also is encouraging to know that groups like the People for America Foundation are using their resources to help teachers meet the qualification standards outlined in the No Child Left Behind law.

Thank you for helping American students understand the importance of their civic duties. Please keep me updated on your progress in this arena.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



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September 7, 2004

Mr. Allan Kullen
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Dear Allan:

Thank you for keeping my office updated on the progress of the People of America Foundation's Americans All®. I am pleased with your work on an initiative that not only provides direct benefits to my district but also to the entire nation.

I am very happy that Wichita's Unified School District 259 has used Americans All® National Education Program since 1993. Their commitment to the program was clearly expressed in a resolution passed by its board in October 2002 that, in part, stated: "... Americans All® has become a fixture in this district as it provides knowledge about principles of democracy as expressed through the experiences of diverse groups, created higher levels of student awareness, and provided critical- and creative-thinking capacity needed for success in today's workplace and an interdependent global society. Americans All® responds to today's demographic imperatives by focusing on factors that unite rather than divide the American people."

I am glad that you plan to expand the initiative. With today's diverse student population and resource constraints, state and local educators very much need the funding and technical support the Foundation will provide to create state-specific materials that incorporate the political and cultural contributions of *all* their citizens. This will help make academic instruction more relevant to students' lives and encourage students to stay in school. It is advantageous that the newly created content, which will support existing state standards, assessments and curriculum frameworks, will also support the reading and mathematics testing elements of the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

Please continue to keep me informed of your progress.

Best regards,



Todd Tiahrt
Member of Congress

