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Mr. Theodore Verheggen
Chief Labor Counsel
Senate Committee on Labor
and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-6300

Dear Mr. Verheggen:

As part of our continuing response to Chairman Jeffords' December 17, 1996, request for records and information related to Alexis Herman, on Tuesday January 28, 1997, you requested copies of several contract files: Delta Sigma Theta, National Council of Negro Women, Dr. Benson Penick, Mel Harris and Associates, and Southern Vocational College in Tuskegee. In a later conversation, you also requested material concerning the contract with the Mobile Consortium

We have located contract files and other material concerning on the National Council of Negro Women, Mel Harris and Associates and the Mobile Consortium. We enclose two copies of this material today. We have not yet located contract or audit files concerning Delta Sigma Theta, Dr. Benson Penick or Southern Vocational University. We are continuing to search the boxes we have and other sources in order to locate specific material generated or collected by the OIG on those three subject. We will keep you informed of our efforts and will provide any material we find as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sylvia T. Horowitz", is written over the typed name.

Sylvia T. Horowitz
Assistant Inspector General for
Management and Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Mark Childress

1. Contractor: National Council of Negro Women
2. Case File: ERNEST GREEN et al
(Headquarters & Philadelphia)
(OI-0524-0001 & 30-0578-0002)
3. Allegation: The Council paid Green, Herman and Associates \$2,000 for training.
4. Source: ~RI Height
5. Summary of Investigation to Date: The Council confirmed this expenditure. The funds came from their administrative funds, the source of which is unknown.
6. Proposed Action: No further investigation planned.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Office of the Secretary
Office of Inspector General

REPORT OF INTERVIEW

June 8, 1981

Date of Interview _____

On this date I interviewed DOROTHY HEIGHT in her office relative to her dealings with ERNEST GREEN, LAMOND GODWIN and ALEXIS HERMAN, HEIGHT stated the following:

HEIGHT stated that she has been President of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN (NCNW) since 1956. She stated that she has known GREEN for approximately 20 years. She stated that she met him when he was operating a store front in Brooklyn to train blacks and get apprenticeship in unions. The operation was called the WORKERS DEFENSE LEAGUE. She stated that GREEN, HERMAN & ASSOCIATES were paid \$2,000.00 by NCNW to instruct the NCNW staff. She stated that NCNW never paid GREEN or HERMAN anything wither personally or in a corporate capacity with the exception of the stated \$2,000.00. She stated that GREEN and HERMAN were not reimbursed for expenses while instructing the NCNW staff and that the instruction was strictly internal and did not relate to any contract.

HEIGHT stated that she met HERMAN in Atlanta where she was developing a womens' program. She stated that she heard that HERMAN campaigned for CARTER but she does not know if she took leave from DOL. She stated that GREEN did take leave from DOL for approximately 2 months to campaign for CARTER.

HEIGHT stated that GODWIN was a sociologist with the SOUTHERN LAND BANK GROUP when she first met him. She stated that she believes that he is performing consulting work for some of the foundations but could not be specific as to which foundations. She stated that she is unaware of any parties or plaques given for GODWIN at the end of his tenure at DOL.

HEIGHT stated that she does not know if GREEN, HERMAN or GODWIN were involved with any other business while employed at DOL nor if either of them had other sources of income.

By Special Agent Martin Squitieri
At Washington, D. C.

Date Dictated 6/8/81
Date Transcribed 6/10/81
File No. 30-0578-0002

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HEIGHT stated that the newspaper article was very upsetting to her and that she felt that the article was a racial attack. She stated that the situation would not have gotten as much attention if white programs were involved. She stated that the article gave the impression that the awarded contracts were "last minute handouts" when in fact the contracts awarded to NCNW began negotiations in September 1980 and earlier. She stated that she completed an analysis of all contracts awarded to NCNW by DOL and that she would mail me a copy of it.

HEIGHT stated that ROBERT GILMORE and his wife are very wealthy and that they operate their own private foundation (JOYCE MERTZ - GILMORE FOUNDATION, 39 W 11th Street, New York City).

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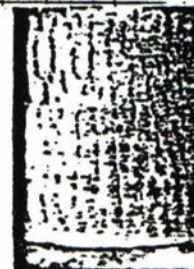
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National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Women's Opportunity Program
Expenses

10/1/80 to 11/18/81

Cost Category	1		2	
	Cum. Costs	Expenses	Cum. Costs	
	10/1/80 to	11/1/80 to	10/1/80 to	
	12/31/80	1/15/81	1/18/81	
Salaries and Wages	\$18,877.35	\$33,684.46	\$22,245.8	
Fringe Benefits	2,853.97	70,137	35,553	
Total Personnel Costs	\$21,731.32	\$40,698.3	258,011	
Travel	1,105.71		1,105.7	
Materials & Supplies	812.09	7526	887.3	
Space & Utilities	485.76	1529.61	2015.3	
Telephone	1,192.10	546.57	1738.6	
Postage	58.05		58.0	
Printing & Duplicating	110.70		110.7	
Meetings & Conferences	35.56		35.5	
Indirect Cost	10,161.44	2056.68	12,218.1	
Total Expenses	\$35,692.73	\$8,277.95	\$43,970.6	





NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.

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Dear Mr. Squitieri:

As promised I am sending to you the enclosed descriptions of the contract history of the programs with which the National Council of Negro Women is involved with the Department of Labor. You will note that even these brief descriptions reflect the fact that every item under consideration for us in January had a long, long period of work and preparation.

Cordially,

Dorothy I. Height
National President

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National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Youth Employment Demonstration

Contract Number: 99-01608-33-22

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc., is part of a National Demonstration effort under the YEDPA (Youth Employment Demonstration Project Act) to collaborate with public schools, business and industry, government and community agencies in order to provide transition career services to economically disadvantaged youth. Located in Charleston, South Carolina, San Bernardino, California and South Bronx, New York, each site services approximately 100 youth in the 10, 11, and 12 grades.

In September 1980, the NCNW was requested by U.S.D.O.L. to submit a 12 month phase down program budget. This package was submitted to the Office of Youth Programs September 30, 1980 with an operational budget of \$1,025,394.00. There were weekly contacts with the Program Officer about the program and budget.

On December 17, 1980, Dorothy I. Height and Annette Kearney met with Assistant Secretary, Ernest Green and Timothy Barnicle, Administrator of Youth Programs where an agreement was made to fund the YCD program for a nine-month period beginning January 1, 1981 - September 30, 1981 at a cost of \$420,000 excluding the South Bronx site. The South Bronx operation was to be funded through an arrangement between DOL and NYC Department of Employment under Title II D. The New York Commissioner's Office and NCNW have worked out all plans for the work in the critical needs area of the South Bronx as agreed upon. However, the appropriate papers have not come through from DOL. So that there are no funds available beyond March 31, for a demonstration that should be completed September 30, 1981.

Note: June 8, 1981 - This program is funded (except for the South Bronx) through September 30, 1981.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.

Contract Number: #99-9-1920-08-3

Rural Women's Opportunity Program

Background

In August, 1977, the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor was seeking to find ways of working with rural women to increase their work opportunities. The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW), had a long history of work in the rural South in developing Turnkey III - a home ownership program with low income families, with public subsidies under HUD at Gulfport, Indianola, and six county areas of the Mississippi Delta. Feeding programs to combat hunger and malnutrition had been developed in Sunflower and Bolivar Counties. At Okolona and Ruleville, Mississippi, NCNW had established Day Care and Child Development Centers. This experience made NCNW a unique source to be called upon to develop a program to create jobs.

NCNW responded on September 20, 1977 with a proposal entitled - "A Women's Opportunity Program," in rural Mississippi. The program was designed to recruit, train, and create jobs for 110 rural women. When the proposal was submitted to the Office of National Programs on October 25, 1978, Lamond Godwin, Administrator, sent a letter advising that the proposal was being forwarded to the Women's Bureau for consideration.

Contract Award

On November 8, 1978, the program was funded under CETA, Title I Discretionary at \$204,303 for twelve months. The program was first developed in Issaquena County and Okolona, Mississippi. The continuation funding was from March 30, 1980 - September 30, 1980; the sites for this period were Greenville and Okolona, and the amount for the continuation was \$100,000. A no-cost extension was granted from October 1, 1980 - October 30, 1980.

The program has been anticipating the additional funding since early October, 1980. A proposal for \$364,867 had been submitted to the Women's Bureau for continuation of the Women's Opportunity Program, with some new components based on the needs of rural women. After numerous inquiries and the expectation of the funds, we were told that the matter had been referred to the Sole Service Board.

The proposal passed the Sole Service Board on January 12, 1981. On January 19, 1981, the NCNW was sent a twix indicating that the program would be funded from January 19, 1981 - January 19, 1982, in the amount of \$250,000 or \$48,077 which covers the period September 30, 1980 - March 31, 1981.

Note: (June 8, 1981) This program has been funded through September 30, 1981.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.

Adolescent Mothers Initiative Program

Contract Number: 99-0-1920-33-88

Background:

In June of 1979 NCNW was invited to participate in a Teen Pregnancy Conference, sponsored by the Women's Bureau USDOL at George Washington University. The purpose of this conference was to bring together representatives from organizations involved in employment, and several welfare programs/advocacy serving girls. Participants explored the employability needs of Teen parents and pregnant girls.

Request for Proposal

On January 16, 1980 an RFP was issued by the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor, to some 150 organizations to submit competitive proposals for an 18 month demonstration program and address the employment problems of adolescent mothers. On 2/28/80 NCNW submitted a proposal, in response to the above mentioned RFP.

The proposal was for \$1,170,838 to implement 3 different models

1. New Orleans
2. Mississippi
3. Union Country, New Jersey

After the initial USDOL review (panel) NCNW was selected as a contractor for one site, New Orleans, Louisiana. This site was chosen because of our demonstrated ability to operate school to work transition programs and our experience with the National Immunization Project in New Orleans which had a large and active group of volunteers.

Contract Award

After negotiations, NCNW was awarded \$293,057 for 18 months commencing 9/1/80 - 1/31/82. NCNW was chosen to participate in Adolescent Mothers Initiative Demonstration with -

YWCA of Philadelphia
YWCA of Miami & Dade County
Minneapolis Public Schools
Northern California Women for Apprenticeship
Girls Club of America - Pittsfield, Mass.

Note:

This program has been funded through September 30, 1981.

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History of Humanities Work Experience Program Proposal

Contract Number : # SNPA 81-03-5

Background

President Eisenhower signed into law the congressional authority for the NCNW to place on public land in the Nation's capital the first Memorial to a Black American or to a woman of any race - The Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial. For fourteen years, and through five sessions of the Congress, NCNW worked to raise the funds as the law provided - that a monument would be erected without cost to the Federal Government. On July 10, 1974 - the 99th anniversary of Mrs. Bethune, the monument was dedicated in Lincoln Park and accepted by the Secretary of the Interior on behalf of the people of the United States.

A companion piece of historical development was at "Council House." NCNW had begun to restore Mrs. Bethune's base for her public life, her last residence in Washington and the first headquarters of NCNW - 1318 Vermont Avenue, Northwest. The building had been purchased in 1943. It was closed by a fire in 1965. NCNW has invested some \$200,000 in the restoration. In 1975 the building was placed on the National Register of Historical Places. It is a Second Empire Victorian Structure built in 1875-1876.

On November 11, 1979, "Council House" was officially reopened as the National Council of Negro Women's "Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial Museum and National Archives for Black Women's History." Since that time the Museum and Archives have offered a variety of programs and services to a growing local and national audience of visitors and researchers.

Programs of the Museum include changing exhibitions and special educational programs. The Archives contain the largest archival collection of the records and papers of Black women in the United States. These include the records of the National Council of Negro Women and several small manuscript collections. Through its program and projects the Museum-Archives has obtained national recognition.

The Historical Development Program is under the direction of Dr. Bettye Collier Thomas, historian; Guy C. McElroy, Museum Specialist; Linda Henry, Archivist.

The NCNW Humanities Work Experience Program is representative of an idea which in development has assumed many forms over the past two years. Above all, it was clear that there was a wide range of jobs for which young people could be trained.

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Grant Award

A proposal for training CETA eligible persons was developed in the fall of 1979. This built upon earlier submissions to the National Endowment for the Humanities. Many discussions and a meeting clarified the focus on job training with the Museum as the base, but with outreach to a number of institutions in the Nation's capital. When the DOL review required several revisions in keeping with CETA specifications, these were made promptly. The last revision was submitted and approved in July, 1980. NCNW was led to anticipate funding approval in September, with the expectation to begin the program in October, 1980.

It was January 19, 1981, that a twix was received granting of \$104,000 for one year.

Note: As of June 8, 1981 telegram from USDOL terminated
this new beginning as of April 2, 1981

National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.

Capacity Building

Funded thru USDOL Office of Youth Program Division
of Technical Assistance

Background

As a direct outgrowth of the knowledge development reports issued by the Office of Youth Programs -- the Employment Training Administration -- sponsored meetings and briefings with organizations participating in Youth Program demonstrations. The key meeting was held on 9/15 - 9/16, 1980 in Silver Spring, Maryland, entitled "Translating Knowledge into Action".

The conference brought together some 300 program operations, researchers, educational planners and government officials to discuss what has been learned from the knowledge development investment in the youth employment field, and to guide policymakers and program operators in how to implement the findings.

In August 1980, in meeting with Timothy Barnacle, Administrator, we were notified that School to Work transition programs would not be continued at 100% level of funding. It was felt that CBO's should explore ways of utilizing local prime sponsors for funding as a means to replicate tested youth employment models. The emphasis of national funding was to be only a demonstration program and partial funding for existing programs. It was "suggested" that those organizations with community-based operations across the country consider technical assistance proposals in order to provide the training to local NCNW groups in order to prepare them to access funding from state and local sources and to operate youth employment programs.

Proposal Submission

At a meeting with Harold Dance 8/80, Chief T.A. Unit, and NCNW staff, Annette Kearney and Toni Fay, NCNW the parameters for a Technical Assistance proposal was explored.

In December 1980 a proposal was submitted to Mr. Dance. Subsequent negotiations were held between Alvin Jordan of the T.A. office and Ms. T. Fay. NCNW was advised that we would be awarded a 12 month contract commencing 1/1/81 for \$304,775. Other contractors included OIC-NUL - Center for Community Change - SER - Jobs for Progress.

On 1/19/81 a twix was received advising NCNW of the 12 month award and authorizing pre-contract costs of \$90,000 signed by Lamond Godwin effective 1/12/81-2/12/81. It was anticipated that all of the participating organizations would work together to reach community-based groups throughout the country in maximizing youth employment services.

Technical Assistance

This is to advise you that the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. will be awarded a new contract effective January 12, 1981, for 12 months covering capacity building assistance to affiliated and unaffiliated local and national Youth Program Operators. Pre-contract costs shall not exceed \$90,000.00 for the period of January 12, 1981 through February 12, 1981.

Lamond Godwin, Contracting Officer, Office of National Programs, Washington, D.C.

Note! (June 8, 1981)

This program was extended through April 2, 1981 by a telegram from the USDOL.