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Subject : Monsanto Fund Assistance,
ESL Programs

Reference :

TO : W. J. Boyle - 1740
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Following up on our meeting regarding Monsanto's involvement in ESL activities, I spoke with Sharen Bull about the possibilities of incorporating Monsanto Fund donations into targeted projects.

1. On the scholarships: Sharen said it is possible to use Fund donations for this purpose, however, she cautioned us to set up the program so the schools make the selection of scholarship recipients, not Monsanto. They've run into problems in other places where this was not done.

   This is do-able. We can establish criteria in conjunction with the school and perhaps either leave the selection to a panel of teachers or a panel from SIU-ESL.

   I recommend inclusion in your 1989 Monsanto Fund budget.

2. On support for reopening the Mary Brown Recreational Center involving Jackie Joyner-Kersee: Sharen cautioned that if we foot the entire bill, it will be very expensive. If we try to spearhead an area wide effort, including other industries and possibly gaining grant money, and the effort fails, Monsanto could look bad.

   We need to find out:

   -- Is there any community interest in seeing it reopened? Would people use it if it's reopened?

   -- Who owns the Center -- the city? if yes, Officer and the board of aldermen should be involved. If private, would the owners be willing to donate it as a tax writeoff? What would it cost to buy it?

   -- What would it cost for minimal operating expenses: heat, lights, equipment, staff.

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-- What condition is the building in: would it have to be rebuilt from the foundation up? Is the structure sound? How is the wiring and plumbing?

If there is interest, and the project is affordable, we could proceed ourselves and get the ball rolling. If it's costly, we might be able to get donations of people's time and business' construction materials to fix up the place as a "neighborhood pride" project.

Can we make some low key inquiries?

I'll be glad to get involved in either or both of these projects. Let me know.

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