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Dear Sir:

I am sure you are aware that the Negro community, as well as the white community, looks to the San Diego Zoo as a source of great pleasure and as a basis for local pride. This bright image makes it painful for those of us in the CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY who find it necessary to examine the employment statistics and working conditions at the zoo.

We propose that you and your personnel officer meet with representatives from the San Diego Chapter of CORE for depth discussion of this whole problem. Invitation to participate in this inquiry will be extended to the local representatives of the Fair Employment Practices Commission, the Citizens Interracial Committee, the Urban League, Teamsters Local 481, and a representative from the City appointed by Mayor Curran.

The officers of the local CORE chapter have obligations which make a meeting date during normal working hours very difficult. May we suggest a late afternoon, or an evening, between Tuesday and Friday of the week of September 7 through 11. Thursday at 4:30 p.m., Sept. 10, would be very satisfactory with us. We are certain that, sharing our feelings of the urgency of this matter, you will communicate with us by phone immediately(234-2586).

Respectfully,

HKB:mg

cc: Mr. Bud Place, City
Mr. James Barham, Teamsters
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