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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY  
2965 Imperial Avenue  
San Diego, California 92102  
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Dear Member:

San Diego CORE is experiencing a very serious crisis, a crisis that threatens the existence of our chapter. While it is nothing new that serious problems do arise within CORE chapters, it is apparent to some of the members of the executive board and to other active members of the chapter that the manner in which this crisis is being handled by our chairman is detrimental to the chapter and may very well render the chapter ineffective.

Also, it is apparent that a number of the hard-working CORE members are becoming disenchanted with the general behavior of our chairman and are tempted to go their own way. It is to this point mainly that we, the undersigned members of the executive board address ourselves. We feel strongly that our commitment to the struggle for human rights and human dignity will necessarily guide our thinking during this period of confusion and hold us together until such time as we may get assistance in solving our problems.

We would like you to know that, in an effort to find a solution to the problem, a letter has been sent to Mr. Jim McCain, Director of Organization, and to Mr. Floyd McKissick, Chairman of CORE and head of the National Action Council, informing them in some detail of our situation.

It is crystal clear to us that our chairman, Hal Brown, who has been effective as a chairman and leader in the movement for this area, is no longer functioning effectively and democratically. It is our contention that, if this chapter is to survive and continue to make significant contributions to the struggle, it is essential that a third party, completely unbiased, enter into the picture. Our letter to Jim McCain and Floyd McKissick did request that this chapter be placed in receivership until such time as the chapter regains its capability to function effectively in accordance with the local and national constitutions, the CORE Rules for Action, and democratic process.

We trust that you, as a dedicated CORE member, will stay with your chapter, attend all general meetings and committee meetings and help to create an atmosphere that will lend itself favorably to that democratic process.

Yours for Freedom Now  
Ambrose Brodus, Jr.  
First Vice Chairman  
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