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Grant to the Chicago School Board

On September 16 we were contacted by Carlos Ruiz, Director of EPA's Federal Assisted Programs Office (phone: 252-2244). Mr. Ruiz said that his agency was about to deny a grant application by the Chicago Board of Education (for \$185,000) under a "solar" program for schools and hospitals -- on the grounds that the Board appeared on a list of recipients which HEW had found to be out of compliance with Title VI. */

I told Mr. Ruiz what we had done with a similar situation involving LEAA; I read him the condition on the LEAA grant and he agreed to put it in EPA's. He is going to Chicago today (September 17th) to meet with Dr. Caruso, at which time he will announce the grant and the condition.

I have informed Bob Howard of all this. We have tentatively agreed to add mention of the EPA grant in the Consent Decree. He will check with Dr. Caruso to see whether there are any other grant applications pending which we do not know about.

*/ He mentioned that EPA had another option: to reject HEW's determination and conduct an investigation (I understood him to say "hearing") and to come to its own conclusion.

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