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Jerry Brader of HEW called me to advise me of the results of his meeting with the Houston school officials on their application for a Title IV grant. He met with certain of the superintendents in Houston on Thursday, and explained to them the inadequacy of their proposal. He said they would have to rewrite and resubmit their proposal and what was necessary was that there be a meaningful desegregation in the particular schools. They once again blamed the Department of Justice for their not getting the Title IV grant but Mr. Brader denied that we played any role in that decision. On Friday, a person working for the school administration, a Mrs. Parker, visited Mr. Brader in Dallas to find out how the proposal could be rewritten.

Mr. Brader doubts whether the proposal will be rewritten adequately. However, he thought the meeting was useful in that it was another indication that positive steps would have to be taken in order for them to get a grant.

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