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Re: Mr. James Doss

Dear Sir:

I first came in contact with Mr. Doss shortly after the death of the late Martin Luther King. I had been assigned to an industrial school in Watts as temporary director by the Community Action Agency here in Los Angeles. It appeared that the racial tension surrounding the death of Martin Luther King, internal mismanagement of monies, black-class struggle between the professional and the para-professional staff in that institution called for the Federal government to close the school.

The name of the institution was Opportunities Industrial Center. I was director for approximately eleven months and had the unfortunate responsibility of restructuring the entire Board of Directors, discharging numerous staff because of fights and insubordination, and completely rewriting the goals and purposes of that organization. This was a million dollar operation and it was primarily in the hands of neighborhood preachers, who had hired their relatives and played favoritism with the staff they felt close to.

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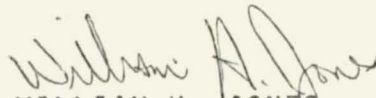
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In bringing about a new Board, I had to set up a Board that the Black community would have confidence in. That Board was voted on in a Town Hall meeting of local residents. Mr. Doss came out to be Vice-Chairman of the Board. Those eleven months represented a great deal of hecticness and emotional subjectiveness on the part of citizens and staff. In order to get back to the main objectives of training dropouts, the Board had to maintain the purposes and control, prevent work stoppage, and establish a new image with the Federal government. Mr. Doss was responsible and stable through it all.

At the present time, I am Deputy Director over a 34 million-dollar program which is scheduled to hire 2,000 people. I feel safe in saying that the community and I would heartily offer Mr. Doss an opportunity to contribute again to this community by working in one of the 42 projects that we are funding and have monitoring responsibilities for.

Sincerely,


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