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TO: James Albertson, S.J.  
Academic Vice-President

RE: Minority Scholarship Program

FROM: Al McGovern

Permit me to request that the quota system used to select the percentage of Mexican-American and Negro freshmen students for the 1969-70 academic year be revised for the 1970-71 academic year.

For this present year, the 40 JFK students were to be divided into 24 Mexican-Americans and 16 Negroes. I would like to recommend this be changed to 30 Mexican-Americans and 10 Negroes.

This recommendation is submitted because it is my strong conviction that if the University of Santa Clara is committed to redress of the significant social problem of education of minority and low-income students, then this commitment should be primarily directed towards the community within which both the University and low-income and minority students exist. As you know, in the Santa Clara Valley, the Mexican-American population is a significant element. For example, "The City of San Jose has a base population of about 450,000 people. Approximately 15-20% or 90,000 of these people are of the Mexican-American population, and about 2%, or 9,000 people, are Blacks." Note that the population ratio of Mexican-Americans over Blacks is 9:1.

"Because the primary responsibility of the University is toward the people in its own geographical area, the President wishes the JFK and Regent awards to go to students from the local area. For the most part, that would mean students from in and about San Jose, though some students from other parts of California could be included." I would like to add that proportionate enrollment is the "most" impartial, fair, and adequate means of admitting JFK students in a predominantly Mexican-American community whose mean educational level is the lowest in the United States.