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Mr. Robert Penn Warren
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Dear Mr. Warren:

We know your deep interest in the efforts of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund to secure the constitutional rights of Negro Americans through action in the courts.

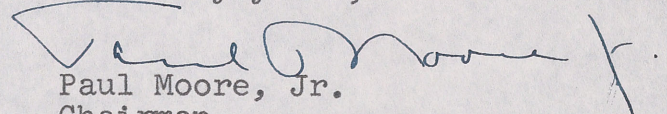
I hope you will agree to help us in a most important way by permitting your name to be listed on this letterhead as a member of the "Committee of 100." Our Committee, since its founding by the late William Allan Neilson in 1943, has been responsible for one-third to one-half of the annual budget of the Legal Defense Fund. Gifts resulting from the mail campaign of the Committee will this year total more than half a million dollars, representing contributions from nearly fifty thousand people.

Your official sponsorship as a member of our group will add strength to our appeals. No other specific service is expected of Committee members. We do not hold meetings, but will report to you from time to time on the progress of the Legal Defense Fund's program. The stated concern of persons like yourself reflects the integrity and urgency of our cause.

Under separate cover, I have sent you recent reports of our work. I enclose a Memorandum from our Director-Counsel, Jack Greenberg, which describes emergency programs undertaken by the Fund to spur lagging implementation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act in education, hospitals, and employment. These new programs, which we feel are essential, are part of the reason why the Fund will need increasing support.

Please write me if you have questions about any aspect of our work. I hope you will consent to join us as a member of the "Committee of 100." By signing the enclosed form, you will authorize us to include your name on our letterhead.

Sincerely yours,


Paul Moore, Jr.
Chairman

Enclosures

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