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Dear Professor Gould:

Pertaining to our recent discussions, I wish to raise a point which perhaps has not been explored in the past.

A line of action I think worth considering would be for the California Civil Rights and Liberties Forum to petition the federal, state, and local governments, specifically those agencies which issue licenses to, contract with, or otherwise regulate the defendant companies and unions, to suspend or deny the renewal of such licenses and contracts until the defendants comply with the civil rights acts and provide equal opportunity. If administrative remedies are not forthcoming, then perhaps a separate lawsuit should be filed to enjoin these governments from doing business with the defendants.

As a precedent for such an action, I point out the recent injunction issued by Judge Robert Peckham, in an action filed by Stephen Manley of Legal Aid, which halted the disbursement of federal funds to the County of Santa Clara until a negotiated settlement was reached by which the local government complied with federal regulations calling for minority employment in federal programs.

Also, the National Organization of Women has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission to deny the renewal of a broadcast license to San Jose radio station KX-RX unless the station begins to hire women and minority personnel.

I believe this would open a new front in an attempt to resolve problems of discrimination by the defendants. While we would not be interfering in the present litigation, we would nevertheless put these companies and unions on notice that those groups which are systematically excluded are not only asking for personal and punitive damages, but will actually challenge the very right of these companies to carry on business with the government, since they are in violation of federal law.

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Please advise me of your thoughts on this matter. If you think such a line of action is feasible, we will immediately prepare to move.

Sincerely yours,

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