

Proposal To Fund

A RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

ON THE BLACK EXPERIENCE

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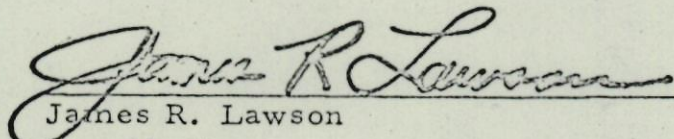
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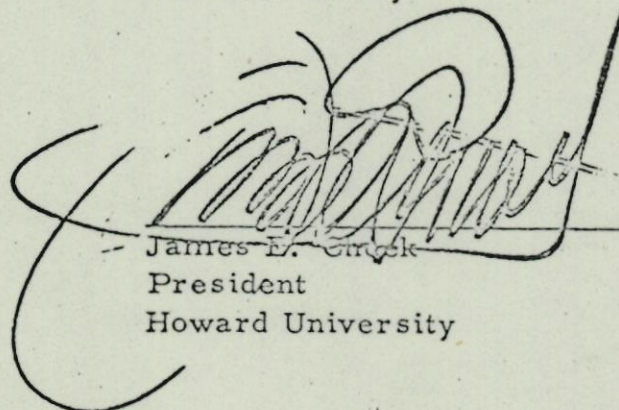
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

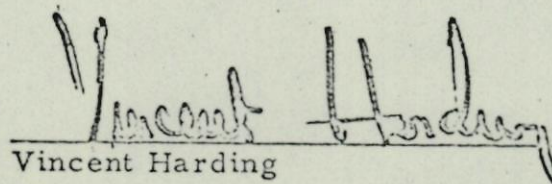
RE: A CONSORTIUM FOR RESEARCH ON THE BLACK EXPERIENCE

PARTICIPANTS: FISK UNIVERSITY
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF THE BLACK WORLD

We, the undersigned representatives of Fisk University, Howard University, and The Institute of the Black World, hereby agree to the full participation of our Institutions in the Consortium for Research and Development on the Black Experience, which is outlined in the accompanying document.


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I. Summary of the Proposal

This proposal is for the funding of a Consortium that has recently been developed among Howard University, Fisk University and the Institute of the Black World. The Consortium seeks to focus on selected and specific tasks of research and development in those subject-matter areas related to the study of the world-wide Black Experience. It is primarily directed towards the critical need for the development and expansion of graduate level training programs --and especially doctoral programs--in the Black Universities.

The function of the Consortium will be to bring to its fullest potential the capacity of the participating universities to mount, develop and maintain high level graduate programs in the social sciences and the humanities, programs which are focussed on the experiences of the peoples of African descent. The Consortium will develop a cooperative research agenda, identify new faculty resources, provide for the re-tooling of existing faculty and create a vastly expanded source of programs and curriculum for graduate-level approaches to the Black Experience.

The Consortium will be a resource facility for each of the participating Universities in the carrying out of its own particular mission in this area of graduate education. The resources, products and technical assistance of the Consortium will be made available for each of the participants to use according to those needs and procedures which are defined by each institution.

The Consortium plans, as well, to produce materials, approaches and models which will benefit institutions beyond this initial, experimental grouping. Indeed, in future stages other Black institutions may participate in the formal Consortium structure.