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Dear Sirs:

This letter is a request of financial support in our present endeavor -- City Councilmanic Seats for the Black Panther Party in Philadelphia.

We are presently running two members of the Black Panther Party -- Craig Williams and Milt McGriff -- with the platform -- THE PEOPLE.

The Peoples' Programs implemented by the Black Panther Party marks a genuine step from theory to practice. We are presently feeding kids on and around Columbia Ave., but only a minute scale. We hope by waging a winning campaign, to enlarge this program on a city-wide level. In addition to this program we are calling for an immediate end to police brutality and murder of black people. (Point No. 7 of our 10 point platform program). Our machinery, at present, for these ends is the circulation of a Community Control of Police petition, to be circulated throughout the Black colony, Puerto Rican communities, and the predominantly White area.

Moving in the direction of meeting the needs of the people, we are moving in the correct direction, as exemplified by our programs, -- Free Breakfast for School Children-Community Control-Decentralization of the Police Department -- a Proposed Free Health Clinic and a number of sites for more Breakfast Programs.

In supporting these programs -- you support the people!

In sending contributions, in care of Black Panther Party candidates for City Councilman:

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
1928 Columbia Ave.
% Lt. of Finance, Clarence Peterson

s/Clarence Peterson
Lt. of Finance

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New York, N.Y.
October 16, 1969

PHILADELPHIA ORGANIZER

Dear Pearl,

Today the PC passed the following motion: "To concur with the request of the Philadelphia branch to extend critical support to the two local Black Panther Party candidates."

In the PC discussion comrades expressed the opinion that one effective use of our critical support tactic will be to use it to raise our concept of our transitional program for black liberation. This approach points the way toward the kind of political activity and propaganda that a small group of militants could use to build toward a mass political party. This, as you outlined it, seems to be the main weakness in the campaign of the two candidates as such.

We were curious as to who the Panthers had discussed running the campaign with. To our knowledge this is the first time the Black Panther Party has obtained ballot status in their own name since the Seattle campaign. Was it partially through prior discussions with us? Was it an independent decision? Has the CP been involved with these candidates?

We've asked Dee to drop down this weekend to discuss the campaign with you. It will give us a better picture of the campaign and I'm sure it will be useful to yourself, Arnold, and the other comrades involved.

Comradely,
s/Jack