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Mr. Robert B. Pecotte
Director of Financial Aids
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Marquette, MI 49855

Dear Mr. Pecotte:

This has reference to your letter of November 1, 1972, regarding supplemental grants for students attending Northern Michigan University.

The information contained in the memorandum dated May 31, 1972, to Dr. Roland S. Strolle from Mr. James L. Carter regarding the availability of funding for supplementary grants is not entirely correct. All supplemental Bureau grants are made to students based on the availability of funds after all eligible students are funded for their regular academic program. Funding was available from this office for supplemental grants during the spring of 1972, and, therefore, supplemental funding was made available to eligible students working on the paper.

This information was given to Mr. Carter by telcon prior to his memorandum dated May 31, 1972. It was also given to him by this office by telcon September 12, 1972.

This office is not in a position to make supplemental grants available to any eligible students at the present time because of insufficient funding for the 1972-73 school year. Funding for this year has been the same as 1971-72 and the total number of eligible students in the Minneapolis Area has increased. We are holding applications from eligible Indian students who wish to enter colleges and universities the second semester and winter quarter because of insufficient funds. Consideration for supplemental grants cannot be considered unless additional funding becomes available and all students presently eligible are funded.

This office will keep your letter on file, and if additional funds become available during the year, your request will be given consideration for supplemental grants.

It would be of assistance to this office if you would clarify your request for six of the students in your letter. They are as follows:

Rosemary Gemmill
Richard Laughing
Robert Van Alstine
Michael Wright
Ross Gemmill
Cheryl King

We have no record of these students being on the Bureau scholarship program for the 1972-73 school year. Any information you could give us regarding these students would be greatly appreciated and would certainly assist us in determining eligibility if additional funds would become available.

Sincerely yours,

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