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Resist Board Meeting, June 23, 1991

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Dear board member,

I think we have a new record. For this meeting, we received proposals from 24 states and the District of Columbia. My Rand McNally Road Atlas is going to come in handy (to say nothing of my contacts list.)

We have 42 proposals for this board meeting so we’ll have to be disciplined to get all of this done, as well as the business items on the agenda. We’ll have to realize that we won’t be finished at 4pm.

You’ll find the business items of the meeting at the end of the grants agenda portion of this letter.

If you have any comments and can’t come to the meeting, please send in your feedback as well as your proxy.

AGENDA

** Any last minute items of information by staff which are important to meeting.

GRANT REQUESTS

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BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Resist's 25th Anniversary - Further discussion. We will also need to form a Boston area sub-committee for this.

* A Call to Resist - At the May 5th meeting in New York, it was suggested that we not do a new Call to Resist but rather a statement/s that would appear in the first issue of the newsletter starting our 25th year. It was also suggested that this be a collective statement. Further discussion was carried over to this meeting.

* Board Search Committee - I'll try to set up a meeting of this committee to have a report ready for this board meeting.

* Suggested schedule for future board meetings - I was asked at the May 5th meeting to try to come up with dates for the next six months.

* Resist Guidelines and Application Form in Spanish - This was suggested to Yana and Ken by the Comite Hondureno. We've talked about it at board/staff lunches and I've consulted with Latino contacts around the country on this. I'll have a summary of suggestions. We'll need further discussion and a decision at this board meeting.

* Office - Finances and other miscellaneous items.

* Next board meeting - We will need a volunteer to host the next meeting in Boston. It is scheduled for August 11th.

I'll send you any additional info before the meeting on any of the above when I receive it.

For peace and justice,

Nancy Moniz, Resist staff
Board Meeting
June 23, 1991

Present: Louis Kampf, Fran White, Nancy Moniz, Nancy Wechsler, Yana Schreiber, Pam Chamberlain, Wayne O'Neil, Ken Hale (minutes)

Business:

Discussion of 25th Anniversary

We decided we almost certainly will need to add staff hours, possible hire additional staff to handle 25th anniversary planning as board members are too few and too overcommitted to take on sufficient responsibility for this. Discussed whether goal was primarily fundraising, recruitment of new pledges, or publicity. (Not resolved)

Decided that Yana and Nancy W would try to come up with a tentative job description for additional staff.

Minimally, work would include:

- Planning special publicity for Resist, press releases, announcements to various media like The Guardian, The Nation, etc.

- Getting 25th anniversary logo put on all our stationary and literature, maybe also T-shirts, mugs, etc. LK suggested using a rubber stamp on literature, envelopes, etc.

- Planning two - three special events, New York, Boston, maybe Seattle or other city. Events would feature our famous names, and slide show from our grantees (Tatiana will look into getting slides made from photos we have and soliciting more slides); also music, other entertaining stuff.

- Newsletter celebration of 20th anniversary (more brainstorming needs to be done about this) TS suggested that a good idea would be to solicit "where we've been and where we are going" commentaries from board members and publish these serially in the newsletter starting at the beginning of the 25th year. This could generate interesting discussion between board members and with readers as the year goes on. TS should ask Hank to write the first one.

This is bare-bones proposal to be fleshed out further. TS and NW will work on it, bring to staff-board lunch before further discussion at board meeting.

Hank and Paul should be asked to come up with specific proposals
for ideas expressed at last NY meeting for NYC events for the 25th.

We talked a little about endowment campaign for 25th. Need to think about it more.

New Call: idea seems to be nixed. No one thinks we could do it sufficiently well and clearly. Prefer the idea described above about serial commentaries. However, the first one, by Hank, could be sort of a statement about state of the movement/s, supporting left groups that continue to exist in this period of unclarity.

Board Search

Board search committee (Pam, Yana, Louis, Nancy) met to discuss fewer and fewer active board members. Proposed that we continue our speaking campaign with groups in communities of color, which, in part, is designed to solicit new board members. (Yana and Pam are currently making contacts with some Asian and Haitian groups to speak with). However, as this process is expected to continue over the next six months or so, and we really need at least two new board members very soon, proposal was to open up space on the board to new members who are white. Specific names were suggested who had previously expressed desire to join. Committee proposed that we discuss board membership with Larry Goldsmith (gay man, very active on gay, prison issues); Mike Prokosch (active on Central America issues); and Lois Martin (feminist, teacher at Salem State).

We agreed to discuss it with these people. Discussion and interest would, of course, be followed by meeting with search committee and then recommendation of search committee to board for approval.

Some discussion that we not limit possible new members to these three. People were asked to think of additional candidates, but we will not do big publicity about board search as we still want to concentrate on adding people of color and should focus our recruitment efforts on the speaking campaign and individual contacts with people of color. FW said she would think about people in Western MA for possible board membership. She also agreed to participate in some of the speaking engagements (current speakers are Yana, Pam, Ken, Tess, Oscar. others welcome!) NW wants us to think about adding someone with financial, economics skills and interests.

Schedule of Meetings: August 11, Sept. 22, Nov. 3, Dec. 15, Jan. 26, Mar 15, April 26. This is new system, deciding dates for six months in advance. Those who can make these dates will come, those who can't, won't. We'll see how this system works compared to system of polling all board members for best dates. NY people should please consider which of these are best for NY meetings and call the office.
Guidelines in Spanish: Further discussion of this. Afraid that we’ll get too many proposals in Spanish, that we’ll encourage grantees to think they don’t need to learn English, or that we’re setting up false idea that we can handle English and Spanish applications equally well. Decided to go ahead with plans to translate guidelines in Spanish, but we should be clear that we prefer proposals in English, that we are primarily English-speaking and handling applications in Spanish is not so easy for us, but that if people need to do it in order to express themselves clearly, then we have this process available to them. Probably, since we'll need to get Spanish applications translated, there will need to be an earlier deadline for these applications. Even if this is all we can do, PC felt this is very worthwhile project particularly for groups that might not otherwise apply to us. Of course, there are also other language minorities, particularly Haitian Creole, that we should do the same for...(but anyone, for now we’ll work on the Spanish guidelines, NM is working on it, probably after the Summer.)

Finances:
Cambridge Trust Co 27,879.71
WA Money Fund 182,841.02
Bond Fund (6/17/91) 54,032.78
1st Trade Union CD 52,143.34

Total Unrestricted: 316,896.85 (+ interest on that won’t be posted until June 31, probably $1,000.

Loan Fund 5,411.67
Cohen Endow.Fund 10,546.45
Resist Endow.Fund 10,709.35

Total Restricted: 26,667.47
Total Funds: 343,564.32

Aug 11 meeting: Probably Nancy will not be able to get reference sheets out in advance for this meeting due to vacations. We may have 40+ proposals at the next couple meetings if trends continue. Idea of adding staff time to handle increased volume was discussed briefly. We should discuss this further, probably at Sept. meeting, since NW will not be at Aug. 11 meeting (vacation).

GRANTS
We gave out a total of $14,893 to 28 groups.

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1) YES Women of Color Partnership Program/RCAR (Raleigh, NC) - $600 (as requested) toward scholarships and for child care for
women of color to attend their Conference on June 7 - 9. Everyone positive. In letter, suggest possible newsletter article to come out of conference. They can call TS or she will call them.

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Central America

4) YES Native Americans in Solidarity with Central America/Witness for Peace (Alma, MI) - $600 (in an unusual move we actually gave them $100 more than the $500 requested because we had some extra money and felt the work was very important) for printing of pamphlets and for telephone expenses for their outreach to Native Americans for a WfP delegation to Guatemala and Nicaragua. Possible newsletter article about outcomes of delegation.

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To: Resist Board  
From: Nancy Wechsler  
Re: Summary of our 25th Anniversary brainstorming  
Date: June 3, 1991

At our February, 1991 board meeting, Louis reminded us all that our 25th anniversary was coming up in late September, early October of 1992. He urged us to start thinking of how we wanted to celebrate it. We made it an agenda item for the next board meeting.

At the March 17, 1991 board meeting, the minutes reflect the following discussion:

"Wechsler urged us to begin brainstorming. This is important event for us, should use it to increase our visibility and raise some money. Haymarket and the Funding Exchange did a good job with their anniversaries. Need to start thinking about this now. Wechsler needs to be able to do some long term planning as to what work this will all involve. When we celebrated our 20th anniversary the board did quite a lot of the work. We need to decide which year we will celebrate our anniversary in. Will it begin in September/October of 1992, or begin in 1991? What kinds of things do we want to do? Who will work on it?

Quick Brainstorming: we could put out a new Call. We need active committees. Newsletter for 20th anniversary was very good. Tatiana, Kate and Roxanna worked on it. We might want to do something similar. We need a publicity committee. All board members should participate in some way in this celebration planning. Should we run a special year long fundraising campaign? Do something in each issue of the newsletter? Print special mugs or t-shirts? Organize our archives? We agreed to have a brainstorming session first on the agenda of the NYC meeting. If we get too many proposals for the NY meeting, we’ll put some off to another date."

From the minutes of the May 5, 1991, NYC board meeting:

"25th Anniversary Brainstorming
1. Moniz thinks we should start celebrating October 1992, and spread ideas out.
2. Purpose: fundraising, visibility.
3. Amy: Perhaps we should have a conference. Moniz: Doesn’t like idea but if we did, we could bring together past grantees.
4. Wechsler: What are our limitations? Perhaps we could do special issues of the newsletter. Her girlfriend is expecting a baby in January (if all continues to go well), and so Wechsler will be taking some kind of parental leave--possibly spread it out over four months, instead of taking a solid two months off. Might ask board for additional time off without pay, as is allowed in the personnel policy. She wants people to know this so that they can figure it in when considering what present staff will do vis a vis the anniversary celebration.
5. Paul: We should hire extra staff to work on anniversary.
6. Moniz: Suggested the theme--Acknowledging the Past; building for the Future. a)look at old newsletters to feature in present newsletter. b)make a collection of archives and get it housed. c)weekend in late summer/fall of Resist board members and friends, perhaps at Grace’s. d)update Call to Resist."
7. Pam: Should we use 25th to become an endowed foundation?
8. Wechs: Is that something our donors would support? Would they want us to be an endowed foundation? How about putting something in the newsletter asking them about this, as well as about starting to use VISA/MC?
9. Hank: Do like the Nation and ask our groups to have fundraiser in various cities--people like this idea.
10. Moniz: Perhaps contributors instead of groups because groups have trouble fundraising themselves.
11. George: Wants to do something political, not just fundraising.
12. Merble: We could have consultations.
13. Amy: We could have regional meetings.
14. Paul: We could also have a reunion.
15. Hank: Pick 10/12 groups we funded in various cities; let them pick out the idea.
16. Tess: Worried that we'll be asking grantees too much.
17. 3 groups--NY/DC group to follow up on Hank's idea (Hank and Paul); Boston group (Ken and Fran); NY group (Amy, Merble, George) Maybe a media group among other things. Amy suggested possibility of getting an op-ed piece in the Times.

The Call--Should we issue one?
Fran: It makes sense given our anniversary.
Paul: It's not useful because we're not up for all the tensions that might emerge. If we do it we have to redefine socialism for today.
Tess: Could we make a contribution since our issues have become so broad? Doesn't think we could get through the struggle.
Hank: Likes the idea, partly because the next war is underway, in the planning.
Amy: We only call to Resist when we're serious. But we can resist the way socialism is put out of discourse. So we should have a statement.
George: Statement and reflections on where we've been and where we might be going.
Fran: George's approach gives us a chance to give diverse opinions rather than one statement.
Moniz's summary: A statement or statements that appears in the first Newsletter issue of our anniversary.
George: Somehow it should be collective and not just individual ideas.
We agreed to discuss this more at our June board meeting."

June 3, 1991: We need to keep brainstorming new ideas; sort out which ideas are realistic and which aren't; figure out if we think it is worth hiring additional staff and for what purpose (and what expense); and figure out how we are going to proceed.
REFERENCES for the June 23, 1991 Resist Board meeting:

1) Women of Color Partnership Program/RCAR - I talked with Mandy Carter of the WRL/SE. She had heard of the conference through a friend. She felt that such an event is quite needed for organizing women of color in North Carolina. The choice issue is very important there because of opposition from some of the black churches. Mandy felt that the goals of the conference are good. It would be good for us to fund this.

2) FL Coalition Against Domestic Violence - I was referred to Ann Woodward of CASA in FL by Pat Nolan, formerly of AFSC. Ann said that she's known of the Coalition a long time, it's come a long way. Basically it is a network of shelters in Florida. The Coalition doesn't do direct service itself, does the educational work for the shelters, monitors bills going through the legislature, for organizing and educational purposes for the shelters. They have a conference every year which is important. There is political activism as far as their putting out analysis of women's issues and networking to the shelters. She feels that the Coalition has good progressive politics. I asked Kate Cloud to look at the Directory and give a critique.

3) Women Against Violence - I talked with Paul Riddick, director of the Norfolk, VA NAACP. He said that this is a recent group which seems to have a good agenda. "The NAACP supports them wholeheartedly in their work." He said that they are very good at networking in the community and feels that the group will grow in the future considering the dire conditions in the area.

4) Native Americans in Solidarity with C.A. - I called Pat Chaffee of the MI Interfaith Cmtee. on CA Human Rights. She knew of this project. The contact person is a member of MICAHR and has been to Nicaragua a number of times. Since he is Native American himself, he's the right person to work on this. Witness for Peace is highly reputable and very good at screening organizers. MICAHR has helped to advertise the project and has contacted Native Americans in Wisconsin also.

5) Committee for Health Rights in C.A. - I first talked with Linda Lucero of Vanguard Foundation in S.F. She said that this is a really good group. They weren't funded in the last Vanguard cycle only because it was felt that other groups on the agenda had fewer resources than CHRICA. Linda feels that this is a very effective and consistent group. Effective in connecting Central American issues with local work. She gave an example of how they have work brigades doing projects in different neighborhoods in the Bay area. I then talked with Rene Valle. He also said this group does very good work. They have a "very rehab orientation and work with doctors and professional organizations." They have a committee on El Salvador to provide material aid. He knows some of the people involved. Rene said that CHRICA is very active in the Bay area and is one of the most active chapters in the U.S.
6) C.A. Refugee Committee/S.F. - Linda Lucero of Vanguard again - very good group also, doing "really effective work, linking service projects with organizing....really outfront (visible) on their issues in the media, especially on the TPS issue.....network well with other groups.....they were very helpful in getting a political prisoner in El Salvador out of jail last year." I also asked Rene Valle about this group. He feels that they're doing an excellent job with the Central American community. They have services and do organizing to get people active. They also have strong relationships with North American progressive and religious communities.

7) US/Guatemala Labor Education Project - Tess Ewing feels that this group does good work and that Guatemala is an important area that's been more or less overlooked by (labor) groups working on Central America. She has met the staff person who seems responsible and hard working. She thinks that this group is an important part of the picture because Guatemala would be left a blank in the area of C.A. solidarity (without it.) Tess definitely recommends this group.

8) Latin American News - I had talked with Chinook Fund in Denver in the 1988 about this group. Chinook had funded them. They were local CISPES people and had done well with the material used. It is the only broadcast source of information in area. A militant group for 5 years on Central America. I just called Chinook again. They affirmed the above and also said that this does programming on the most progressive station in Colorado. They have good politics. Chinook's only question to them is one that is generic to all groups in Boulder: a question on diversity. A lot of Boulder groups are all Anglo, but he knows they do have one or two people of color in the group. Chinook does have a favorable opinion of the group in general. They sent an audio tape. I'll ask Yana to review and report on it.

9) Austin CISPES - Jill Gronquist of the C.A. Resource Center in Austin said that this group's work "is really good, any project they do would be good." They also work with other issue groups (such as shelter, homeless.) She feels that they deserve support. There had been another active C.A. group there but it's more or less defunct, so CISPES is more or less it for Austin. It's a pretty multi-cultural group but, as in Austin in general, not many African American members. (She talked about this situation in Austin. The city is pretty divided, demographically, politically and class-wise. The Center, CISPES and other groups have formed a network to address the issue and have been meeting for about a year. They're about to hire an organizer to work on putting together a conference in the Fall.) As far as CISPES is concerned, she highly recommends funding them. (PS - One of my best contacts there, Charlie MacMartin, is part of CISPES, and she raved about him.)

I also talked with Charlie MacMartin. He said that this is a fairly new group and the size of a Resist grant would be perfect for them. Last year they received some funds from Texas sources but are trying not to only depend on Texas funds this year. I asked him which strengths he saw in the group: coalition work and development of volunteer and sustainer bases for the committee. I then asked about weaknesses: he said, not having a sustainer base in place yet partly because they have no full time staff. I asked about diversity in the group: coming along since '89 when
it was mostly students, now there are more community people joining the
group. Charlie said they are working hard on balance: there's more
diversity in the leadership than in the volunteers so far.

10) Nicaragua Solidarity Committee/CASA - I talked with Mike Prokasch
of NECAN. He said that there are some interesting things happening with
this group: a really good organizer is involved now and Mike feels the
committee is in healthy shape as far as membership. They are discussing
going beyond the recent work of CASA and the National Nica Network. There
are some people in the group who want to develop clearer politics that the
Nica Network (i.e. - more aggressive support of the FSLN and more anti-intervention work to publicly challenge the Administration. The Network
isn't doing this and is more into material aid campaigns. They haven't
successfully developed an anti-intervention strategy. As far as the
project for which this group is asking funds: Mike feels that this is what
the group, at this point, can agree upon, not having come yet to a
consensus on the other. With all the above, Mike feels that the health of
the group is good and it is capable of carrying out such campaigns.

11) Palestinian American Resource Center - The reference came from
Phyliss of the Wash. Peace Center. She enthused all over the
place...."They're great!... so solid... worked with them around issue of
the War... easy to get along with... good political
analysis...responsible...(she) admires them because, among other things,
they were very selfless in helping with Middle East War organizing even
when the Palestinians weren't the primary issue." She said that they're
well connected in the community and well respected. "Highly recommended,
couldn't be higher."

12) Palestine Aid Society - George Vickers knew of this and feels they
are quite good, very active in mobilizing people. Their material/stuff is
good. Their director wrote good, non-sectarian articles. Group had
effective communications/info during the Gulf War. This is the main
grouping in NYC on the Palestinian question. They've also had fact
finding trips to the Occupied Territories that he'd heard of. George felt
that this would be a good group to fund.

13) Coalition Against US Mil. Inter. in M.E. - I called Linda Reymers of
McKenzie River Gathering. She said that Portland had some of the largest
mobilizations and turnouts to rallies in the US during the Gulf War. This
coalition was key to that. She feels that they've done an excellent job.
Although there were some sectarian groups involved in the coalition, it
was so broad, there were only minimal problems and didn't get in the way
of organizing. This coalition is still very visible in Portland. I set
up a showing of their video on Tues. June 18 at Pam's place.

14) Arabs for Understanding - I called Terry Christian of the Middle
East Resource Center in San Diego. He hadn't heard of the group. He
called some of his contacts in the area. None had heard of the group. I
also talked with Liberty Hill Fund in Los Angeles. Nothing. Committee
for Justice in L.A. (Arab-American activist group) = hadn't heard of this
group.

15) Jewish Peace Lobby - Louis Kampf knows the contact person, a good
guy, and also has seen their mailings which he thinks are politically good, good stuff on peace proposals. Louis didn’t know what else they’re doing so I called Peggy Hutchinson and Joe Stork at MERIP. They know some of the people in the group and feel that they have a formidable task and have a good take on the situation. Their sense is that the group is trying to build up their Jewish base as an alternative to AIPAC (American Israeli Political Action Committee), an extremely powerful pro-Israel lobbying group. They don’t know how effective the JPL is yet but feel it’s extremely necessary to have an alternative lobbying group (other groups work on other facets, not lobbying.) The JPL has a justice oriented position on the issue of Israel (2 state solution on ‘67 borders & Palestinians right to a state.) They would trust their perspective. They are also calling for an international conference with involvement of the PLO. This sounds like a recommendation.

16) Human Rights Research Foundation - I talked with Jennifer Bing-Canar of AFSC/Chicago about this group. She “knows they’re broke... seem to be in a transitional period.... have really been fired up with energy after Louise Cainkar trip to Iraq.... she’s done a lot of speaking (since) all over the Mid West.... there haven’t been a lot of people doing this in the area.” Jennifer feels that, in the past, HRRF had concentrated on info about the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem, and not enough on good info about Palestinians in Kuwait and the Occupied Territories, but seem to be starting to rectify this weakness now. She said that their info is really used - people who are doing articles and research use them for excellent and needed info. They also have done public speaking (before Louise K. trip) and educational. They were swamped with requests during the Gulf War. The photo exhibit project seems good and could be "real useful" - she "finds it appalling that groups I do speaking to, don’t believe the destruction and casualties in Iraq." Jennifer gets requests for pictures and she hasn’t found that there is much available. She feels photos are a good tool. She also feels that it would be a shame if HRRF would have to close, they’re aren’t many options for funding for this type of group. I gave Louis samples of the photos for review and report at our meeting.

17) PWA/RAG - Judy Greenspan of the ACLU National Prison Project said that this is "a really unique group....the only newsletter around supporting prisoners with HIV/AIDS in the federal prison system....It’s a joint effort of supporters outside and prisoners inside." She has recently seen the demand for the newsletter growing, many calls and letters for info. She said it’s a battle to get it into the prisons but they do. She’s gotten lots of positive feedback about the NL from prisoners and feels it’s a definitely needed resource. She said that she knows that they really need financial and other support and strongly urges that we fund this group.

19) Jericho Newsletter - I talked with Judy Greenspan about this also. She hadn’t heard of it so I sent her a copy. She thinks that it is excellent, well done and is writing them to be put on their mailing list. Also see letter of reference from the Coalition for Prisoners Rights in New Mexico.
20) Prison Information Service - Judy Greenspan again. She also hadn't heard of this. I sent her a copy. She then realized that she has known of the author for some time, he’s active as a jailhouse lawyer, well respected and reputable. She reviewed the Bibliography, thinks it's very good, well documented, as up to date as is possible. There are not many biblios like this out there. Well done - she was impressed with it. I've asked Yana to review the biblio for a report at the board meeting.

21) Justice Watch - I called Jana Schroeder of the Dayton AFSC Prison Project. She knew of this group; she met with a group in Cinci. last Feb. which was the precursor of this group. Long time activists in prison and other issues. People involved follow up on things, have a good network of people, are good organizers, activist oriented. This is pretty much the only group in Cinci. addressing a range of issues (there are other single issue groups, such as Death Penalty and friends, families of prisoners.) One of the people involved, Rev. McCrakin, is very well known, excellent person, respected, principled. She recommends funding this group.

22) AFSC-Mich/Criminal Justice Program - I also talked with Judy Greenspan of ACLU/NPP about this request. She knows of them; they do a lot of great prisoners support work. She also knew of the staff person who is a long-time prison activist. Judy mentioned this as one of the two or three best programs in the U.S. Highly recommended.

23) Cambridge Lavender Alliance - Margaret Cerrulo and Marla Erlien (both of whom are not involved in this yet) knew about this. They said that there are good people involved (such as Sue Hyde, Kathy Hoffman), long time activists, including some former teachers at Cambridge Latin. They have a triple focus: 1) to inform, educate and pressure police on the violence issue, 2) youth - they want to establish a drop-in center; 3) local politics, to expand a gay political presence on many issues. Margaret said these are seasoned organizers with a pretty solid base in different sectors of the community. Feels this has staying power. CLAGA existed at one time but was more of a social group. Knows they want to focus on Cambridge, not the whole of greater Boston. "With the rightward drift in the gay community (i.e. the Rushing & Duffy campaigns), this could be a more progressive voice... needed."

24) Tahoma Two-Spirits - I called Donna Redwing of the Lesbian Community Project in Portland, OR. Although she hadn’t heard of the Gathering yet, she did know the group. She said that they have used LCP equipment and resources. Donna said that they are "very, very well respected within the Native American community in Oregon." She’s heard great things about them. Donna said that there is a "real need in Oregon for Native Americans to recognize their lesbian and gay sisters and brothers" and that this group is helping to facilitate that. She also knew of Chrystos, one of the group’s contact persons, who is "an acclaimed writer and poet with much respect from the Native American and gay & lesbian communities." Donna was "really excited about the Gathering". I gave her the group’s address and phone numbers.

25) Your Family, Friends & Neighbors - I talked with Cory Cook, the director of the Snake River Alliance in Boise. She said that they’ve done some great work, especially in the last year. Done some healthy stuff,
like a walk of about 300, incredible in Idaho which is generally a conservative, fundamentalist type state. A good spirit of building connections with a supportive leadership of gay and straight people, "phenomenal for Idaho." She feels that they have started "to change the tone of conversation (on gay issues)" there. Although they are sticking to their own issue because of their need to focus in this early stage of their work, and are "kind of young in coalition building", they have asked for advise on organizing from Snake River and have also asked other groups to co-sponsor their march. She feels that they have raised the level of what the community can do, as far as the issues of discrimination and stereotypes. She "really appreciated (the fact) that at a recent event of theirs, they attracted a very mixed crowd. Highly recommended. (Cory also had a lot to say about the presence of the neo-Nazis in northern Idaho and how this seems to be changing generally conservative folks there toward a more liberal attitude.)

26) Privacy Rights Education Project - Maggie Fisher of the St. Louis Interfaith Committee on Latin America feels that this is a "very fine" group....on the right side of all the issues." People are "top notch", sensitive, good organizers, long time activists. They do events, legislative work, educational. She said they’re doing their work in a very conservative area. She highly recommended funding their event.

27) Charlotte Equal Rights Congress - I asked Mandy Carter about this group also. She hadn’t heard of them but that wasn’t negative at all since she doesn’t get to Charlotte too often and there are lots of groups there. I then talked with Ashaki Binta of the Black Workers for Justice in that part of the state. Ashaki said that this group is "great!" BWJ has worked with them, co-sponsored projects and events. She said CERC has progressive politics and are very active in political and issue oriented things. They have grass roots leadership as well. Enthusiastic about this group.

28) Granite State Coalition - Arnie Alpert of AFSC/NH said that AFSC is not involved in this because the Coalition’s work involves electoral politics which AFSC doesn’t get into. He does feel that GSC is doing great work as far as that area of politics goes. There is now a moderate majority in the NH Senate and a solid pro-choice majority in the Senate. In a number of Senate races the Coalition backed liberal candidates and they won. This is a major change for the state. So far, the Coalition seems to be working; has involvement from labor, women, peace and environmental movements who are talking to develop a common agenda. All these segments find it easier now to network for speakers, resources. It’s basically the work of members of the groups to mobilize for electoral purposes. Biggest pieces of energy for this comes from abortion and labor movements. Tax reform is an important issue for the Coalition to be involved with. People in general for the first time are talking about progressive tax reform (state income tax). There’s a real opportunity (on this issue) right now....Very important development for conservative N.H.

29) League of Haitian Families - I called Roland La Forest of Las Valas and CHAMA. He said that, due to the nature of the services this organization provides, it is, in effect, linked to political work. Overtly they’re not very political but some of the people, such as the
director (who recently went to Haiti on a delegation to check out the political situation) and the former director are both very political in his view. Among other things, the League provides space to more political groups (such as his). "(The League) is more direct service but it is difficult to draw the line, because when you’re talking about injustice it is hard not to talk about the politics." He feels that they have a good board. I asked if he knew anything about their financial situation - he didn’t but felt that now all non-profits are having problems financially.

30) Rochester Peace & Justice Center - I wrote to Henrietta Levine, a long-time Resist contributor in Rochester. She’s helped us in the past with references. Her reply is enclosed with the updated material and very positive.

31) PSR/So.Arizona Chapter - I wrote to Jerry Robinett in Tucson, a long-time activist & Resist contributor, to ask for a reference. Jerry wrote back that he’d checked around. From his sources, this group isn’t very progressive but they said that PSR does good stuff like alerting people when there is a nuclear test coming up in Nevada. They also work on the conversion issue. Since Tucson is a conservative place, he thought we should OK a grant to them.

32) Peace Project - They came to us for funding in 1989 as the Erie Regional Peace & Justice Center. At that time I talked with George Lakey of Jobs with Peace. He knew of the contact person, Laurie Quiggle. He said that she is "inspirational, self-righteous, dedicated, strong leader... don’t feel that she’s the right person to do such a center... don’t feel people in Erie would feel she would be consensus oriented... might not be doing homework as far as networking with other groups." I’ve been having a heck of a time trying to get a reference for this Peace Project. I called George again, but he said he hadn’t been out to Erie for a couple of years so couldn’t give an update on his previous comments.

33) Pax Christi/DC - Hank Rosemont checked on them. He said "They’re doing very good work in the fields in which they’re involved... but on the question of (their position on) reproductive rights, not impressive (as in the past)." Hank said that if we have a lot of money perhaps give them some for the good work on their issues, but maybe not much or any, considering their "wretched" stand on repro rights.

34) Montgomery Metropolitan Community Church - This was almost impossible to get a reference. The MCC seems to be the only gay & lesbian center in town - the Helpline, G&L Center is located there. I finally talked with Sue Hyde, formerly of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. She had had the same problems in the past with finding contacts there. Sue did know that the governor of Alabama had just signed a state-wide bill for mandatory testing by physicians of anyone in "risk groups." Sue feels that anyone doing AIDS work for gay people will be an important contact point for the whole community. She thinks that the situation for gay people there will become much worse soon. She would be inclined to fund this group because it is in Montgomery and the main group there. She has found that most of the MCCs are important in communities and are generally pretty solid and reliable and an anchor in most communities.
35) People for Accessible Health Care - I wrote to the San Jose Peace and Justice Center. See their letter of reference.

36) Partners in Health - I also asked Roland La Forest about this organization. He knew that the Haitian Teens and AIDS project was new but he didn’t know much about it at all. He did say that the organization recently bought a building and are doing pretty well. He feels that the Teens project is a duplication of what’s already existing in the community, CHAMA has had an AIDS project for some years. He said this group is not political, never have been. They’re direct service with a large budget. He sounded negative on this group.

Rachel Martin also wanted to give her reference for the Teens project. She actually is writing the discussion manual. (By the way, the material you received with your packet is a first draft. I’ll try to get more finalized copy before our meeting.) Rachel said that this video is the only resource that she knows of in Creole and in a Haitian context; it’s also great for other immigrant and Anglo communities. Teens are set up as the authorities on AIDS (they wrote, directed and acted in it) and are very much the educators for other teens and adults. She’s very impressed with the teen group, they’ve spoken at Haitian churches, etc., doing AIDS education. Powerful because teens usually don’t do this or speak on more explicit subjects such as condoms. Rachel feels that the video and presentations are as much about racism as AIDS, they emphasize this. She did ask them why the video never is explicit on how Frangis got AIDS and they said they left it this way on purpose to leave the subject open to discussions about sexuality, drugs, etc. Rachel also feels that the video contradicts stereotypes about AIDS and gay people.

Their video will also be shown at Pam’s on June 18.

37) Student Environmental Coalition - I talked with Karen Stultz of the Youth Project in D.C. She said that this group is very active in the Midwest, have been very successful in their corporate accountability campaign against BP; they provide education to the community and have had meetings with BP executives. They’re also active on the national board. This newsletter project is important for networking. They also have a good analysis, not just traditional environmental issues ("the trees and the bunnies") but also work on issues of the rights of indigenous people, their lives and economies. She feels that the national organization has a solid long range structure, continuity being one of the usual problems of student organizations. Their structure and process help to keep the organization going both regionally and nationally. The people involved in SEAC are involved and interested in a lot of issues but focus on environmental; the national puts out action alerts on other issues. Ray Davis of DC SCAR spoke on the issue of cultural diversity at their national conference last year. This led to an excellent discussion by the some 7,000 people there on diversity and plans to make SEAC more diverse.

38) AwarenessAct - I called Mark Toney of DARE and the RI Haymarket board. He hadn’t heard of them but referred me to Libero della Piana, an intern there and an African American student at Brown U. Libero had seen some of this group’s work (on the Gulf War and on campus political stuff) They do improv; it’s a fluid group (always new people); do some good stuff; street theatre stuff, not on stage, or at a rally. I had some questions to do with their answer to our #10a. He said that they "do
have some people of color in the group but have no plan or tactical approach on issues of race and class.... You can get away with this at Brown and not get called on it.... feel it's political immaturity (on their part), not overt racism." He felt that it's a good idea for them to plan to get off campus..... there had been suggestions for them to do so.

39) CALC/Eugene, OR - Linda Reymers of McKenzie River said that this is an excellent group. They are an incubator of projects such as those on South Africa, Central America, Witness for Peace, etc. Projects and groups get started with CALC because they have resources (not necessarily financial.) This is a unique group. Highly recommended.

40) Coalition for Charitable Choice - I called Dan Petegorsky of Peace Development West. He said that they're "very good... alternative pay deduction stuff has varied there.... depends on the administration of each.... This is an important vehicle.... They have had a big impact here. They did a key study of community foundations in the area. This is not like Community Works (which collects and disburses the funds) but rather a network of Funds. It's a low budget operation." He likes what they are doing so far.

41) Environmental Coalition/NM Highways - I talked with Jo Madeline of the SW Organizing Project. She's met some of the people in this at a recent organizing/training seminar. There were a lot of people there from the Coalition's area, talked about WIPP, ditches, water rights, etc. These are big issues in that part of the state. These really are community people organized; good people involved. They feel that the infra-structure (roads, fire departments, etc.) there are inadequate. The towns mentioned in the proposal are pretty small towns in the poorest county in New Mexico. Recommended for funding.

42) Super Sonic Samba School - Rick Jahnkow of Committee Opposed to the Draft in San Diego knew of this group. They did drumming at demos on the Gulf War. Some of these folks have been around a long time and are experienced. Rick feels that this has been a very valuable component at events. The only negative thing about them is that sometimes they haven't cooperated with the coordinators of events and gone off and done their own thing. He doesn't know how organized they are, but suspects "anarchistic philosophy and a lack of structure to the group." He didn't feel that this should be a big reason for not funding them, just to keep in mind. He feels that the project for which they are asking a grant is valuable enough to fund.

For peace and justice,

\[Signature\]
Nancy Moniz
Resist staff
Wednesday, June 12, 1991

Dear Nancy,

Thank you for the time and effort you have given me. As I indicated last Thursday at our meeting, I want to initiate a trust fund to commemorate Freda's life, and enclose with this letter a check for $5,000 for this purpose. What follows is in part for your information, and in part to help me think about what might be a suitable statement regarding the goal of the fund.

Freda Friedman Salzman
May 12, 1927 - April 1, 1981

Born to an immigrant family in poverty during the great depression, Freda's entire life was a commitment to the need for human dignity, initially of course for herself, and eventually for all women. She resisted a tyrannical, abusive father. She resisted the institutionalized sexism that would have dissuaded her from becoming a theoretical physicist, and later would have prevented her from having a professional career and from becoming a tenured professor.

She resisted sexism in the radical science group Science for the People, where she was one of the prime initiators of the women's caucus. She resisted the ideology of oppression in her work with the Sociobiology Study Group of Science for the People, and in her work with the women's history project. And finally, following a mastectomy, she resisted for two more years the onslaught of cancer, retaining her dignity and her determination to live to the very end of her life.

Unfortunately, resistance was necessarily central to her determination to live with dignity. Thus, in establishing a trust fund in her memory, it seems appropriate that it be dedicated to the purpose of supporting organized resistance to the institutions and practices that rob people of their dignity as full human beings. My own sense is that the more oppressed people are the more urgent is their struggle. Clearly so-called "women's issues" were very high on Freda's agenda. I would be inclined to give high priority also to the efforts of Native American peoples to resist cultural as well as actual genocide.

I hope these guidelines are sufficiently loose and general to be acceptable to RESIST. My intention, at this time, is to make a second contribution, also of $5,000, to the Freda Salzman Trust, about one year from now, and possible subsequent contributions later on. I haven't included here the understanding we came to at our meeting, trusting that you will put into your note how the funds generated will be used, and how any contingencies that might arise would be dealt with.

Sincerely,

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Dear George,

Thank you so much for your contribution of $5000, which we received today. I have deposited it into our Calvert Money Market "Resist Endowment" account, as per our agreement. On behalf of Resist, I would like to thank you for thinking of us when deciding to set up this endowment. We greatly appreciate your support over the years, and are very touched by this special contribution.

It is our understanding that this donation, as well as a similar one next year (and possibly future smaller ones), will remain in our endowment fund. As I mentioned to you, the Resist Board has adopted a policy of requesting a minimum donation of $10,000 for the endowment fund in order to keep track and give out grants in honor of someone. Since you have already given $5000, and pledged the rest, this meets the spirit of the Board's decision. When the interest in the account is enough to give out a grant, we shall do so. The grant shall be called the Freda Friedman Salzman memorial grant, and fit the guidelines you put down in your letter of June 12, 1991. I will go over that letter with Board members, and if they have any suggestions or comments, I will get back to you. (I wasn't sure if you considered this a final version or not. I will keep it on file, and if you re-write it, just let me know.)

When I write the year end wrap up for 1991, usually in the March issue of the newsletter, I will include information about the formation of this new endowment. When we give out a grant from this endowment we will let the group know that this is the Freda Friedman Salzman grant, and we will send you information about the group, as well.

As I mentioned to you at our meeting, Resist has been around for almost 25 years. We are in solid financial shape, and hope to be around for years and years to come, giving out more money each passing year. But no one can predict the future. If at any time we feel we need to re-negotiate this agreement with you, we will contact you. We don't envision that happening. If, in the unlikely case that Resist decides to cease its grantmaking, we will discuss with you several possibilities for the endowment money. As I mentioned, one obvious possibility is finding another "sister" foundation that would take over the Freda Friedman Salzman memorial endowment. I bring this possibility up just to reassure you that even in the unlikely event that something happens to Resist, we can help ensure that this memorial endowment continues.
I think that covers everything we talked about. Once again, thank you so much for making this contribution to Resist.

For peace and justice,

Nancy Wechsler, Resist Staff