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Dear Iris,

Thank you ever so much for sending *Federal Policy Options for Improving the Education of Low-Income Children, Volume I*. It arrived just in time so that I could use it in a meeting of all our local Chapter 1 directors.

This is an outstanding document that I have read carefully and underlined profusely. You have a wonderful way of digesting information and then presenting it in a balanced context that includes an historical perspective and cogent arguments supporting your recommendations.

It was most helpful to me. I had just spent a week in Washington, D.C. attending our Chapter 1 State Directors meeting conducted by USDE and hearing about the legislation that was to be presented to Congress and the reasoning accompanying the changes. But in preparing a summary of the general thrust of the bill for our local directors, your report was particularly useful in setting the historical framework and laying the groundwork for the need to concentrate more funds in high poverty schools in order to raise the educational level of the entire school while keeping a focus on the poor children low-achievers.

I also loved the quote in "Education Week" where you recently wrote that we can't test our way to program improvement -- the "Field of Dreams" argument, "Build a test and they will learn."

Thank you again for sending this important document. I shall look forward to the next two volumes when they are ready.

Sincerely,

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