

MEMORANDUM

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TO : NIE STAFF

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SUBJECT: Attached Paper

Several months ago, the files of the Institute's Committee on Equality of Educational Opportunity were transmitted to this office. A review of these files provides some interesting perspectives on the Institute's efforts to carry out its mission of funding research which is likely to lead to greater educational equity. The attached paper attempts to summarize some of NIE's experience thus far. It is offered, not as the final word on the subject, but in the hope that it can stimulate further discussion as the work of planning the FY 1979-1981 program proceeds. We would certainly be interested to learn your reactions to this paper.

Beginning in January, we plan to bring to NIE several of the researchers who were awarded grants in the recent educational equity grants competition. These researchers, who are now at work on their projects, will summarize what they are doing and then engage in a discussion of issues involved in equity research. More information on these sessions will be sent as soon as the details are worked out.