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AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND GUIDANCE ASSOCIATION

September 9, 1974

P. B.

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
Governor, State of Georgia, and
1974 Campaign Chairman
Democratic National Committee
P. O. Box 1524
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Dear Governor Carter:

As a follow-up to my letter of July 30, 1974, the polling of our key leaders in the guidance and counseling profession is now complete. The educational issues which they feel Democratic candidates should be most aware of can be categorized in two groups:

A. General Issues

1. Our leaders repeatedly stressed the very point you made in your original letter - "Politicians have failed to recognize the talents and knowledge (except at election time) that is concentrated in such national organizations ...". Contacts should be regular. It is appalling to us how many legislators, even those on education and labor committees, know so little about the profession of guidance and counseling and its role in facilitating quality education. Yet, by seeking advice and consultation, an organization such as the American Personnel and Guidance Association would be willing to assist in those areas of educational expertise related to guidance, counseling, testing and placement.
2. Candidates should be reminded of their obligation to all of their constituency, with an emphasis on "open door" and "open ears".
3. Strengthening of the role of an agency such as the Federal Interagency Committee on Education (FICE) and its provisions for eliminating overlap and duplication of effort among the various Departments of Government which have educational programs (e.g.) Department of Labor; Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Department of Defense; etc.
4. Encouragement of support for industry-labor-education cooperation, particularly in vocational education.

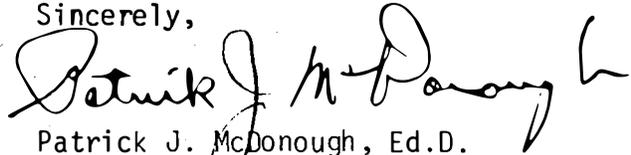
B. Specific Issues

1. Importance of Career Education, career guidance and career development programs for all youth and adults.
2. Tremendous need for elementary school counselors, and retrained secondary school counselors; even with supposed surplus of teachers there are many specialty areas such as counseling with shortages.
3. Importance of rehabilitation legislation and the implementation of sections on affirmative action, eliminating structural and architectural barriers and efficient administration of all the provisions of the new Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
4. Adequate funding for educational research and the new National Center for Educational Statistics.
5. More financial aid assistance for students from middle income and disadvantaged families.
6. The creation of a Department of Education in the Administration.
7. Passage of adequate legislation on the issues of privileged communication and licensure of trained counselors.

On any of the above, APGA would be happy to elaborate, either for the Democratic Committee as a whole or individual candidates.

Thanks much, Governor Carter, for this opportunity to express the opinions of leaders of the guidance and counseling profession.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. McDonough, Ed.D.
Assistant Executive Director
for Professional Affairs

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August 7, 1974

Patrick J. McDonough, Ed.D.
Assistant Executive Director for
Professional Affairs
American Personnel and Guidance
Association
1607 New Hampshire Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Patrick:

Thank you for your letter of July 30. I appreciate your effort in contacting key leaders in the American Personnel and Guidance Association for their views on problems facing our nation.

I am enclosing our issue analysis paper on education which I believe will be of interest to you. I look forward to hearing from you again in the near future.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Carter

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Enclosure



AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND GUIDANCE ASSOCIATION

July 30, 1974

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
Governor, State of Georgia, and
1974 Campaign Chairman
Democratic National Committee
P. O. Box 1524
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Dear Governor Carter:

The Executive Director of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, Dr. Charles L. Lewis, has asked me to respond to your July 23, 1974 request for input from the guidance profession.

The suggestion to disseminate our educational concerns to Democratic candidates is intriguing. To be complete and systematic in our response, I plan to poll key leaders in our profession. Can our input be delayed for two weeks?

The Association looks forward to this splendid opportunity and awaits your favorable response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patrick J. McDonough".

Patrick J. McDonough, Ed.D.
Assistant Executive Director
for Professional Affairs

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cc: Dr. Charles L. Lewis

DIVISIONS

- American College Personnel Association
- Association for Counselor Education & Supervision
- National Vocational Guidance Association
- Student Personnel Association For Teacher Education
- American School Counselor Association
- American Rehabilitation Counseling Association
- Association For Measurement & Evaluation in Guidance
- National Employment Counselors Association
- Association For Non-White Concerns in Personnel and Guidance
- National Catholic Guidance Conference

AFFILIATE

- International Association of Counseling Services, Inc.

PERIODICALS

- Personnel and Guidance Journal
- The Guidepost
- Journal of College Student Personnel
- Counselor Education and Supervision
- Vocational Guidance Quarterly
- Journal of the Student Personnel Association for Teacher Education
- The School Counselor
- Elementary School Guidance and Counseling
- Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin
- Measurement and Evaluation in Guidance
- Journal of Employment Counseling
- Counseling and Values
- Inform — a service of the N.C.I.C.