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Dear Mr. Batton:

I was away when your letter to me arrived, and I am glad that you had a chance to talk over the question with Dean Barr. Like him, I want to assist you and your colleagues in making orientation ~~and~~ successful and rewarding experience. I am sorry that we do not have the considerable funds that might be expended for the SASS part of orientation. I do hope that the figure which you and Dean Barr worked out will provide a viable and effective supplement to the program.

I look forward to making your acquaintance when you get back on campus.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Cross
President

Mr. James H. Batton
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Silent copy to Robert A. Barr, Jr.

August 27, 1969

Mr. James H. Batton
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Dear Jim:

I received a copy of your letter this morning and tried to call you about it immediately. In case I cannot reach you by phone later, I want you to have my written reaction. I should emphasize this is my response and not President Cross's, but I suspect he will share my views.

The sum of money you request for black student orientation is far out of line with your earlier request and with the total orientation budget. I do not see how we can possibly accommodate it unless you are willing to use the entire SASS budget for orientation purposes. It was my understanding from conversation with you and with Don Mizell that black students would participate fully in the regular orientation process and that, in addition, SASS would sponsor a speaker, a film and a party during the orientation period. I can see how expenses for these three events might reach a total of \$100., which was in fact the sum you requested on Monday, August 25. Part of that sum was to come from the SASS budget and I agreed to see whether I could find the balance from orientation funds or other sources.

I have talked with Don Mizell about your letter and I think he plans to call you at an early date. He and I agreed that \$50. could come from the SASS budget for orientation, and that I would meet the rest of your expenses up to \$125. If later in the semester you wish to sponsor additional orientation events, you can certainly do so from your Student Council appropriation. It may be that the black counselor will have some funds at his disposal which could be used for this purpose as well. I think it is important to remember, however, that every dollar is precious and that priorities for expenditures will have to be established by SASS, as well as the College. Every dollar taken from scholarship or the post-enrolment support program or staff salaries should be spent only after careful thought and the decision that the other activity is of greater importance.

I hope we can proceed with the orientation program outlined above. Don can release the \$50. appropriation to you whenever you need it and I will have an orientation schedule for you immediately after Labor Day. Please get in touch with me if you have further questions.

Sincerely yours,



Robert A. Barr, Jr.
Dean of Men

cc. R. Cross
D. Mizell