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(Left to right) Calvin Rolark; Gilbert "Gil" Francis; and James "Biff" Carter, who represented Robert Gordon, Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

"Biff" Carter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity (membership: 78,000); LeGree S. Daniels, chairman of the National Black Republican Council; Dr. Edith V. Francis, president of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (membership: 70,000); Dr. Gilbert H. Francis, president of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (membership: 600,000); Carrie A. Haynes, national vice-chairperson of AOIP's Interorganizational Liaison Committee, 1st vice president of the National Association of University Women (membership: 2,800), and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Barbara J. Howard, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority (membership: 3,000); Dr. Sammie L. Inman, Daughters of Isis (membership: 40,000); Dr. Betty Mansfield, Project Coordinator of AOIP's family and community reading newspaper, *The ADVANCER*; Rosalie J. McGuire, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs (membership: 12,000); Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, chairman of THE BMI COOPERATIVE (5,000,000 readers of the National *BLACK MONITOR*) and president of the United Black Fund of America (membership: 1,680,000); Wilma G. Shepherd, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (membership: 75,000); Carolyn Smith, secretary of AOIP Board; Emille Smith, national AOIP coordinator; Gerald D. Smith, executive director of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity (membership: 75,000); Ozell Sutton, national chairperson of AOIP



(Left to right) Sam Tucker, Director, Washington office, National Conference of Black Mayors; Lucille Bland, AOIP Representative for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; Harold Sims, WJNR/Sound Radio; Carrie Haynes; CDR King D. Bell, representing Capt. Ed Benford, USN, National President, National Naval Officers Association; Wilma G. Shepherd, representing Faye B. Bryant, National President, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Carolyn F. Smith, Secretary, AOIP Board; Rev. Archie Le Mone, Progressive Baptist Convention; Rosalie J. McGuire, representing Frankie J. Gillette, President, Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs; and "Biff" Carter.

and president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity (membership: 75,000); Sam Tucker, National Conference of Black Mayors (membership: 250 mayors with over 20,000,000 constituents); Lillie J. Van Landingham, AOIP's Public Education Committee and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority (membership: 38,000); Rev. Saul S. Williams, National Baptist Convention, USA (membership: 7,000,000); and Benjamin Hickman Wright, senior consultant to AOIP and president of Black Media, Inc.

Dianne Vines, director of the Special Initiative on Adult Literacy, and other members of the DOE staff were also present.

SECRETARY BELL remarked that the Department of Education, more than any other agency in government, provides the greatest hope for everyone. For this reason, the department needs to reach out to those who have been deprived of educational opportunity as was being done through AOIP. He acknowledged that they at DOE are late comers to the remediation scene and that the represented organizations had been doing this work for quite a while. He expressed his deep concern that the department get good momentum in the process of attacking illiteracy.

The main problem in funding, the Secretary said, was that the money went out to the states on formula. All discretionary funds flow to the states. The Secretary's discretionary funds are allocated to the education of elementary and secondary school children by law. However, he said he would like to see some of these funds used for the AOIP-type program. He sincerely desires to do the best the department can do to help this program. He believes that one way that this can be done is by putting more money into the college work-study fund for tutors who could be reached best through church and college contacts. "I view you as an invaluable group of dedicated men and women who have offered to help me do my job in a manner that cannot be done without you," Bell said. "We appreciate the leadership you've been giving to this effort and we are accepting your help."

Secretary Bell mentioned that Undersecretary Gary Jones also has a strong commitment in this matter. A most important revelation was made when the Secretary stated that Dianne Vines has a reporting relationship with him and with Dr. Jones that does not filter through the bureau.

Dr. Calvin Rolark, representing 5 million readers of the National *BLACK MONITOR*, expressed his intention to

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