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Also, whenever we reward the "gifted" it should be coupled with a firm demonstrated commitment that the recipients will help *uplift* all others. AOIP programs could then be funded for all others in need of

help within our communities. And, quite *importantly*, this "scholarship" area is in most urgent need of total re-thinking to keep our communities from going further down the drain.

C. Help to organize a local AOIP framework: If we are going to uplift and support each other, we need a relationship with each other which, most importantly, must include *all* the organizations who represent the

uplifting needs of the masses of our people. In other words, AOIP, as an example, cannot simply be "Pan-Hellenic" in its makeup. The leadership of church groups, the Elks, the Masonic Orders and all other civic and social groups must be included equitably right from the start. Once organized...

D. Make a strong alliance with our schools and other training and/or remediations systems: The first thing we need to do is to see that our unique compensatory motivational tools are in the hands of every minority student in Title I-type classrooms. This should include all public schools, all training programs and prison systems...*i.e.*, all of which motivation or ego-strengthening is vital.

To understand the effect and importance of this material, please see a recent issue of *New Jersey Greater News* as an example. This newspaper (National Section) highlights our organizations nationally...and the Local Section deals with the UPLIFTING issues as they relate uniquely to us locally. Every AOIP-participating newspaper must see that *we are the stars*...not the "pimps," "hustlers" and the folks approved by those outside of our communities. At the national level, our organizational leaders are featured regularly in the *National BLACK MONITOR* which is our interorganizational medium.

Thus, these newspapers which carry the *MONITOR* and which are committed to highlight us every week as motivational role models are a vital part of the UPLIFTING process among our people—who so sorely need to see good values among us to emulate. So, all of our members surely should subscribe to these supportive, AOIP-participating newspapers.

E. Begin submitting our modest assessments: All of us benefit far more from proper participation in AOIP than we ever could invest directly back into AOIP...and the AOIP-participating publishers, along with Black Media, Inc. (which, alone, has invested almost \$2 million with us) should not be leaned on in a one-sided way. We must pay our past and presently-due assessments which are extremely modest...and I am pleased to say that two of our organizations just committed to a minimum of \$5,000 each to help make up for what we have not done in the past. Further, as national officers, we need to be involved locally

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