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"To Greeks and other organizational families throughout the nation, I pause today from a busy schedule because I am excited. I am excited and thankful that the brainstorming sessions that I have been privileged from time to time to have been a part of with AOIP are now in a position to pay dividends to the Black community and to the nation. To say the new hotel ownership project is exciting to me and to members of my organization would be an understatement. Brothers and sisters, the time is NOW, the opportunity is here, let's join hands and take full advantage of it."

—James T. Floyd  
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity

"Please consider this my holistic response to the very informative written communication sent from AOIP in general and from specific chairpersons, in particular. I am deeply appreciative of having this opportunity to participate in America's most important concept."

—A.M. "Gus" Witherspoon  
S.E. Regional Director  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

"I wholeheartedly support this effort and feel it is a step forward in the building of our communities. Further, at our recent NANBPWC convention we passed a motion and went on record to support this project."

Frankie Gillette  
AOIP Trustee

"The Black problem bottoms down to economics and mathematics. We cannot disregard the basic laws of money and its uses and enjoy freedom. We must begin to move socio-economically in tandem with the rest of the country. And finally, we must learn what to do with the money we have. AOIP has started the networking in Black business. 'Let's stop dreaming and make Black economics a reality.'"

—Mildred Bradham  
B & H Consultants

"We need to raise the consciousness of our Black organizations concerned about uplifting our people to be involved in this history-making project of community ownership. What it would mean to our people in terms of economic growth, job opportunities and pride advancement is tremendous. Also, this will certainly

help move us closer to the achievement of our Year 2000 Goals.

—Dr. Ada Jackson  
National Pan Hellenic Council

"The possibility of Black ownership of a convention-size hotel excites me. Such an undertaking would, I hope, generate other collective economic development ventures among us. The pooling of resources in this manner

certainly will advance our cause and motivate us to even greater collective efforts."

—Ozell Sutton  
Community Motivators Inc.

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