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September 24, 1969

Porter R. Chandler, Esq.
Chairman
Board of Higher Education
535 East 80th Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Chairman Chandler:

I received a letter, dated September 17, 1969, from Vice Chancellor Edelstein. I am assuming the letter and the attached resolution was either authorized by you or communicated with your approval. This correspondence was addressed to the Coalition, in care of the Education Affiliate. As you may know, the Education Affiliate has been out of existence for over a year now; nonetheless, the only relationship between the two is that I have been privileged to work with both groups.

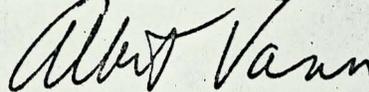
With reference to my letter of September 2nd to Dr. Burkhardt, I requested then that the community's preference be presented to the total Board of Higher Education for their consideration. I question the validity of the Executive Committee's attempt to dissolve the Presidential Search Committee and, then, appoint themselves as the group which will establish Community College Number Seven. It would seem to me that this vital and far-reaching Bedford-Stuyvesant College issue would require the deliberation of all the members of your Board of Higher Education. That would, in the least, evidence some respect for the concerns of the Coalition, whose members you have been meeting with over the last 17 months.

As to the resolution engineered by the Executive Committee of the Board of Higher Education, dated September 16, 1969, it seems to exceed the authority of the Committee; for,

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it is unrealistic to think that you can engage and involve community representatives in a substantial effort, only to eliminate them with the stroke of a pen. The Coalition is a creation of the Bedford-Stuyvesant community and can only be dissolved by the Bedford-Stuyvesant community. Furthermore, this Bedford-Stuyvesant community emphatically declares that only with the involvement, support, and endorsement of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Coalition on Educational Needs and Services will a college be established in our community.

Peace and Unity,



Albert Vann, Chairman

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cc: Messrs. Albert H. Bowker
Jules C.C. Edelstein