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THOMAS RUSSELL JONES
JUSTICE

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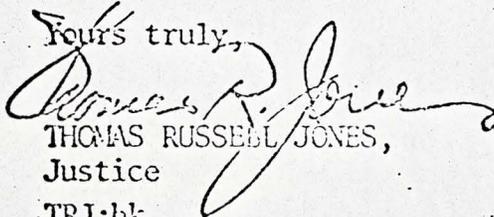
Mr. Albert Vann, Chairman
Bedford Stuyvesant Coalition on Educational Needs & Services
268 Ashland Place - Room 602
Brooklyn, New York, 11217

Dear Mr. Vann:

I have now received your January 14th, 1969 response to my January 2nd request that Mr. George Meares serve temporarily in my place as a representative of the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation on the Negotiating Team of the Coalition on Educational Needs and Services. I regret that the Coalition members present at your last meeting decided to refuse my request to have such a distinguished leader of Bedford Stuyvesant as Mr. Meares play a role in selecting a President for our new College No. 7. For you know that my duties as a newly elected Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York will not permit me to participate actively at this time. You must also be aware that the continuity and support of the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, so fully at your disposal in the past, has now been made impossible under the circumstances. Unfortunately, our meaningful cooperation will thus be interrupted. I respect your decision, however, and hereby reluctantly tender my resignation as a member of the Negotiating Team for the reason described in my previous letter.

Kindly have this letter made a part of the records of the Coalition at its next meeting. Will you also convey my sincere personal respects to all the dedicated leaders who have helped to bring us this far on the road to a college of excellence in Bedford Stuyvesant.

Yours truly,


THOMAS RUSSELL JONES,
Justice

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TO: All Members of the Bedford Stuyvesant Coalition
on Educational Needs & Services

FROM: Justice Thomas Russell Jones, Chairman, Bedford
Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation

The attached letter of my resignation as a member of the Bedford Stuyvesant Coalition on Educational Needs & Services was sent to Mr. Albert Vann today in response to his letter stating that the last meeting of the Coalition had refused to allow Mr. George Meares, a Director of Restoration, to serve as my proxy for the next period.

I compliment the members of the Coalition and their organizations for the heroic efforts to win a community-controlled college of excellence to educate the youth of Bedford Stuyvesant. I assure you of my continued interest in and best wishes for the success of this most important community enterprise.