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To: Cong. A. Hawkins  
From: Mr. J.W. Smith  
Re: The President's FY '83 Budget Impact on Education Programs Affecting Minority Groups

Although the Congress did not adopt the President's budget requests for FY 1983, and education thus did not fare too badly, I think it is important to know just how deep the President tried to cut education programs, because I believe that this knowledge will prepare all of us for what the President intends to present the Congress in his budget requests for FY 1984.

The President proposed the following for certain education programs for FY 1983:

- cut Title I/Chapter I to \$1.9 billion; a cut of 35% from the FY 1981 figure
- Emergency School Aid Act; now in the Chapter II block grant; President would cut Chapter II by 21% from the 1981 level to \$406 million; the grant was \$455 million in 1982
- Bilingual Education; recommended funding of \$94.5 million in 1983; represents a 42% cut from the level of \$157 million in 1981
- Education of the Handicapped; recommended to be placed in a block grant which would include the State grant for education of the handicapped, and also pre-school incentive grants and the Title I funds for the education of the institutionalized handicapped; these separate programs were funded for a total of \$1.052 billion in 1981; they would be cut to \$771.6 million for the 1983 block grant, a reduction of 27%
- Women's Educational Equity; place in a block grant, and cut the grant
- Indian Education; transfer to the Dept. of the Interior and cut funds to \$51.0 million; a cut of 34% since FY1982, and 38% since FY 1983
- Higher Education; cut and/or reduce drastically: Pell grants, supplemental education opportunity grants, State student incentive grants, guaranteed student loans, national direct student loans, and college work study. Over the period 1981 to 1983 the President proposes to cut student financial assistance by nearly one third: from \$6.4 billion in 1981 to \$4.3 billion in 1983. Thus all of these programs could be strangled by fiscal strangulation.