



April 21, 1970

Mr. Alphonse F. Trezza, Director  
Illinois State Library  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Trezza:

I am forwarding to you at the request of the Champaign and Urbana Public Library Boards, and with the approval of the Lincoln Trail Library Board, a request for an LSCA Title I grant in the amount of \$62,860 to cover the initial costs of establishing a branch library at the Douglass Community Center in Champaign. This library would serve 10,000 Blacks residing in the north end of Champaign and Urbana in the Douglass Community Center area.

The proposal for branch library service in this area received its impetus from a class project originating in a library science course in the Graduate School of Library Science at the University of Illinois. The class was aided by an Advisory Committee from the north end community which developed the proposal in its present form and presented it for approval to the Champaign and Urbana Public Library Boards. Both Boards have committed themselves to the continued support of the project after the LSCA funds have been expended, and the Lincoln Trail Library System is also committed to provide service to the Douglass Center Library in line with its general policy of serving member libraries.

The Lincoln Trail Library System is undertaking to forward this proposal for your consideration since two independent libraries, both members of the Lincoln Trail System, are involved in this project.

It is agreed that governance of the Douglass Center Branch Library will be delegated to a joint committee of five members, consisting of two members each from the Urbana and Champaign Public Library Boards and myself, representing the Lincoln Trail Library Board. This joint committee will also have the benefit of advice from the Douglass Center Advisory Committee, mentioned above. A list of members of the Douglass Center Advisory Committee and of the Douglass Center Joint Board Committee is attached.

It is intended that the funds requested, if granted, should be deposited in a separate account of the Champaign Public Library, to be administered by the librarian of the Champaign Public Library under the surveillance of the joint committee of the three boards.