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Mr. Abraham Venable
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Dear Abe:

Thank you for your presence and input into our discussion of this past weekend at Interlochen. It is at the very least extremely reassuring to have persons like yourself situated in strategic positions who are willing to be involved in such concerns and projects as our conference on Minorities in Music at Interlochen, The University of Michigan, and Wayne State University.

As I told you during our brief "aside chat" re the Symposium on Black American Music which will take place at The University of Michigan School of Music August 9-15, 1985, I am including a copy of part of the grant proposal which was sent to the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities. The responses from these proposals have been in the following amounts:

N E A --- \$8,700.00 (allocated)
N E H --- \$30,000.00 (allocated)

A proposal has been submitted to the Michigan Council for the Arts. That proposal requests \$20,000.00 and is in their review process now. Proposals have also been submitted to the Berry Gordy Foundation and to CBS, New York. At this point, we are some \$89,300.00 short of our needed budgetary resources for this Symposium. This money is urgently needed to take care of the following items not yet covered by allocations from other grants:

- 1) 35 scholarships to young black musicians and scholars to be guests of the Symposium: \$17,500.00
 - 2) Artists' fees for performers during Symposium (soloists, string quartets, other instrumentalists): \$26,300.00
 - 3) Travel expenses for speakers, project director, and staff, not previously covered by other grants: \$20,500.00
 - 4) Publication costs for Symposium booklet to be issued containing scholarly papers, bibliography of works of black American composers, reviews, etc. (This publication is designed to be available to public schools, Universities, libraries, and arts organizations around the country). \$25,000.00
- TOTAL AMOUNT NEEDED: \$89,300.00
- (Assuming the allocation of \$20,000 by MCA) \$69,300.00

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Any assistance or advice which you may be able to offer in bringing these needs to the attention of General Motors Corporation resources will be greatly appreciated.

If you need any further information, or if I can in any way advance the consideration of support of this project by your colleagues, please call me at my office or home.

All the best to your wife.

Sincerely,

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