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To: Faculty and Administrative Staff, Indiana University at Kokomo.

From: VMB. *Bogle*

Subject: Button Symbolizing Racial Harmony.

Our Kokomo "Faculty-Student Committee on Human Rights" has endorsed a proposal to have prepared and distributed a special pin-on button to symbolize and promote racial harmony on our campus. The plan is to get these buttons widely distributed among our student body at the beginning of the coming fall semester. It can be assumed that anyone displaying one of the buttons is personally sympathetic with the cause of racial harmony and is willing to do whatever he can to promote it. As these buttons are viewed by interested persons in the outside community, hopefully the idea will "catch on," and there will be a growing interest in this project.

A sketch of the proposed button, designed by Jim Osborne of our associate faculty, is attached.\* A firm in Chicago can prepare an initial run of 1,500 of the buttons for about \$65. Presumably additional ones would be somewhat cheaper.

Since the University is not authorized to fund a project of this kind, we are hoping that the initial phase (the purchase and distribution of 1,500 buttons) will be subsidized by members of the Kokomo faculty. If you are willing to participate in what we think is an original and potentially significant effort, we would appreciate your contribution. Dick Campbell in the Business Office is ready to accept your check or cash. Just as soon as we have sufficient underwriting money, we will proceed with arrangements for the production of the buttons.

This particular project is one of a dozen or so that are presently being contemplated or implemented by our campus Committee on Human Rights. Since Herb Miller will be leaving shortly for his sojourn in the U.S.S.R., Walt Doering has agreed to serve as chairman of this committee. Any suggestions you may have relating to racial improvement on our campus should be passed along to him.

\*We have the wrong tense on the Dr. King quotation. It should (and will) read "I have a dream."

I HAVE Had A Dream

