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Dear Mr. Washburn:

With further reference to my letter to you of July 15, I have now seen Dr. Farrum and after the interview wrote him a letter a copy of which is enclosed. I did not see any necessity for holding a meeting to ratify decisions which apparently had already been taken and publicized.

I should perhaps make it clear that there never has been any question that Brown University would continue to support this Community Art Project with money, since it was upon the basis of an agreement to do so that the last grant was made by the Carnegie Corporation.

I renew the expressions of regret that this project was discontinued. It is another illustration of how easy it is to talk about cooperation in the abstract and at a distance but how difficult it is to achieve concretely and locally. I think the severance of the relationship is both a strategical and tactical mistake.

Sincerely yours,

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