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TO: Jerry Herlihy; Jim Harmon

FROM: Thomas D. Aceto

DATE: December 19, 1979

RE: Recapitulation of Portland Visit with Beth Warren, Reverend Charles Burt and Jerry Talbot

Just a quick note to get down in writing what we agreed to do as a result of our meeting in Portland last Friday with Beth Warren, Reverend Burt and Jerry Talbot.

- 1) A total of 25 tickets to the UMO South Carolina basketball game to be held January 5, 1980 in the Cumberland County Civic Center will be sent to Reverend Burt for use by young black boys and girls and their coaches involved in the Sunday School Basketball Program. Aceto to follow up.
- 2) Arrangements will be made to invite black adults and their children from the Portland area to UMO for a day's activities to include meeting with our black students, becoming acquainted with our academic programs, touring facilities, having dinner on campus and attending a basketball game. Several of our black students should be involved in planning and implementing this activity. Harmon and Herlihy to follow up. (Both short range and long range plans needed here).
- 3) Reverend Burt is interested in having his 80-plus youngsters involved in his church program exposed to contact with black college students (as incentive/ role models). Herlihy to follow up.
- 4) Reverend Burt could be interested in doing some recruiting for UMO in predominantly black communities in the northeast and southeast. Aceto and Harmon to discuss.

If I have missed anything of importance please get back to me immediately. All-in-all, I thought our meeting was a good one which may bear positive results over the long run.

cc: President Kenneth Allen