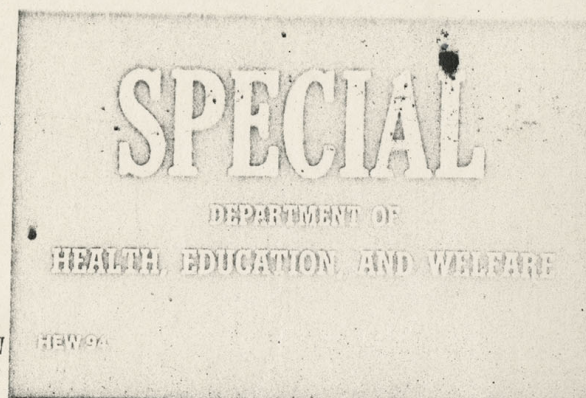


MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARYTO : Asian American Community Liaisons
(see below)FROM : Toyo Biddle *Toyo*
Coordinator for Asian American Affairs, HEW

SUBJECT:



1. Program Analyst Position available in the Asian American Office, HEW.
I have been given the authority to hire an Asian American at a GS 9 or 11 (\$11,046 - \$13,309) to work with me on Asian American Affairs in the Office of Special Concerns, HEW. I'm looking for someone with analytical and writing ability, and a good understanding of the problems in the Asian American communities. A college degree, as far as I'm concerned, is not essential.

The job would entail a wide range of responsibilities covering the HEW spectrum, including developing policy recommendations regarding HEW service delivery to Asian Americans, examining HEW programs with respect to equal benefits, reviewing legislation, assisting agencies in developing action plans in regard to Asian Americans, maintaining liaison with other Federal departments, and liaison with Asian American community groups. I'd appreciate your advertising this, or holding a meeting in your community to get this information out to as many people as possible. Please emphasize that Asian Americans have got to be willing to make the sacrifice of taking a job in Washington if we hope to get the Federal Government to respond to Asian American problems. Now that the Asian American Office has a chance to expand, I hope we don't find we're at a loss for candidates.

Those interested in applying should send a resume or Form 171 to me by March 15 at:

Room 4540 North Building
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
330 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20201

2. U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Asian American Project.
Since one of the major concerns articulated by all the Asian organizations in my meetings with them last August was the need for studies to document the problems in the various Asian American communities, I have been working with the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, an independent Government agency whose major responsibility is to conduct studies of discrimination against minorities (see attached description of the Commission's functions), to get them started on an Asian American project (see my attached proposal).

The Commission has done studies or held hearings for every minority group, except Asian Americans. They are receptive to my proposal, and they have verbally agreed to undertake an Asian project.

The question is when? I have emphasized that the urgency of the Asian American situation necessitates immediate action. The Commission, however, is inclined to put it off perhaps as long as a year.

I need your help on this. It was clearly stated to me that one reason why the Commission does not feel the necessity to move quickly on the Asian American issue is, quite frankly, that they have not received any pressure from the Asian communities themselves. The Commission therefore has concluded these communities do not feel their problems need urgent attention. I think it's time for some letters. Would you urge Asian American organizations in your area to write letters requesting that the Commission address the problems of Asian Americans now. Letters should be sent to:

Reverend Theodore Hesburgh (Chairman)
President, University of Notre Dame
South Bend, Indiana 46556

with copies to: Stephen Horn (Vice Chairman)
President, California State College
Long Beach, California 90801

and: Mr. John Buggs
Staff Director
U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
1121 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20425

Could those of you in the Los Angeles area get together and arrange a meeting with Stephen Horn? I think this would be very effective -- he's supposed to be one of the more dynamic and responsive Commissioners.

3. U. S. Commission on Civil Rights job openings.

The Commission has some positions they'd like to fill with Asian Americans. Grades range from GS 9-13. Qualifications include: writing ability, experience in fact finding, strong program interest in Asian American Affairs and other minorities. They are also looking for lawyers for their Office of General Counsel, and someone with a good background in housing.

Applicants should send their resumes to:

Mr. Jon Fleming
Special Assistant to the Staff Director
1121 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20425

with a copy to me, so I can follow up.

4. Asian Advocacy in the Office of Education.

Ted Youn, a Korean in the Office of Education's Fellows Program this year, will be working part time in conjunction with OE's Office of Special Concerns and my office on Asian American educational problems.

As you know, the misconception that Asians have no problems is particularly strong in regard to the education area. Ted will be responsible for determining the nature and extent of Asian education needs in order to convince the Office of Education that Asian youth should be included in their area of concern.

Ted is an East Coast Asian like me - (he comes from--would you believe it--Buffalo). Therefore he knows very little about Asian education problems and needs to be educated by you. I have asked him to contact the following people, who, I am told, are Asian American education experts:

1. Ron Hirano - JACL, L.A.
2. Alan Nishio - L.A.
3. Mortan Chu - UCLA
4. Bob Suzuki - U. of Mass.
5. Kenyon Chan - UCLA
6. Harry Nishisaka - Asian American Education Commission
7. William Chun-Hoon
8. Alan Wong - S.F. State
9. Edison Uno - S.F.

If there are others, please let Ted or me know.

Ted Youn
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400 Maryland Avenue, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20202
202-962-1195
202-903-4227

5. The HEW program information package I promised to send you is almost ready. The package will include:

- A compilation of HEW discretionary programs
- A compilation of HEW formula grant programs
- A special compilation of programs for the aged
- A compilation of Federal Drug Rehabilitation and Prevention Programs.

The printing and mass mailing takes time, so please be patient a while longer. I would like to send this package to as many organizations as possible. Could you check the attached list of organizations in your area, make corrections and additions, and send back to me. I need to develop a much more comprehensive list of Asian organizations than I presently have.

If you have questions on any of these items, call me: 202-962-7929 collect. Please circulate to other Asian organizations. Thanks for your help.

Attachments

Addressees:

Kazu Obayashi - N. Y.
Liz Young - N. Y.
Bob Santos - Seattle
Ray Okamura - Berkeley
Stan Abe - San Francisco
Dennis Yotsuya - Berkeley
Ed Illumin - San Francisco
Aaron Ishikawa - Stockton
Roy Hirabayashi - San Jose
Luna Jamero - Stockton
June Otow - Sacramento
Ling-Chi Wang - San Francisco
Buddy Choy - San Francisco
Steven Yip - San Francisco
George Kagiwada - Davis
Jim Miyano - L. A.
Ron Wakabayashi - L. A.
Ester Soriano - L. A.
Ben Karl Lee - L. A.
Royale Morales - L. A.
Ernest Mann - L. A.
Pei-Ngor Chen - L. A.