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1. Mr. Lee Burke of University Office of grants discussed with the commission the possibility of obtaining certain grants. It was decided after extensive discussion to seek grants from the Baskob, DeRance and Kennedy foundations, in addition to the NJPRC. Further, Msgr. Field will check with Charles Cummings of the Newark Public Library on ethnic organizations that might wish to support the Commission's operations.

2. Fr. Seymour presented a revised version of Archbishop Gerety's letter authorizing microfilming of parish records, with a letter from Bishop Dougherty indicating how the process will occur. It was again agreed not to send the letters until we are closer to the filming. The committee agreed to seek outside professionals to do the microfilming on the basis of a contract.

3. The Director reported on the status of the oral history program. Three interviews have been held but need transcription. Prof. Reilly and Msgr. Field are each interviewing Bishop Boilland, but for separate purposes. Other interviewees are being identified, and CETA funds are being sought to hasten the interviewing and transcription. Agreed that a specific plan of institutional and individual interviews will be developed. Fr. Sullivan will suggest a list of "typical" parishes in each county of the diocese.

4. Bishop Dougherty will look into the LOGO design and come up with a proposal.

5. Mr. Bush urged that we get some publicity soon to keep the Commission's work before the public's eyes.

6. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 29, 1977, 2:00 P.M., President's Hall, Seton Hall University.

Respectfully submitted,

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