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Mr. Don Carrel  
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Dear Don:

Thank you for the information you gave to me over the telephone this morning on the article on the Ku Klux Klan in Niagara Falls.

As I mentioned to you the tact they have taken in your community is very similar to what has gone on in many other locations. While the harm of them receiving free publicity through a newspaper article has already been done, it is still extremely important to begin a programme to combat their infringement in your city.

Your suggestion of getting together with the Italian community and meeting with the local media is an excellent approach. I am enclosing a number of items in order to provide you with background material. I would also suggest that you arrange meetings with the local police to sensitize them to your feelings.

Finally, it is quite important to make contact with your local school authorities. The Ku Klux Klan in the United States are attempting large scale recruiting at the high school level. Programs must be developed to be brought to the schools to inform the students of the violence and intolerance of the Klan. Many school boards (including the City of Toronto) are preparing material on this subject. From a broader perspective the League has brought to many schools a programme entitled "The Confrontation Games". This is a human relations training unit and simulation game for teachers presented on video-tape. An information brochure is enclosed.

If you would like further information or assistance from my office I would be most pleased to provide it for you. Please do not hesitate to call.

Yours sincerely

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Director, Central Region  
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