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Ms. Denée F. McKnight, Chief Financial Officer
United Negro College Fund Special Programs Corporation
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SUBJECT: Final Memorandum on Initial Review of Grant Thornton LLP Audit
Report on UNCF Special Programs Corporation for the Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 2008
(Report No. ML-10-003; Assignment No. D-10-001-00)

Dear Ms. McKnight:

As the Federal oversight agency for the single audits of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Special Programs Corporation, we performed an initial review of the reporting package of the single audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The single audit is required by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations." The audit firm of Grant Thornton LLP performed the audit. We used the "Uniform Guide for Initial Review of A-133 Audit Reports," published by the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency to determine whether the reporting package contained the required reports, schedules, and statements. We did not examine the related audit documentation to evaluate the adequacy of the audit work performed.

Based on our review of the reporting package for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, we determined that the audit report substantially met the reporting standards of the Government Accountability Office's *Government Auditing Standards* and OMB Circular No. A-133 requirements with the following exception:

The incorrect dollar threshold was used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The correct dollar threshold of \$300,000 was reported on the Data Collection Form; however, \$288,089 was reported in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The error in the threshold calculated did not affect the selection of major programs for testing during the single audit for fiscal year 2008.

We will accept the report with the incorrect dollar thresholds that distinguish between Type A and Type B programs on the condition that these discrepancies are not repeated in future submissions.

We are sending this letter to your auditors and to officials at the other Federal agencies with direct expenditures listed on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards to inform them of the results of our review. If you or your staff would like to meet with us to further discuss this review, please contact Mr. Mark Jenson, Financial Statement Audits Director, at 202-358-0629 or via email at mark.jenson@nasa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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