

*Ed - Info. Please straighten me out if I've
misinterpreted anything you said. all the best
Stan*

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The Lincoln Foundation

The Lincoln Institute for Land Policy

Dear Stan:

It was great talking with you last week. And thanks for sending the material about Martin Luther King's quoting Henry George. I'm sure I'm going to make good use of that.

After your talk about what's happening with regard to the present activities of the Lincoln Foundation and the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy, I wrote to Ed Dodson on April 27 - - you have a copy of what I sent Ed. The other day he phoned me in an effort to explain to me just what the situation is. It's really somewhat complicated, but here are some of what I gleaned from Ed.

1. Over the years, the Foundation has evidently gone downhill, in the sense that it no longer functions as it originally did or was intended to do.
2. The Board members changed, as time went by, and in due course the Institute for Land Policy was established. I'm not clear what their constitution and/or by-laws say.
3. In due time, all emphasis on the ideas of Henry George has disappeared, and the Institute's activities diverted into other areas, far removed from the original chartered intent of the Lincoln Foundation.
4. Ed believes that the Lincoln Foundation no longer exists as a viable entity, and so there's no charter left which can be invoked in any effort to get things back on track or to recoup funds rightfully to be enjoyed by the Henry George movement.
5. The Lincoln Institute's Board includes some hi-powered attorneys who want things to remain as they are now, with no emphasis or funds at all to go toward the economics of Henry George.
6. In fact, the Henry George School's people are quite concerned that if any challenge is mounted against the Institute in order to get the funds back on track for the Henry George cause, the School may be faced with a counter-suit of some kind. That would be image-damaging.
7. Ed believes, as you and I do, that something should be done to get things back in order - - and to bring back into the Henry George cause the funds rightfully prescribed for it in the Foundation's original charter. However, how to do this is a problem.

8. Ed will investigate this overall problem once again, with the Henry George School, and find out what the consensus is now. He'll put forth your ideas and mine that the injustice we see must be corrected.
9. When we talked, I suggested to Ed that the attorneys referred to above should get in touch with you. He doesn't think this would be a good idea, in view of all the attending circumstances.
10. I also suggested that perhaps you could phone their attorneys and voice your ideas and concerns. Ed feels this may be an option, but wants to talk with the School officials first, and get their opinion of things.
11. Overall, I'd guess the best channel would be for you to phone Ed direct and get from him directly the situation as he sees it. I'm not at all sure that in the above paragraphs I've given you the precise substance of what is really involved.

As of now, Stan, I'm at a loss as to how to proceed. In my own mind, there's no doubt, if what you told me is true, that the Henry George movement has thus far been deprived of what was originally intended for it by the Lincoln Foundation. That's a terrible injustice. I do hope you'll find a way to follow through and work, as you can, through Ed Dodson. On the other hand, you'll want to remember that you likely will find yourself facing some stiff opposition - - and maybe some unforeseen legal entanglements - - and that you might quite possibly "win the battle and lose the war", in the sense that the overall expense of the proposed litigation may be so huge and so lengthy as to make pursuing the matter not worth the effort and expense.

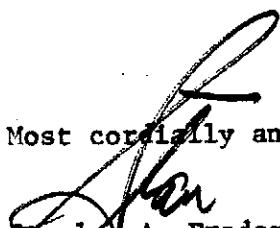
Thanks again, Stan, for bringing the matter to my attention. I sincerely wish I, personally, could be of more help. However, with the meager information and background I have on the overall subject, I feel rather uncertain as to how I can be of further assistance.

Do let me know if you follow through on this, won't you? As you can guess, I'm really interested in seeing justice served, especially when a Henry George matter is involved.

All the best to you and Marion.

cc. Mr. Edward J. Dodson

Most cordially and sincerely,


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