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TO: SPONSORS of the Jeremiah Stamler, M.D. Legal Aid Fund
FROM: Robert W. Wissler, Ph.D., M.D., Treasurer

This is a final financial report to the Sponsors of the Legal Aid Fund that helped us all win an important victory to protect constitutional liberties against the maraudings of the Un-American Activities Committee. It has been a rewarding experience to be an officer in this long endeavor, not only because we prevailed but because we had so much support and encouragement from so many thousands of people.

A special appreciation is felt for the Fund's sponsors, who put themselves on public record in this civil liberties battle, helping in this way to gain wider support. With this support, we raised nearly a third of a million dollars. The years of legal effort cost that and more. You see a positive balance on the report (see reverse) only because of unpaid indebtedness.

Some explanations of the categories in the report could be useful:

LEGAL EXPENSES: This covers cost of such items as obtaining typed transcripts of court proceedings, printing of briefs, photocopying evidence, telephone, needed travel.

PRINTING: Ongoing reports to supporters; case history material to enlist needed public support; for fund-raising events; for Congress during the contempt debate.

FEES: These cover nearly 9 years of unstinting effort in time-consuming litigation -- in both civil and criminal courts -- that went to the Supreme Court twice, to the Appeals Court a half a dozen times, and to the District Court in countless sessions. They cover weeks of work in the unprecedented interrogation of HUAC employees, establishing a record of Committee behavior. The construction of briefs alone consumed hundreds of hours.

The fees cover, first of all, cost of services of highly competent auxiliary personnel -- law clerks, law librarians, legal typists; they cover the cost of the able junior attorneys involved in the painstaking detail of preparing evidence. They cover operating cost of offices to house the ongoing work. When these are all added, there is very little, if any, to compensate for the time, leadership and planning of the highly skilled, experienced chiefs of the legal team. In short, the fees represent essentially the cost, to the attorneys, of providing these services. That the total amount is large, is sober testimony to how costly it can be to a citizen to put up this kind of resistance! If thousands of concerned citizens hadn't made it their struggle too, few if any single citizens could have taken on this kind of task, no matter how deep their convictions.

We hope to put the history of this case into the public record and may yet spend a modest amount to facilitate this. We also wish to clear as much of the indebtedness as funds permit. When -- in January -- we sent word of the victory in this case, it is possible that many of our supporters did not note that we were making a final money appeal for these two purposes. (Several friends reported that they missed the appeal, surrounded as it was by all the news clippings, editorials, etc.)

If any of our Sponsors did miss the final fund request, let us please restate it now. Any help you can give in the concluding fund-raising effort for this case will be deeply appreciated.

Again, may I extend my personal thanks to each of you and I do hope to hear from you this one last time.

Robert W. Wissler, Ph.D., M.D.
Treasurer

July 12, 1974

Final Financial Report

Jeremiah Stamler, M.D. Legal Aid Fund

Total Receipts: \$324,056.91

Total Expenditures: 299,379.02

On hand: 24,677.89 *

EXPENDITURES:

Legal expenses 72,666.09

Printing 32,312.88

Legal Fees 170,250.00

Postage 19,089.91

Office supplies, other 5,060.14

299,379.02

*Based on the most recent bill, there is an additional indebtedness of \$80,000. for legal services.

This report is based on the most recent independent audit, performed by Arthur Andersen & Co., updated by the Treasurer and covers the period from May, 1965 to May 1, 1974.

Respectfully submitted: Robert W. Wissler, Ph.D., M.D.
Treasurer, Jeremiah Stamler, M.D. Legal Aid Fund

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