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Mrs. Hutton Smith
P. O. Box 3230
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Regarding our telephone conversation about the music scholarships made possible by the Morning Music Club let me again say that I have very deeply appreciated the interest shown by the Club in the music work done at Palama Settlement.

As you know, we have as our music director, John Kelly, Jr., who has been doing such a wonderful job as choir director with the Honolulu Symphony. Our school at Palama Settlement has grown under his leadership from 90 students to over 250 students and probably before the end of this year we will have about 300 students. Approximately 20% of our student body is unable to pay the full amount of the \$5.00 fee which we charge monthly. Therefore, these youngsters need help in the form of scholarship money. Almost without exception the children enrolled in our Settlement program come from the immediate Palama area and although we have children who are economically privileged the majority are in the underprivileged class. Music, however, is a language which knows no final boundaries and so even if youngsters may come from very poor homes they still want to have music in their lives.

I would appreciate your thanking the Morning Music Club for the splendid help that they have been in the past and with the sincere thought that they will think of us in the future and the needs of the youngsters in this area.

Sincerely yours,

Walter H. Ehlers
Director