The Elm Grove Improvement Association, 5240 Elm Grove Drive, A. J. Burrall,
President, makes the following statement to the citizens of the Scotlandville area:

"The citizens of the Scotlandville area are asked by a small segment of the population to sign their names on a sheet to indicate that they want Scotlandville incorporated. This statement does not point to the evils, mistakes, or backwardness that would follow incorporation. It, on the contrary, shows some of the advantages found in not seeking incorporation at this critical time."

When we say "no" to the idea of incorporation:

1. We save ourselves from mistakes of restricting the people to an area that is too small for expansion.

2. We are looking at the uncertain time as they suggest that this is no time to experiment with the lives of people, especially those in Scotlandville. What happens if you recommend this incorporation?

3. It allows us to look realistically at the unreliability of many politicians in our society today. The leaders.

4. The answer "no" will prevent us from the error of relying upon insufficient objective studies. "Study." Comment.

5. We will not be led to think that the present services or improved services would cost the taxpayer less rather than now.

6. We will be reducing the crime rate in the area rather than giving it new life.

7. We show that we are not seeking difficult problems merely for the sake of challenge; these problems will arise, such as: law and order, garbage, utilities, drainage, street improvement, etc.

8. We are not seeking the backward step of segregation. Many of us are old enough to be acquainted with the headaches and worries associated in this connection. They make for confusion.

9. We do not choose to restrict the personnel of Southern University, that is, its students in law, political science, sociology and education, to this area as they bring theory to practice.

10. We are not interested in placing the heavy burden of taxes upon the shoulders of a few people in the Scotlandville area.

11. We know that law-enforcing officers (understanding and having sympathy for the people of this area) would find it almost impossible to carry out their duties effectively with an increase in manpower.

12. The economic strength in the Scotlandville area is too weak at this time to become incorporated."