The final demand considered by the task force was the formation of "a summer program specifically designed for those entering students whose preparation, because of poor quality high schools, is not commensurate with that of other students entering MIT."

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Two of the original proposals called for Black administrators in the Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid who would handle the applications, interviews, and administrative details of the Black student population. Gray emphasized that the Institute had "hot bought the proposition that this person be only concerned with the admission of Black students."

However, the Institute has been attempting to hire such a person and expects a Negro to join the Admissions staff January 1. Gray explained that it is up to the Admissions Office to decide his duties but that he would certainly play a role in dealing with Black students in both admissions and financial aid. Gray also noted that he felt "there should be someone in the Dean's office" as well as more Negroes on the faculty.

In admitting the proposals, the Black Student Union set a minimum figure of "100 Black freshmen (roughly 10%) entering each class with excellent recommendations but poor College Board scores that indicated some question about their ability to achieve at MIT." The problems implied by such a program are perhaps the thorniest encountered by the task force. While there is clearly no intention for two standards," Gray explained, there is the need to be "bolder" in the admission of students. MIT last summer tried an experimental summer program, Project Epsilon, which attempted to bring about a modest increase in such students while at the same time testing the normal assumptions about admission policies. The program offered admission to eight Negroes and one American Indian. Six accepted. The students were characterized by being in the top 5% of their class with excellent recommendations but with College Board scores that indicated some question about their ability to achieve at MIT.

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