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Suggested letter to guests to be invited to Conference

My dear _____

Two years ago we held a very important and interesting National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth. A special report of the Conference was prepared and presented to the President of the United States.

The chief consideration in our deliberation was to think together on those problems which the government could adjust, or aid in adjustment. We feel that the time has arrived to evaluate the status of the Negro, as far as federal relations are concerned, since the last conference and to consider the possible effect of more recent legislation.

We should be glad to have any suggestions you might have to offer as to the problems of importance which should occupy the attention of those connected with the Federal Government.

We should like very much to have you attend this conference. Will you, therefore, let us know by return mail if it will be convenient for you to be with us on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939, in order that we may complete our list and arrange for necessary transportation.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune

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December 28, 1938

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MME/hw

December 28, 1938

Mr. Floyd Covington
2502 Central Avenue
Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr. Covington:

Two years ago we held a very important conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, a special report of which was prepared and presented to the President of the United States.

We are now planning another such conference, and would like very much to have you attend. This conference will be held on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939 in the departmental auditorium, Conference Rooms A, B and C in the Department of Labor on Constitution Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets, Washington, D.C. If it is possible for you to be with us, will you please wire your acceptance so that we might arrange for your transportation.

If you can come, you will be notified through the State Director in California concerning your transportation. Do not make arrangements for travel until you have heard from your State Director.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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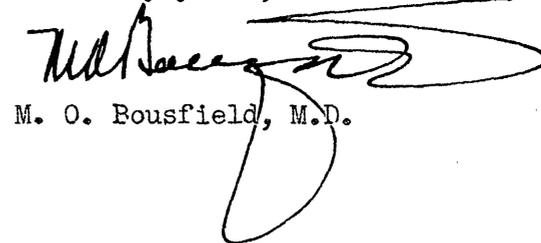
Dear Mrs. Bethune: I have sent the members of my Committee notice of the meeting and have requested them to send me suggestions. May I suggest the following persons for additional membership on this Committee:

- ✓ Mr. A. W. Dent, Superintendent, Flint-Goodridge Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana
- ✓ Dr. John B. West, Director, Harlem Health Center, 2238 Fifth Avenue, New York City
- Advised* ✓ Mrs. Estelle Massey Riddle, President, National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, 672 Euclid Avenue, Akron, Ohio
- Dr. Paul B. Cornely, School of Medicine, Howard University, Washington, D. C.
- Housing* ✓ Mr. Robert R. Taylor, Manager, Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments, 54 East 47th Street, Chicago, Illinois
- ✓ Mr. John A. Simms, Manager, Durkeeville Housing Project, Jacksonville, Florida

To these six persons, we should add two government consultants:

- ✓ Dr. Walter H. Maddux, Children's Bureau, Washington, D.C.
- Specialist* ✓ Mr. Robert C. Weaver, Special Assistant to the Administrator, United States Housing Authority, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,


M. O. Bousfield, M.D.

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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January 6, 1939

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director of Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Dr. Bethune:

President Howe has asked me to serve as one of Hampton's representatives at the approaching second conference of the National Youth Administration to be held January 12 to 14, 1939, and I am looking forward with enthusiastic interest to this event.

I remember very pleasantly and profitably the splendid conference held under your leadership in January of 1937 and of the way in which the work done there served to hearten and encourage Negroes throughout the country.

In order therefore to be able to serve as well as may be the aims and objectives of the present conference, I would appreciate your sending me any information that in your judgment may be necessary in that connection.

With kind personal regards and best wishes for continued success in your splendid work, I am

Respectfully yours,

Lorenzo C. White
Secretary of Records & Appointments

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January 6, 1939

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, director
1734 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Bethune:

I was invited as one of the special guest to welcome you to Columbia, but unfortunately that was the day we began our school, after the Christmas holidays, and I had to be here to get things started with regard to collecting mid-winter dues, etc. A number of parents come to see me on that day. I regret very much not being in Columbia. Then one of our teachers lost her father right in the middle of that and it changed all of my plans.

The Conference that I see advertised for January, 14th and 15th, is that by invitation or is it for school heads? If it is by invitation, I suppose I will get mine later, but I want to make certain plans, and would like to know immediately, as I would like very much to come to it, if my type of school they are wanted.

Sincerely,

J. E. Blanton

Principal

JEB/H

January 9, 1939

Mr. J. B. Blanton, Principal
Voorhees N & I School
Denmark, South Carolina

My dear Mr. Blanton:

Thank you so much for your letter of
January 6, 1939.

The Conference on the Problems of the
Negro and Negro Youth that is being held on the
12, 13 and 14 of January, is just a cross section
of interested people and not particularly school
heads.

If you would like to come, we shall be very
happy to have you. Our quota for the number whose
expenses we could take care of, has been filled. The
conference opens at 10 A.M. on Thursday the 12th and
lasts through the 14th.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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(COLLECT)
TELEGRAM SENT TO

Mr. Seymour Carroll
Field Representative
The American Humane Education Society
913 Oak Street
Columbia, South Carolina

January
~~December~~ 4, 1939

THE NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION IS HOLDING AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE IN
WASHINGTON ON THE PROBLEMS OF THE NEGRO AND NEGRO YOUTH JANUARY 12 - 14.
BECAUSE OF THE WORK YOU ARE DOING, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND. WE
HOPE YOUR ORGANIZATION WILL PERMIT YOU TO COME.

(SIGNED) MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE

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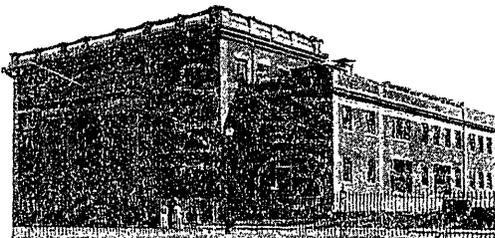
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SEYMOUR CARROLL
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE
913 OAK STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

January 2nd, 1939

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune,
1812 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I was real glad to see you this afternoon. Your talk here to-day and the conference that you held with leading citizens just before your train will mean much to the people of South Carolina. I am saying thank God for you, as I said during the life of my father, thank God for Booker T. Washington, they were friends.

I hope to get the letter from you so that I can attend the National NYA conference in Washington next week as a representative of the National Humane Society. Three years ago the national humane convention meet in Washington at the Mayflower Hotel. I was the only Negro speaker, and for more than ten years I have been the only Negro delegate. Our convention is made up of some of the very richest people in the United States.

As soon as I receive the letter from you, I will rush it to Boston by air mail. Some day when you are in Boston in the interest of your work, I do want you to meet Doctor Francis H. Rowley, our president, and a friend to the Negro. He has three Negroes on the field as field workers, eight at the national headquarters as clerks and secretaries, etc.

God bless and keep you in good health, happiness and prosperity, believe me my dear Mrs. Bethune to be

Cordially and sincerely yours,


SEYMOUR CARROLL

SC/b

KELLY MILLER
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 8, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I was very glad to learn of your second conference now under way. I should be glad to attend as many of the sessions as possible.

I suggest as one topic for discussion, "Treatment of the Jewish Minority in Germany and the Negro Minority in America". I would be glad to have something to say on that topic, along the line indicated in the enclosed clipping from the Boston Transcript.

Yours truly,


Kelly Miller

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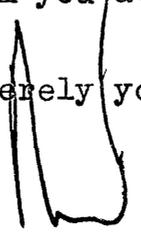
My dear Dr. Bethune:

How happy I was to find upon my return from a trip to the West Indies, your letter of November 22nd. I returned much later than I expected and consequently found myself head over heels court work that required my immediate attention, hence my delay in writing you personally.

I shall be very happy indeed to join in your conference, January 12th, 13th and 14th, to be held in Washington under your auspices.

I prepared, before I left the country, a series of important matters that I thought would be interesting to discuss at this conference. Perhaps you may not need this at this late date. If, perchance, you have not completed your program or agenda and my material may be of value to you, I shall take a night off, immediately upon receipt of your reply, to prepare a digest of my material and send the same to you promptly. I should be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,


Raymond Pace Alexander.

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December
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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you for your
letter of December 19th regarding the
conference on the Problem of the Negro
and Negro Youth. I shall be glad to
attend this conference on January 12,
13 and 14, 1939.

Thank you for in-
viting me.

Very sincerely yours,



B. V. Lawson, Jr.

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MUNICIPAL COURT
OF THE
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December 12, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of
Negro Affairs
1734 New York Ave. N. W.

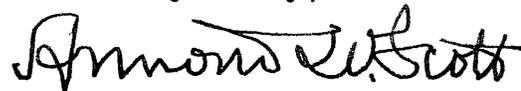
My dear Mrs. Bethune,

I received your very gracious letter of December 7th. and am indeed grateful to you for the invitation to participate in the deliberations of the coming conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth.

We are all very proud of the magnificent job you are doing for the race and I am personally so, because of the section from which we both hail, and also because of my fond recollections of Scotia and Biddle.

While my duties are such that I shall be prevented from spending much time in the meetings I shall be on hand whenever it is possible.

Yours very truly,



ARMOND W. SCOTT

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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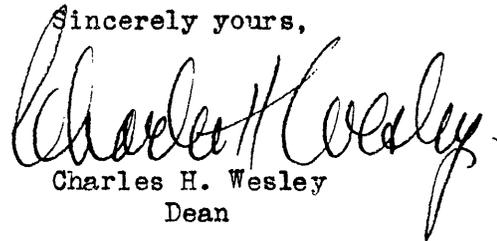
December
15th
1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
916 G Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your letter informing me of the conference
on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth to be held on
January 12, 13, and 14, 1939, in this city, has been
received. I am herewith accepting your invitation to
attend the conference.

Sincerely yours,



Charles H. Wesley
Dean

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EMMETT J. SCOTT
1711 "S" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

December 13, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
1812-9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have your letter of December 7, inviting me to be present at the Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth to be held here in Washington at the Department of Labor January 12, 13, 14, 1938. I accept your invitation.

I recall with very great satisfaction the wonderful Conference called by you you held in January of 1937. I hope the Conference to be held here next month may be equally helpful in helping to solve some of the problems of our race.

I shall give myself the honor of calling to see you with the hope that I may be able to offer some suggestions likely to be helpful in connection with the forthcoming Conference.

Sincerely yours,


EMMETT J. SCOTT
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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

December 29, 1938

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

In reply to your invitation of December 28 permit me to say that I shall be very happy to attend as many of the meetings in connection with the Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth as my university duties and previously accepted engagements will allow me to do. I wish you all the success that this important conference deserves.

Very sincerely yours,


Rayford W. Logan

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
Washington, D. C.

The Right Reverend Edward Thomas Demby Suffragen Bishop for the
Negro Work of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH in the Diocese of Arkansas and
the Province of the Southwest with residence in Memphis Tennessee
625 Walker Avenue

November 28th 1938.

NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
1734 New York Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Bethune:

When your good letter under date of November 22nd, 1938, came I was
in East Tennessee which accounts for you not hearing from me before this.

For a number of years I have been personally inter-
ested in every phase of the problems, conditions and situations which the young Negro
Americans have had to face and are now facing, and have not failed to add my contribu-
tion to their well being.

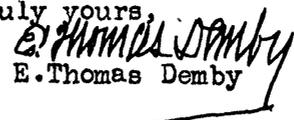
I am sure as you say the time has come for us to
evaluate the status of our people who are citizens of the Nation and the Republic.

Surely a Government such as that of the United States
of America should be able and willing to have a more dependable, aggressive, definite and
constructive program for the protection, a square deal with an opportunity for advance-
ment for the young people of every American Race group, and especially the underprivileg-
ed young Colored people if their future is to be any different than the present.

I regret according to my schedule, I am to be in Kansas
and Texas the days (January 12, 13, 14, 1939) of the National Conference on the Problems of
the Negro and the Negro Youth, in view of which it will be impossible for me to attend
the Conference.

I am in perfect accord with the program and procedure
of our President in the consideration of the problems of all American youths.

I have watched your endeavors as the Director of
the Division of the Negro Affairs and am delighted with the results therefrom.

Very truly yours,

E. Thomas Demby

etd/r

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November 28, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue NW.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your letter of November 23, requesting me to attend a conference on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939 is at hand. I shall be very pleased to attend this conference on the date specified, and will await further instructions as to the place and hour.

It is most opportune that you are calling this conference, as I think we need to consider the effect of the recent Wages and Hours Bill on the Negro.

I am greatly disturbed to find many Negroes losing employment through the very Bill which we thought was designed to help them or people in their class. I suggest that you gather information from reliable sources on the numbers of Negroes in urban and rural sections, who are losing their employment under this Bill.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Daisy E. Lampkin
Daisy E. Lampkin,
Field Secretary

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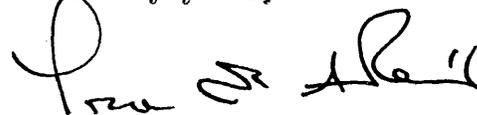
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I should like very much to attend and participate in the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, and the dates you have mentioned in your letter of November 23rd are quite satisfactory for me.

Unfortunately it is difficult to put down specific problems which might be discussed at such a conference. Since they are so many and so complex, I do think that the Conference should not attempt to cover everything, but should be so designed that some specific and definite contributions can be made available to a waiting race and nation. I think we might strike some notes of realism, not necessarily in terms of long-time objectives, but for specific goals which we must reach immediately; problems that have to be faced every day such as those with which you dealt so admirably in Birmingham.

Sincerely yours,



Ira De A. Reid

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BENJAMIN F. HUBERT
PRESIDENT

November 25, 1938

Dear Mrs. Bethune: I have your letter of November 22. I feel that your first conference did a great deal to clarify the whole thinking of the country as it relates to Negroes. It seems to me that you could do nothing better than to have another conference at the time you suggest, or at some other suitable time, in order that you might check up on the progress made since the last conference, and make plans for the future.

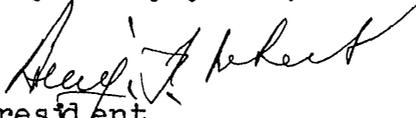
It seems to me that there is a very definite challenge to Negroes today in the rural field. If the National Youth Administration could formulate some plan whereby Negroes would have encouragement and stimulation along practical lines in developing for themselves a rural program that is satisfying, it would be well worthwhile.

In this connection, it might interest you to know that Miss Inez Oliveros, district supervisor of the NYA whom you met when you were here last, is working with me now on a program for extending the benefits of the NYA to the Negro rural community. If all goes well, we plan to establish at the Log Cabin Center in Hancock County, Georgia, a small demonstration Residential NYA Project about January 1, and so organize it that it will become self-supporting in the long run.

If we can in this way teach young Negroes how to mobilize their own resources and do a worthwhile job in the country, we will be getting somewhere. Of course, there are other problems confronting our group along every line that should engage the attention of such a conference as you will call.

You can count on my earnest, active cooperation in anything that you may do to advance the cause of our group.

Very truly yours,


President

BFH:R

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs, NYA
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State Director

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410 Broad Street

November 29, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
916 "G" Street, NW
Washington, D C

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I wish to thank you for your letter of November 23 inviting me to attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth.

This invitation has been taken up with Mr. Youngblood, my State Director, and he has given permission to accept the same.

May I express to you my deep gratitude for including me among the invited ones to be present January 12, 13, 14, 1939 in Washington, D C.

I recall with a great deal of interest and appreciation the report of the National Conference On The Problems Of The Negro and Negro Youth that was held in Washington two years ago.

It is quite apropos that an evaluation be made at this time of the approaches that have been taken in bringing about a better condition. I shall confer with our committees at various points and with heads of local agencies wherever Negroes are represented and prepare a memorandum of suggested points that should be brought to the attention of those connected with our Federal Government. I shall send you copy of this memorandum near, or on, December 15.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,


Edward R. Rodriguez

State Supervisor of Negro Work



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January 4, 1939

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

How go your plans for the conference?

I have been waiting to learn whether you could arrange for Frank M. Davis or Albert G. Barnett of our staff to attend the Washington conference in my stead.

I leave town for Georgia on Saturday, and would like to hear from you before that time.

Sincerely yours,
THE ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS,

C. A. Barnett.
Claude A. Barnett, Director.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
N Y A
1734 New York Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

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Encl.

F. D. BLUFORD, PRESIDENT

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The Agricultural and Technical College
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GREENSBORO, N. C.

November 28, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

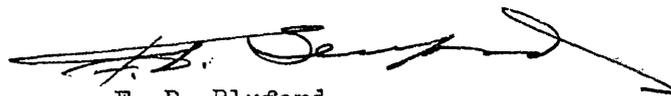
Your letter of November 22 has been received. I shall be very glad to accept your invitation to attend the conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth.

I read with a great deal of interest the report of your last conference, and I am sure that the results of this second conference will be even more far-reaching than those of the last.

I think that we might call the attention of the Federal Government to the inequalities in the educational opportunities offered to Negro children in the South. If I have any other suggestions, I shall be glad to mention them to you later.

Again, thanking you for the invitation, I am

Very truly yours,



F. D. Bluford
President

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November 28, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs - N.Y.A.
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

So far as I see now, I can arrange my affairs so that I may attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth there in Washington, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

I do not know whether a suggestion of this kind would carry any value or weight at all in your discussions, but in our Land-Grant College conferences we are trying to bring to the fore inequalities existing in the distribution of various funds to the states between the Negro and white Land-Grant Colleges. This is a matter, of course, for you to decide whether it would be wise to bring up at this meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Gandy
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December 16, 1938

New Orleans, La.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,
Director, Division of Negro Affairs,
National Youth Administration,
Washington, D.C.,

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your letter of Nov. 22 has really been chasing me about the country. It came during my absence in November and was forwarded but missed me. I left for a trip through Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana and am just now receiving your message.

It appears as though fate has decreed that I shall not be able to sit in on the Bethune conferences. The dates which you give I will be in Georgia, part of a tour to which I committed myself six months ago.

The conference deserves the best of coverage however and I wonder if you will not assign Frank M. Davis of my staff in my place? He could attend and may be reached at my office. I will be back in Chicago on Dec. 20 and will be there until after the holidays.

Should there not be some pre-conference "build-up"? Send us all details so that we can develop interest up to the time of the meeting. Trusting that the event will be epochal in its results and with every good personal wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Claude A. Barnett

January 6, 1939

Bishop J. J. Bray
4805 Forrestville Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Bishop Bray:

The notice of the conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro youth was merely a general release that was mailed to inform the general public that a conference was being held.

We would be very glad to have you sit in on the conference. However, our quota for the list of delegates has been filled, and it would be necessary for you to defray your own expenses.

I gladly welcome you to the conference, and only regret that I did not have your name on my original list.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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My dear Mrs. Bethune:

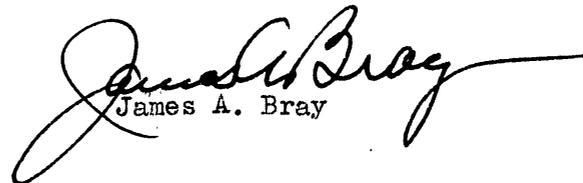
I am in receipt of the notice of the "SECOND NYA CONFERENCE ON PROBLEMS OF NEGRO YOUTH", to be held in Washington, January 12 - 14, including your statement regarding the meeting.

I am interested in such meeting but the notice did not include any invitation and I am not sure what would be the status of one just attending such Conference, which I regard as being important. Being some distance away I am wondering what would be the consideration, if any, regarding expenses to such meeting - whether one would be justified in expecting any refund or would receive expenses prior to making such trip.

My definite interest in such Conference is herein expressed.

I am

Yours very respectfully,


James A. Bray

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January 5, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am very sorry that I cannot attend the N.Y.A. meeting in Washington this year. It was a fine experience to be there last year. I have sent the communication to Miss Ruth A. Morton of our office who is now in North Carolina. She may find it possible to get to Washington.

With every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely,

Fred L. Brownlee
Fred L. Brownlee ^D

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1628 S Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
January 1, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
Suite 729-Washington Building
15th & New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:-

In accordance with my telephone conversation with you of last week regarding the housing of the delegates to the National Conference to be held here in January, permit me to report as Chairman of your Housing Committee the following viz:-

1. I have made definite arrangements with Mrs. Elizabeth V. Johns, of the Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A., who has charge of their Housing Division, to co-operate with us, and she has agreed to do same.
2. I made similar arrangements with Mr. Robert M. Harris, the Housing Manager of the Twelfth Street Branch of the Y.M.C.A., of this city, and he has also agreed to co-operate with us.

At the request of your Mr. Lanier, I went to your office and was permitted to obtain from the correspondence received from delegates, a complete list of the invitees who had designated accommodations, and also those who did not, totaling one hundred and seven individuals. I made triplicate copies of these and furnished one set each to Mrs. Johns and Mr. Harris, respectively.

I telephoned each of them today, and have made arrangements to have all delegates housed by Friday of this week, whereupon I shall furnish you with the complete information.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,


Charles C. Craft

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January 6, 1939

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Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director of Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Bethune:

President Howe has asked me to serve as one of Hampton's representatives at the approaching second conference of the National Youth Administration to be held January 12 to 14, 1939, and I am looking forward with enthusiastic interest to this event.

I remember very pleasantly and profitably the splendid conference held under your leadership in January of 1937 and of the way in which the work done there served to hearten and encourage Negroes throughout the country.

In order therefore to be able to serve as well as may be the aims and objectives of the present conference, I would appreciate your sending me any information that in your judgment may be necessary in that connection.

With kind personal regards and best wishes for continued success in your splendid work, I am

Respectfully yours,

Lorenzo C. White
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January 5th, 1939

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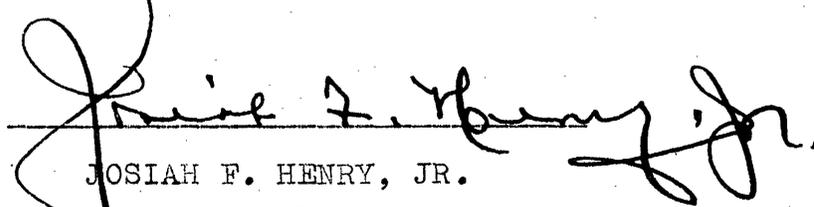
My dear Mrs Bethune:-

This will acknowledge receipt of
your letter of January 3rd.

Thanks for the opportunity to sit
in on the Conference.

Will appreciate your advising me
the place, hour and day where the Conference
will convene.

Respectfully yours,



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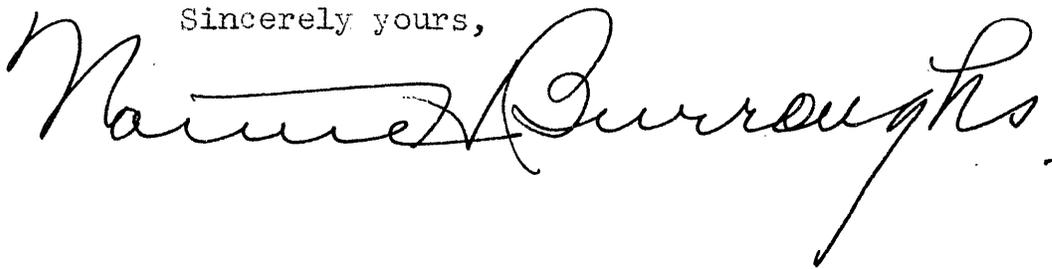
My dear Mrs. Bethune :

I shall try to arrange me schedule so as
to attend the conference January 12 - 14, 1939.

It seems to me that if the conference would
concentrate on one or two " problems" that it
would be more effective and impressive than to
attempt to present all of the " hurts" or all of
the government sins of " omission" as they relate
to, or seriously affect the Negro. I might be
wrong.

Sincerely yours,

NHB/MW



GUNNAR MYRDAL
535 WEST 114TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 10th, 1939.

Dear Mrs. McLeod Bethune,

Sincere thanks for your kind
letter of January 6th, which reached
me just now. I will not be
able to attend the very important
conference to be held January 12th
to 14th. My associate, Mr. Richard
Stevenson (P. O. Ambassador Hotel,
Washington, D. C.) will, however,
be present, if he is allowed to.

I will soon come to Washington
and hope to see you again there.

Very sincerely yours
Gunnar Myrdal

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November 29, 1938

Dear Mary:

I am putting the dates - January 12, 13 and 14, 1939 - on my calendar and as far as I can see now I can be present at the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth.

As to matters of legislation, the enclosed copy of questionnaire which we sent to the 1938 candidates for the Senate and House and to senators not up for reelection last November 8 covers the issues which seem to us to be of immediate importance and which are remedial by means of legislation. The questionnaire marked A went to candidates for the Senate; B, to senators whose terms do not expire in January; and C, to candidates for the House of Representatives.

We would add to these five pieces of legislation the necessity for inclusion in whatever legislation is drafted to provide federal aid to education an air-tight clause as in the Harrison-Fletcher Bill to insure equal per capita expenditure for white and Negro children in those states where separate schools for Negroes exist.

Ever sincerely,

Walter
Secretary

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
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October 20,
1938

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is desirous of certain information which will permit it to answer more accurately inquiries from its branches and many voters in your district regarding legislation which may come before the forthcoming session of Congress. You will greatly oblige us if you will give us the benefit of your opinion on these issues which are of great interest to many Americans:

FEDERAL ANTI-LYNCHING LEGISLATION

Do you favor introduction of anti-lynching legislation in the next session of Congress, similar to the Wagner-Van Nuys-Gavagan bills in the Seventy-fifth Congress?

Should you be elected to the United States Senate, would you vote for limitation of debate should sponsors of the anti-lynching bill present a petition for cloture? Would you vote in favor of passage of the bill itself?

SOCIAL SECURITY

Do you favor extension of the present Social Security Act to include domestic and agricultural workers and others who are excluded from the benefits of the present Act?

WAGES AND HOURS BILL

Do you believe the present Wages and Hours Act should be amended to benefit agricultural, casual and other workers who are not now protected by it?

Will you oppose any amendments to the present Wages and Hours Act designed to establish North-South differentials in wages and hours?

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT

If an amendment to the National Labor Relations Act should be proposed to prohibit any union from being recognized as the authorized bargaining agency for the workers in any given industry if that union restricts or forbids admission to membership on grounds of race, creed or color, will you support such an amendment?

Through our press service, branches and other affiliated organizations, we hope to make available to the public the information given in response to this and similar letters.

Ever sincerely,

Secretary

H. T. SIMMS, SECRETARY
WICHITA, KANSAS

MRS. S. B. BUTLER, TREASURER
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National Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress

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REV. W. H. JERNAGIN, PRESIDENT

1341 THIRD STREET, N. W.

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December 13, 1938

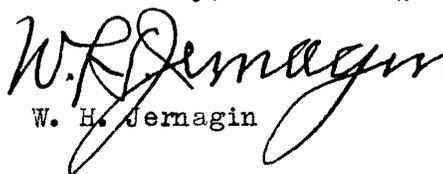
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of
Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your letter of December 7 informing me of the conference to be held in Washington on January 12-13-14, 1939 was received. I am accepting the invitation to attend this conference and will be glad to render whatever service I can.

It will be impossible for me to make suggestions at this time for the program as I am leaving for Tennessee this afternoon.

Yours truly,


W. H. Jernagin

WhJ/D

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
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December 15, 1938.

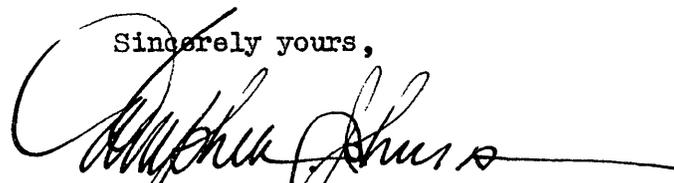
Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune,
Director, Division of Negro Affairs,
Washington Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Bethune:

I shall be very glad to participate in the conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth which will be held January 12, 13, and 14, 1939.

You have asked for suggestions from me as to problems of importance which should be brought to the attention to those connected with the Federal Government. I should say that first among such problems would be the matter of employment and the second which would naturally grow out of it is the question of discrimination against the employment of Negroes in the Federal Government. There are many other problems which should be discussed but my opinion is that a great deal of good can be done by placing emphasis on these two.

Sincerely yours,



CAMPBELL C. JOHNSON,
Executive Secretary.

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December 10, 1938.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,
Director, Division Negro Affairs,
National Youth Administration,
Washington Building, City

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

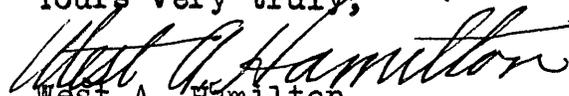
I am in receipt of your kind letter of
December 7th, inviting me to participate in the
Conference on the Problems of the Negro and the
Negro Youth, to be held January 12, 13 and 14th
next.

Please accept my profound thanks for the
invitation and be advised that it will be an honor
and a pleasure for me to accept.

I will appreciate it very much if I might
have in advance an outline showing the scope and
proposed agenda for the conference.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours very truly,


West A. Hamilton

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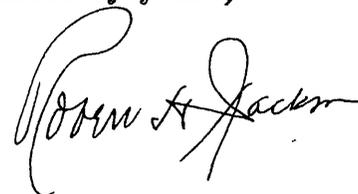
January 6, 1939

My dear Miss Bethune:

I will try to get to your meeting next Friday, and have been holding your invitation in that expectation. However, it is quite possible that I shall not be able to be there as the Supreme Court is in session and the prospects are that I shall have to be in Court. In any event I shall not have an opportunity to make any substantial speech because of the press of the Court work.

Best regards and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Miss Mary McLeod Bethune
National Youth Administration
Washington, D.C.

The School of Engineering and Architecture

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WASHINGTON, D. C.



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Dear Mrs. Bethune:

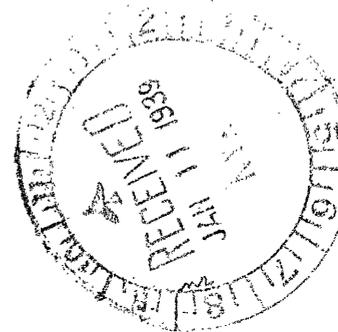
Thank you for your letter of January 10, 1939,
inviting me to sit in on the Conference on the Problems of the Negro
and Negro Youth, January 12-14, and to cooperate with you in any way
possible. It is my intention to attend as many of these sessions
as I can.

Sincerely yours,

L. K. Downing
L. K. DOWNING
DEAN

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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SIXTH AND BRYANT STS. NW.



WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 10, 1939.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,
Director, Division of Negro Affairs,
National Youth Administration,
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I sincerely thank you for your letter of January 9,
reference the conference on the Problems of the Negro
and Negro Youth, to be held in the Department of Labor
January 12-14.

I am fully expecting to be present.

With best wishes for your continued achievements,

I am

Most sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. Edward Jones".

T. Edward Jones,
Surgeon in Chief.

TEJ:D

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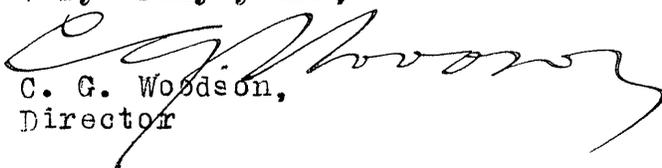
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,
National Youth Administration,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I shall be glad to participate in your conference in a limited way. About the middle of January, however, I shall be drawn into our serious promotion of Negro History Week. For this reason I cannot be of great assistance in tackling any serious problem. Whatever my limited ~~position~~ ^{time} will permit me to do, however, you may expect me to perform.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,


C. G. Woodson,
Director

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PRESIDENT

December 21, 1938

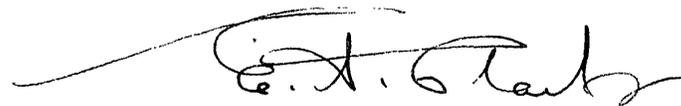
Miss Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Bethune:

I wish to thank you for your kind letter of December 19, 1938, inviting me to a conference on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939, in which an attempt will be made to evaluate the status of the Negro, as far as federal relations are concerned. I understand this conference is to be a follow-up to the conference held two years ago.

I shall be pleased to attend some of the sessions of the conference.

Very truly yours,



President

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December 21, 1936

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thanks for your invitation to participate in your January conference. I shall be glad to do so in any way you indicate.

All success to the conference, usual personal regards, and the compliments of the happy season,

Cordially yours,

Alvin Locke

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
National Youth Administration
Washington, D.C.

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December 8, 1938

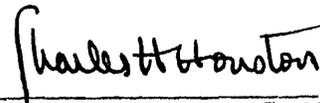
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am acknowledging your letter of
December 7 inviting me to attend the confer-
ence on the Problems of the Negro and Negro
Youth, January 12-14, 1939.

I gladly accept.

Yours very truly,



CHARLES H. HOUSTON

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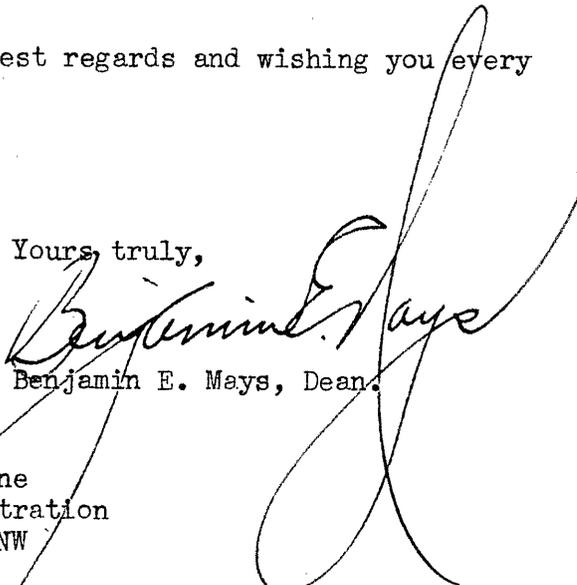
December 17, 1938

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am very happy that you are calling another conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro youth. When you held your first conference, I was in India and now this time I am to be at State College at Tallahassee, Florida from the 9th to the 13th, making it impossible for me to be with you on January 12, 13, 14. I take it that you have sent Mrs. Mays an invitation. I certainly hope that she will be able to attend since I will be out of the city.

With kindest regards and wishing you every success, I am

Yours, truly,


Benjamin E. Mays, Dean.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue NW
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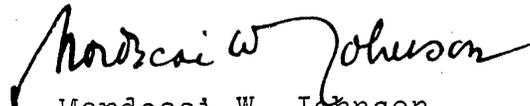
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December Ninth

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I thank you for your letter dated December seventh, indicating your purpose to hold another conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth in Conference Rooms A and B of the Auditorium adjacent to the Department of Labor on Constitution Avenue, between thirteenth and fourteenth streets, on January twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth. I shall be glad to attend the conference.

Sincerely yours,



Mordecai W. Johnson
President

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Chicago, Ill
Jan. 2 - 1939

My dear Mrs Bethune:

First, let me wish you
a very, very Happy New Year!
Thank you for inviting me
to the Conference on the
Problems of the Negro and the
Negro Youth which will be held
in Washington January 12, 13
and 14, 1939.

I remember how pleasant
and profitable the Conference
was when we met in Washing-
ton two years ago.

I shall be glad to attend the
Conference, I assure you -
Very sincerely yours,
Mary Church Terrell -

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Secembar 14, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
1734 New York Avenue N. W.
City

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

In reference to the conference on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth I wish to assure you that I shall be happy to attend and render any service I can. Dr. Bousfield wrote me about the conference early in November and I have been in correspondende with him regarding our committee work.

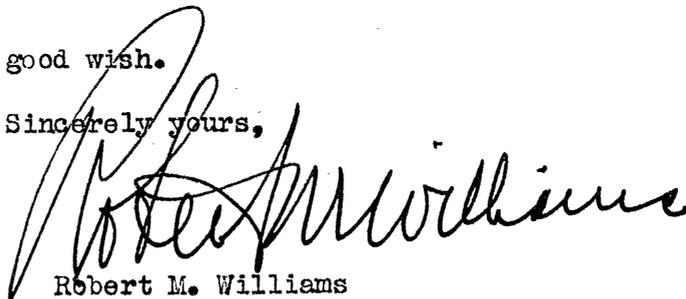
We are planning to burn our mortgage Monday, January 16 and would like to have you attend if it is convenient. We have the assurance that Bishops Hughes, Clair and Jones will be our guest at this time. We succeeded in raising \$4400 in our rally which will enable us to burn the mortgage on our church.

At our Conference beginning March 29 we are planning an evening with representatives from the three great Methodist Bodies as our guest speakers. I wish to extend an invitation to you to be one of these speakers on our program Thursday, March 30. The addresses will be centered around Unification.

May I congratulate you upon being appointed by the board of Bishops a delegate to our Uniting Conference. We need you in that Conference.

With every good wish.

Sincerely yours,



Robert M. Williams

RMV:HJ

December 28, 1938

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

Under the auspices of the National Youth Administration, there will be a very important conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro youth, authorized by our Administrator, Mr. Aubrey Williams, on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. It will be held in Conference Rooms A, B and C, in the departmental auditorium adjacent to the Department of Labor.

This conference will bring together a cross section of thinking Negroes of the country, irrespective of religion or politics, to think and plan seriously on what is happening among Negroes and what our next step should be for their adequate integration and participation in the program of our government.

Mr. President, it is vitally important that these representatives should see you and have a word from you. If it is possible for you to come to them, we shall be very happy. If not, I am wondering if you would permit them to come to you at the White House. For many, many reasons, I am respectfully and earnestly urging this personal contact for them.

Respectfully,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

January 8, 1939

Mrs. Malvina C. Thompson
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Thompson:

We are very happy to know that Mrs. Roosevelt will attend our Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth on Thursday, January 12, 1939.

We would like very much to have Mrs. Roosevelt come to us at 4 o'clock.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MMB/hw

Smithfield, N. C.
January 9, 1939.

Mr. Arbery Williams, Administrator
National Youth Administration
Washington, D. C.

Beckwith

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have noticed in the papers that you will conduct a special conference in Washington 12-14 with Negro leaders on the problems of Negro youth in the Country.

As a high school principal for the past seventeen years I take this opportunity to call your attention to one of the greatest problems experienced by particularly the rural school, and that is the fact they are poorly equiped, including a lack of library facilities, science equipment, equipment for home-making, industrial work, and in many cases local communities desiring this type of expansion for youth are unable to make the necessary expansion desired for a fuller youth program.

It is believed that if more of the emphasis can be placed on increasing the facilities for offering youth a new challenge while he is actually in school that fewer boys and girls would drop out, making it necessary for some agency to serve their needs after they leave school. As the National Youth Administration is so creditably doing at the present.

I firmly believe that if something could be done by the National Youth Administration, to encourage rural communities to obtain such necessary facilities as would interest youth more, youth would get a new conception of his chances to make good, and would therefore become an asset to the community in which he lives.

If it were possible to spend as much or more money in the school as is spent on the deservant high school pupil per month by the NYA- the school during its regular term would be able to meet more of the challenges of youth, as a permanent measure, and would effect more youth in a continued way rather than just for one year. I do hope that some relief might be given in this respect.

Sincerely yours,
W. R. Collins
W. R. Collins, Principal
Johnston County Training School
Smithfield, N. C.

MRS. LETHIA C. FLEMING
2342 EAST 40TH STREET
CLEVELAND, OHIO

The most important thing in my mind at this time is the fact the Government Insurance on FHA Mortgage Loans for repairs, etc. is limited, insofar as colored applicants are concerned. If some plan whereby the Government could know how poor people, especially the colored group, are refused, and if there could be some pressure put on same, I believe a very great burden would be lifted and the poor negro, who is paying on large mortgages, who needs funds for repairs, would be helped.

MRS. LETHIA C. FLEMING
2342 EAST 40TH STREET
CLEVELAND, OHIO

December 1, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,
Director - Division of Negro
Affairs,
National Youth Administration,
1734 New York Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your invitation to attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, received. Many, many thanks for the privilege of being a part of the group to evaluate the status of the negro insofar as Federal Relations are concerned.

Find enclosed one suggested topic for discussion, as per your request.

I am happy to accept your invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Lethia C. Fleming,
Administrative Board
National Association of Colored Women, Inc.

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue NW
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune,

Up until now I have heard nothing from the State Director regarding transportation to the National Conference. I telephoned Mr. Robert Elzey but he was unable to give me any information. I also called Miss Harris, NYC Director and talked with her secretary. I had thought of leaving after work on Wednesday, if possible.

Sincerely yours,

Carita V. Roane

Carita V. Roane
Manager

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON

January 7, 1939

Mrs. Bethune

Mr. Aubrey Williams
Director of NYA
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Williams:

In accordance with the request of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, I am sending this authorization to mimeograph the statement relating to the recent activities of the Office of Education in behalf of Negroes, which was sent her a few days ago for the Conference on Problems of Negro Youth by Dr. Ambrose Caliver of our office. It is understood that this material is for the conference participants and not for general distribution.

Very cordially yours,

J. W. Studebaker
J. W. Studebaker
Commissioner

*Send to all delegates
out-of-town*

December 21, 1938

My dear Mr. _____:

The National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth will be held January 12, 13 and 14, 1939 in the departmental auditorium, Conference Rooms A and B adjacent to the Department of Labor on Constitution Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets.

Registration from 8 to 9:30 A.M., opening session at 10 A.M., Thursday, January 12. You are expected to be on time for all sessions. Ten o'clock means ten o'clock. You are requested to put in three full days for the conference. If you find that you cannot do this, please notify us now.

Should you desire us to secure living accommodations for you, please inform us immediately.

You will be notified concerning your transportation by the State Director of the National Youth Administration in your state. Do not make any arrangements for transportation until you have been contacted by the State Director.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

January 6, 1939

Mrs. Dorothy B. Fassitt
Department of Public Assistance
11th and Huntingdon Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Mrs. Fassitt:

Thank you so much for your letter
of January 3, 1939.

We will be very glad to have you
attend the Conference on the Problems of the Negro
and Negro Youth, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. Due
to the fact that our list of delegates was limited,
it will be necessary for you to defray your own
expenses to the conference.

It will be held in the departmental
auditorium adjacent to the Department of Labor on
Constitution Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets,
Washington, D.C. The opening session begins on
Thursday, January 12 at 10 A.M.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
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January 3, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
National Youth Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

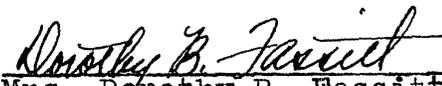
As one of the few Negro Social Workers engaged as Supervisor in the Department of Public Assistance here, I am interested in the conference which you have called next week in Washington.

Since we in Public Welfare are so much concerned with the problems of youth, I have discussed my interest in the conference with Mr. Watson at the N.Y.A. I am not quite clear as to whether the conference is open to those of us outside of N.Y.A. and other governmental departments; or as to whether attendance is based upon delegate representation. I feel that the conference material would be helpful in my job here that is concerned, not only with the eligibility of families and individuals for various types of assistance but also involves many problems in the supervision of white workers in the adjustment that our clients are making.

You probably may recall my activities in Social Work when during F.E.R.A. I was Director of the Negro Division of the Transient Bureau at New Orleans after the resignation of Mr. William Mitchell. At the close of F.E.R.A. I was Educational Secretary at Phillis Wheatley Association in Cleveland for a year prior to coming here.

May I hear from you regarding the plans and program of the Conference?

Sincerely yours


Mrs. Dorothy B. Fassitt
Supervisor

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January 6, 1939

Mr. Willard L. Brown
1002 1/2 Washington Street
Charleston, West Virginia

My dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you so much for your letter
of January 3, 1939.

We will be very glad to have you
or some representative of your organization attend
the Conference on the Problems of the Negro and
Negro Youth, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939 in the
departmental auditorium adjacent to the Department
of Labor on Constitution Avenue between 13th and
14th Streets, Northwest.

Inasmuch as our list of delegates to
the conference was limited, it will be necessary
for you to defray your own expenses. Will you
be kind enough to notify me as to whether you are
coming or whether one other member of the organiza-
tion will attend.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MMB/hw

1002½ WASHINGTON STREET

WILLARD L. BROWN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE 31-931

January 3, 1938

Mrs. Mary MacLeod Bethune, Director
of the Division of Negro Affairs of N.Y.A.
1724 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am a member of an organization that is extremely interested in the problems of Negro youth here in Charleston, West Virginia as well as through out the nation. I am informed that a conference is to be held in connection with the problems of Negro youth sponsored by the N.Y.A. in Washington beginning January 12 through the 14th.

Please advise me as to the possibility of organizations in this section attending the proposed conference. Please notify me at once in order that we can arrange to send one or more persons to this conference.

Very truly yours,

Willard L. Brown
Willard L. Brown

WLB:hd

P.S. - I am extremely interested in arranging an appointment with you relative to the proposed school for Army mechanics, here at the old Naval Ordnance plant.

January 6, 1939

Dr. Arthur Howe, President
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

My dear Dr. Howe:

Thank you so much for your letter of
January 3, 1939.

We will be very happy to have you send
a representative to the Conference on the Problems
of the Negro and Negro Youth, January 12, 13 and
14, 1939.

We are expecting Dr. Thomas Turner of
the Department of Biology at Hampton Institute to
attend. I do hope, however, that you will find it
possible to come yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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HAMPTON INSTITUTE
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

ARTHUR HOWE, President
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WILLIAM H. SCOVILLE, Secretary

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Jan. 3, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you for the invitation to sit in
on the conference of the Negro and Negro Youth, January
12, 13 and 14, 1939. I will make every effort to be there.

If I find it impossible to come myself,
would you permit me to send a representative?

Assuring you of the desire of Hampton to
help in every way possible, I am

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Howe

President

AH:W

January 6, 1939

Dr. Lucy Mason
305 Presstman Street
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Dr. Mason:

Thank you so much for your letter
of January 3, 1939.

We are sending an invitation to
Mr. Strong to attend the conference on the
problems of the Negro and Negro youth on
January 12, 13 and 14, 1939, and I understand
that he will be present.

We would be very happy to have you
send any resolutions or ideas your organization
may have to Mr. Strong. You may address him at
327 First Street, Richmond, Virginia.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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305 Presstman Street
Baltimore, Maryland
January 3, 1939.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,
Director Negro Affairs,
N.Y.A.

Dear Mrs. Bethune,

We have recently formed here in Baltimore an organization known as the Baltimore Negro Youth Council. Although we are a young organization, we feel that we want to help in all youth movements. We see by the papers that the National Youth Administration is calling a conference of Youth leaders in Washington on the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth of this month. We would like to participate in this conference if it is possible.

I do not know who is included when it is said that Youth Leaders are to be invited. It may mean only a very small number, in which case I suppose Mr. Strong, of The National or Southern Youth Congress would be present and we would have to send any resolutions or ideas through him. Then again it may stretch to include our chairman or our executive secretary or some delegate. Or, of course it may mean none of these, and that leaves me up a tree, so to speak.

Would you let me know as soon as possible just what steps our organization will be able to take - if any, in this conference? If not allowed any delegates, could we send any communication of any type to the conference?

Hoping for a very successful meeting, and looking forward to your reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,
The Baltimore Negro Youth Council,

Dr. Lucy Mason

Dr. Lucy Mason,
Executive secretary.

December 29, 1938

Dr. Thomas Farran, Surgeon General
United States Public Health Service
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Farran:

We regret your inability to come to the
conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro
youth on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

We would appreciate it so much if you would
delegate someone to come in your place on Thursday
evening at 8:40 P.M., representing the United States
Public Health Service.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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OFFICE OF THE
SURGEON GENERAL

UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

WASHINGTON

December 23, 1938

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My dear Miss Bethune:

Your kind invitation to participate in a conference on the problems of the Negro Youth is much appreciated. I regret very much, however, that other engagements will make it impossible for me personally to attend. If you should like some other representative of the Public Health Service, please let me know.

In this connection it should be borne in mind that any representative I might assign would be bound by the usual policy which prohibits officials of the Government from suggesting or advocating federal legislation unless it has been approved by the Budget Bureau on behalf of the President.

Sincerely yours,

Surgeon General

Miss Mary McLeod Bethune,
Director, Division of
Negro Affairs,
National Youth Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Fred Hoehler

Alcorn A. & M. College

ALCORN, MISSISSIPPI

WM. H. BELL
PRESIDENT

December 12, 1938

LORMAN, MISS.
FOR PASSENGERS, FREIGHT AND EXPRESS

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs, NYA
1734 New York Avenue, Northwest
Washington, District of Columbia

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

The student body and the faculty met separately to consider problems effecting the Negro youth, and then a committee representing the students and the faculty met to cull the findings and I submit herewith for your consideration and study in the approaching conference twenty items which they list to be used as you see fit.

Sincerely yours,



Wm. H. Bell,
President

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The problems below are some considered by the faculty and the students of Alcorn A & M College as gravely affecting the Negro youth of today:

1. Earning a livelihood.
2. Finding a practical religion, or making religion practical.
3. Development of Christian attitudes towards racial minorities.
4. Getting a clear conception of the relation between science and religion.
5. Securing an education.
6. Lack of chastity, moral laxity, or conflicting moral codes.
7. Racial prejudice.
8. Disfranchisement.
9. Exclusion from labor unions.
10. Making the world so peace-conscious that another world war will be an impossibility.
11. Finding employment which will afford a normal standard of living.
12. Young people using their leisure time effectively.
13. Securing the type of education that will provide for economic security and social understanding.
14. Poor health conditions and lack of adequate housing facilities.
15. Overcoming the handicaps of racial prejudice.
16. Making practical choices among the various popular 'isms' of our day.
17. Regimentation in education and other phases of life--there is little or no incentive for individuality or initiative.
18. Racial barriers in industry, citizenship status, educational opportunity, and the opportunity to contribute fully to civilization, its nation and race.
19. Dissolutioning himself in an environment of conflicting forces in religion, politics, economics, and race relations.
20. Gaining sufficient courage to break away from the traditional.

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
National Youth Administration
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter inviting me to attend the closed conference January 12, 13, 14, 1939. This letter is to formally accept this invitation with the understanding that I may not be able to sit through the entire conference.

Beginning January 1 I am promised to New York for several months but I shall try and arrange to be here on the dates, or for as many of them as possible.

As to your request for suggestions: I do not know if this matter would come in line with your program. It is a matter in relation to school grants for students.

I am of the opinion that a set-up to make some awards by organizations other than colleges and universities would be a helpful thing. I am speaking from the platform of my experience as administrator of school funds of the Elks.

I find there are many young people who do not get the nod of faculties, who are very deserving, and in many instances viewed from the standpoint of those who face the world daily uncloistered by college walls, are better material for college aid than those who make wonderful grades in college preparation. As a teacher I have come to know that many things make up for scholarship grades other than brain power. This is a subject which I should discuss perhaps outside of the conference.

For the conference program I am of the opinion that the subsidy of the public school enterprise by the the federal government should again be on your agenda for we have had time for consideration and observation since we last studied them.

Trusting that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you soon and also taking this opportunity, although late, to compliment on the great speech in New York at the conference of the

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Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, and to
wish you the joys of the Christmas season and all good things
for the coming year, I am

As ever your friend,

W. C. Hueston

W. C. Hueston
Commissioner of Education of Elks

December 28, 1938

Mr. B. C. Gardner
Acting Executive Officer
Branch of Buildings Management
National Park Service
Department of Interior
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Gardner:

We want to thank you for the final arrangements which have been made for the National Youth Administration to use Conference Rooms A, B and C and the Department Auditorium adjacent to the Department of Labor, January 12 and 13 from 8 A.M. to 12 midnight and January 14 from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

We are instructing all persons handling exhibits and other necessary arrangements to keep in close touch with Mr. Clime.

Any change in plans will be brought to your attention at once.

Sincerely yours,

David R. Williams
Acting Deputy Executive Director

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December 20, 1938

Mr. Ferdinand Q. Morton
Civil Service Commission
New York City

My dear Mr. Morton:

The National Conference on the Problems of the Negro Youth will be held in January, 1939 at the departmental auditorium, Conference Rooms A and B adjacent to the Department of Labor between 13th and 14th Streets.

We should like very much to have you present with us at this conference. Will you, therefore, let us know by wire if you can be with us on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

Registration from 8 to 9:50 A.M. on Thursday, January 12. You are requested to put in three full days for the conference. If you find that this cannot be done, please let us know.

If you find that you can attend, you will be notified concerning your transportation by the State Director of the National Youth Administration in your state. Do not make any arrangements for transportation until you have been contacted by the State Director.

On Friday afternoon, January 13, we are holding a session on Public Employment (Civil Service and non-Civil Service). We would like to have you bring to the delegates any suggestions you may have to offer along this line of legislation.

We will be very happy to have your reply as speedily as possible in order that we may complete our roster and agenda.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 28, 1938

Mr. R. Maurice Moss
Pittsburg Urban League
43 Fernando Street
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Moss:

Two years ago we held an important and interesting conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth. A special report was prepared and presented to the President of the United States.

We are now planning another such conference and would like very much to have you attend. Will you therefore, let us know by wire if it will be possible for you to be with us on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. We would appreciate an immediate reply in order that we may make arrangements for your transportation. The conference will be held in Conference Rooms A, B and C in the departmental auditorium, Department of Labor on Constitution Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets, N.W.

You will be notified concerning your transportation through the State Director in Pennsylvania. Do not make any arrangements for transportation until you have received notice from the State Director in the event that you can attend the conference.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 28, 1938

Dr. Rayford Logan
Professor of History
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Logan:

Two years ago we held an interesting and important conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth. A special report of the conference was prepared and presented to the President of the United States.

We are now planning another such conference on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939 in Conference Rooms A, B and C in the departmental auditorium, adjacent to the Department of Labor on Constitution Avenue, between 13th and 14th Streets, N.W. We would like very much to have you attend this conference. Will you, therefore, let us know by return mail if it will be convenient for you to take part.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MBH/mw

December 28, 1938

Mr. Lawrence J. W. Hayes
661 Twenty-Fourth Street, N.E.
Apartment 47
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hayes:

Thanks very much for your letter.
I have been much interested in all that you have
said.

We shall be very glad to place you
as a Consultant on the Committee of Public Employ-
ment of which Mr. Charles Houston is chairman.

We are looking forward to our con-
ference with great confidence of a constructive
program.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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LAURENCE J. W. HAYES
661 TWENTY-FOURTH STREET, N. E., APT. 47
WASHINGTON, D. C.

12/24/38

Dear Mrs. Bethune,

On reply to your letter of December 19, I am happy to be able to state that I will be with you on January 12, 13 and 14 of next year.

As you know, practically all of my research and study has been centered around the problem of race relations in the classified Civil Service of the United States as reflected in the classification of Negro Federal Employees. Naturally, I feel that I could function best as a consultant in this connection.

However, I am willing to serve in any capacity you see fit to appoint me.

I have written to Floyd Calvin telling him that his column comment on your "Government supported conference" might be construed as a blow beneath the belt. I am sure that you share my satisfaction in the elevation of our good friend Harry Hopkins to the Cabinet.

On conclusion, permit me to congratulate you upon the excellent job which your Council of Negro advisors is quietly doing. very respectfully yours,
Laurence J. W. Hayes

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December 28, 1938

The Reverend John E. Culmer
Post Office Box 2743
Miami, Florida

My dear Mr. Culmer:

Two years ago we held an important and interesting conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, a special report of which was prepared and presented to the President of the United States.

This conference will be held on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939 in Conference Rooms A, B and C, Department of Labor on Constitution Avenue, between 13th and 14th Streets, Northwest. We would like very much to have you attend. Will you therefore, wire us immediately if you will be with us on these dates.

If you can come, you will be notified by your state director concerning your transportation. Do not make any arrangements for travel until you have been notified by the state director.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 28, 1938

Dr. Thomas Turner
Department of Biology
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

My dear Dr. Turner:

Two years ago we held an important and interesting conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, a special report of which was prepared and presented to the President of the United States.

This conference will be held on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939, in Conference Rooms A, B and C, departmental auditorium, Department of Labor on Constitution Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets, Northwest, Washington, D.C. We would like very much to have you attend. Will you therefore wire us immediately if you will be with us on those dates.

If you can come, you will be notified by your state director concerning your transportation. Do not make any arrangements for travel until you have been notified by the state director for Florida.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

December 29, 1938

The Honorable
The Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

A most important conference of Negroes representing a cross section of the country will be held in Conference Rooms A, B and C in the departmental auditorium adjacent to the Department of Labor, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

The problems of the Negro youth are so vitally important and the necessity for the participation of the Negro in the general program of the government is so essential, that this small group is called together to evaluate the work that is being done for our youth and to make such recommendations for their advancement as will come within the scope of the Federal Government.

Representing as it does the leadership of twelve million Negroes, this conference is of such deep significance that your presence at one of the sessions is vital to its success.

On Thursday, January 12, at 10:45 A.M. we are having our opening session. We would like very much to have you appear in person at this time to make a statement to the delegates and to bring to them any suggestions you may have to offer.

We should be very glad to get your reply as speedily as possible so that our agenda may be prepared.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 29, 1938

The Honorable
The Secretary of Labor

My dear Madam Secretary:

We regret exceedingly your inability to come to the conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro youth, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

We do hope you may find it possible to delegate some one to come in your place on Thursday, January 12 at 10:45 A.M., representing the Department of Labor.

We are particularly interested in the re-employment service.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division Negro Affairs

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December 29, 1938

Colonel F. C. Harrington
Administrator
Works Progress Administration
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Harrington:

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On Thursday, January 12, we are having our opening session. We would like very much to have you appear in person at 11 A.M., to make a statement to the delegates and to bring to them any suggestions you may have to offer.

We should be very glad to get your reply as speedily as possible so that our agenda may be prepared.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 28, 1938

Dr. J. S. Clark
Southern University
Scottsbluff, Louisiana

My dear Dr. Clark:

We should like very much to have you attend our conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro Youth in January, 1939.

This conference will be held in Conference Rooms A, B and C in the departmental auditorium adjacent to the Department of Labor on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 29, 1938

Mr. Avrill Harriman, Chairman
National Business Advisory Board
Sun Valley, Idaho

My dear Mr. Harriman:

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On Friday, January 13, we are holding a session on Social and Economic Security. We would like very much to have you appear in person at 2:30 P.M. to make a statement to the delegates and to bring to them any suggestions you may have to offer along this line of legislation.

We should be very glad to get your reply as speedily as possible so that our program may be prepared.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MJB/hw

December 28, 1938

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Department of Sociology
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Dr. Johnson:

We have read your letter with great interest. Your suggestions are in order. You are Chairman of the Committee on Farm Tenancy.

Some of the people whom you are suggesting as speakers have not been invited, but we will write to Mr. James Maddux and Dr. William Anderson. Dr. Will Alexander has already been invited.

We cannot discuss everything, but we expect you in opening the discussion in your section to discuss freely some of the high points. We must have a limit and you should take ten minutes to emphasize the things you feel would bring good floor discussion. We are sending you a list of your committee at a later date.

I think the conference is moving along nicely. It must have meat enough to make muscles. Please by all means try to be in my office by 10 o'clock January 11, for the early evaluation committee meeting.

If I find I can get another person added to my list, I will try to include some of the other persons whom you suggest.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

December 23, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I should like to have been able to pass a word or so with you regarding the nature of your plans for the general program of the January conference. As I recall the last conference under this auspices there were not many formal papers, but a great deal of attention was given to general and sub-committee discussions and formulation of programs and recommendations. Again, I have not been sure whether or not you plan to use, in connection with the program, primarily Negro speakers from the list of those invited to participate, or draw upon other special and authoritative sources of information on certain of the technical subjects.

It has occurred to me that the Committee on Farm Tenancy, ~~to~~ which you have appointed me as Chairman, might very well utilize some of the Government personnel already in Washington, by way of setting up a factual basis around which discussion might procede. My suggestions will, thus, be alternative ones.

If it is a part of your plan to utilize specialists for certain of the basic presentations, I should like to suggest the following persons who might be invited to take part on the Farm Tenancy Program:

- 1) Mr. James Maddox, Economic Adviser to the Administrator, Farm Security Administration -- "The Present Status of Farm Tenancy in the South with Particular Reference to the Negro Tenant and Sharecropper."
- 2) Dr. W. W. Alexander, Administrator, Farm Security Administration - "The Farm Security Administration and the Negro Tenant."
- 3) Mr. T. N. Roberts, Bureau of Soil Conservation, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama - "Practical Aspects of a Negro Farm Colony in Action."
- 4) Giles A. Hubert, Fisk University -- "Precedents in Land-Tenure Reform and Their Application to the Tenant Situation in the South."
- 5) (Gardner Jackson, ~~or~~
(H. L. Mitchell, Secretary, Southern Tenant Farmers Union, P.O.
(~~or~~ Box 5215, Memphis, Tennessee, of
(Howard Kester

"Sharecropper Organization as an Approach to the Present Tenancy Situation in the South."

These happen to be, to some extent, technical questions on which many Negroes can speak generally but which few have explored in any special direction. I mentioned Maddox because he was one of the most valuable members of the technical staff which assembled data for the Report of the President's Committee on Tenancy. He has an excellent grasp of the general subject, and can present it well. Dr. Alexander is mentioned because he is known to the members of the Committee, and it might be a good thing to have him present for the more intimate discussion of the program for Negro tenants. His position as Head of the Farm Security Administration makes him especially appropriate.

Because it seems desirable to have the sharecropper organization angle touched upon, I mentioned Gardner Jackson who is in Washington; and an invitation to him would not involve transportation. On the other hand, Mr. Mitchell, Secretary of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, would be even more appropriate. I find that our people know very little about the extent and character of this organization.

If it seems desirable to have someone speak about the experience of the Delta Cooperative Farm in Mississippi, where white and Negro sharecroppers are developing a collective farm, the person closest by who can speak authoritatively on this would be Dr. Wm. A. Amberson (Department of Physiology, School of Medicine, University of Maryland, Baltimore).

Another very competent person on the general question of farm tenancy is Arthur Raper.

If, on the other hand, you wish to restrict the main presentations to Negro speakers, I suggest Roberts, Hubert and Patterson.

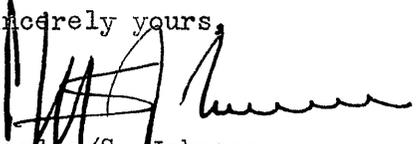
The persons who might be listed as discussants are:

Joseph H. B. Evans, Race Relations Specialist, Farm Security Administration
John P. Davis, National Negro Congress, and
Cornelius King, who has just been appointed to succeed Dr. Hunt in the FCA.

I have just recently completed some work on landlord-tenant contracts in the South; but being chairman of the section I would not normally present such a discussion. It is important material, however, and possibly, either in introducing the subject or in closing it, some of the high points might be mentioned.

It is quite possible that your plans for organization may rule out all of these suggestions. However, because the time is getting short, I am sending them along for whatever use you may wish to make of them.

Sincerely yours,


Charles S. Johnson

December 30, 1938

Dr. Merrill F. Holmes
740 Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Holmes:

We are extending an invitation to you to attend the conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro youth, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939, here in Washington in the departmental auditorium adjacent to the Department of Labor on Constitution Avenue between 13th and 14th Street, Northwest.

You are at liberty to sit in on all of the sessions and make such contributions as you think advisable to the conference.

We will not be in position to take care of your travel and expense. However, we do hope that you will find it possible to be present at this important conference representing a cross section of Negro leadership from all parts of the country.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 29, 1938

Dr. Fred Brownlee
American Missionary Society
287 Fourth Avenue
New York City, New York

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Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 28, 1938

Dr. David D. Jones, President
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

My dear Dr. Jones:

We will be very happy to have you included in our conference roster, since you can only be here for the last day. However, we cannot include you in our expense list. It has been necessary to do this in the case of others who can only be with us for the one day. I am sure you can understand this.

I regret so much that you cannot be with us for the entire conference, because we do need you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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Bennett College
Greensboro, N. C.

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December 26, 1938

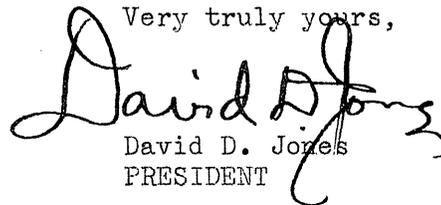
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Director, Division Negro
Affairs, NYA
1734 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Because of an engagement which I have to speak for the Association of American Colleges on January 13 it will be impossible for me to attend the conference on the 12 and 13th. I do, however, wish to be included on the conference and will reach there on the morning of the 14th. I trust that this will be agreeable to you, since it is the best I can do under the circumstances.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Very truly yours,


David D. Jones
PRESIDENT

DDJ:M

December 30, 1938

Mr. Jackson Davis
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Davis:

We are holding here in Washington, under the auspices of the National Youth Administration, a conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939 in the departmental auditorium, adjacent to the Department of Labor on Constitution Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets, Northwest.

We are bringing a cross section of Negroes from all parts of the country to advise with us with regard to the participation of the Negro and Negro youth in the affairs of the Federal Government. We should be very happy to have you come and sit in on the conference and make such contribution as you may find time to do.

We have great appreciation for the services you are rendering the Negro cause. I do hope it will be possible for you to attend some, if not all, of these meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MMB/aw

This letter sent to:

Dr. Arthur D. Wright, Southern Educational Foundation, 726 Jackson Place
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Mr. Leo M. Favrot, General Education Board, New York City
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December 29, 1938

Dr. Arthur Howe, President
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

My dear Dr. Howe:

We are extending an invitation to you to attend the conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro youth, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939, here in Washington in the departmental auditorium adjacent to the Department of Labor on Constitution Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets, Northwest.

You are at liberty to sit in on all of the sessions and make such contributions as you think advisable to the conference.

We will not be in position to take care of your travel and expense. However, we do hope that you will find it possible to be present at this important conference representing a cross section of Negro leadership from all parts of the country.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MME/hw

December 30, 1938

Mrs. Mayme Mason Higgins
4446 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Higgins:

Two years ago we held a very important conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, a special report of which was prepared and presented to the President of the United States.

We are now planning another such conference, and would like very much to have you attend. This conference will be held on January 12, 13, and 14, 1939 in the departmental auditorium, Conference Rooms A, B and C in the Department of Labor on Constitution Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets, Washington, D.C. If it is possible for you to be with us, will you please wire your acceptance so that we might arrange for your transportation.

If you can come, you will be notified through the State Director in Illinois concerning your transportation. Do not make arrangements for travel until you have heard from your State Director.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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ROBERT R. TAYLOR

December 14, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs,
National Youth Administration,
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

It will be a pleasure for me to accept your invitation to come to Washington for the conference which is to be held on January 12, 13, and 14, 1939.

I believe that housing is one of the fundamental problems confronting the Negro in this country, and I recommend that a generous amount of the attention of the conferees be focused upon this very vital topic. As you know, I have been very active in this field for several years, having been the manager of the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments Building Corporation (the Rosenwald Building) since 1929, and recently Mayor Kelly appointed me a commissioner of the Chicago Housing Authority, which is charged with the responsibility of developing and administering public housing projects in Chicago. Closely allied to housing is the question of restrictive covenants. I believe that the abolition of restrictive covenants by the Supreme Court or by state legislation should be a foremost objective on the part of the Negro in America. I shall be pleased to prepare a statement to be presented to the conference if this meets with your approval. Please inform me if you agree with this.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert R. Taylor
Robert R. Taylor, Manager

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December 9, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,
1812 Ninth Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

When you wrote asking that ~~we~~^I become delegates to the January meeting you expressed a desire that we offer any suggestion that we thought might be helpful. I have been thinking about the whole conference a great deal, and wondering if it will not be possible for us to put over some one suggestion.

The President already has a whole picture of Negro life with both its advantages and disadvantages. In our last conference we covered every phase of Negro life. I wonder now, if with that picture before him, it is possible for us to ask some one worthwhile thing which he will be able to put under his "must" legislation, and that we have to our credit some one definite thing accomplished.

To most of us the anti-lynching bill would be ideal, but it may be that in the light of the attitude of the "solid South", together with the President's possibility for a third term, the anti-lynching bill might prove the most difficult that we could ask. And, so, it might take our joint heads to say what that one thing might be. But, certainly, if our conference could have to its credit some one, definite, and tremendous accomplishment the whole Country would "sit up and take notice". Of course, this is merely a suggestion, but I want you to think about it, for in the years to come to have the Mary McLeod Bethune National Conference accredited with some, lasting benefit would be a worthwhile monument to the tremendous efforts that you have been putting forth through the years.

Of course, you saw the newspaper comments on the splendid speech made by Mrs. Roosevelt, in Alabama, regarding the lynching in the South. I think ~~any~~^{every} one of us, or certainly our representative organizations should write her thanking her for the splendid speech made, and the fine stand taken for us during these times when minorities are so much talked about. The Negro has never before had in the White House so positive a spokesman as she, and certainly we should let her know that we appreciate it all.

I have not heard from Mrs. Bruce since the close of our meeting. I suppose you have heard several comments on our meeting. All that I have heard were advantageous. Without question, I think it was an unusually good meeting. There was no body who came for the purpose of see-

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune

Dec. 9, 1938

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ing and hearing anything unusual. We did not have the attractions of last years, and so the people who came were the people who are interested in the work, and who mean to stand by it. All you need to to is stand by and see a very fine, forceful piece of work in a little while.

Hope you remembered to give Arabella the pin I accidentally brought up from Washington.

I am sending you, under separate cover, a pair of brown gloves which were left of the bureau. I thought they belonged to the young lady who was in the room, so I left them there. The other day she sent them to me, thinking that they were mine, and I am sending them on to you presuming that they are yours.

Hoping that you are now getting a little let up since you have been going so strenuously and regularly, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



(Mrs. G. Edward Dickerson)

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NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION 1734 NEWYORK AVE
NORTHWEST=

I REGRET THAT ILLNESS MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND
THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PROBLEMS OF NEGRO YOUTH
PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE
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January 4, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

This letter will introduce Dr. Metz T. P. Lochard
who I informed you would represent me and The
Chicago Defender at the National Conference on
the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth.

Very sincerely,

Robert S. Abbott
Editor and Publisher

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Director, Division of Negro Affairs
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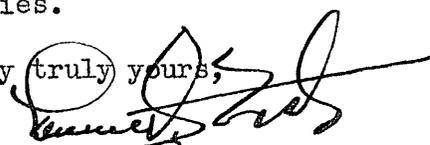
My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am pleased to advise that our Administration has approved my attendance at your National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, to be held in Washington, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. Because of regulations which limit travel authority to strictly WPA conferences, it will be necessary for arrangements for my transportation and per diem to come from your organization.

In line with your suggestion, I should like to offer the following item for consideration -

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Very truly yours,


Lemuel L. Foster
In Charge, Race Relations Unit
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January 11, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Greetings and best wishes to you and your Conference gathered in Washington in behalf of our Negro Youth. May God give you strength to continue in this splendid work and the continued opportunity to plan for us. May he also give our honorable and fearless President Roosevelt the strength and power to continue in this great service to us - a minority group.

We cherish your thoughtfulness when you took time out from your many duties to come to Wilberforce. We welcome you again at any time. Bishop and Mrs. Ransom join in sending their best wishes.

God Speed!

Respectfully yours,

Mary F. Valentine
(Mrs.) M. F. Valentine

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January 10, 1939.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,
Director,
Division of Negro Affairs,
National Youth Administration,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune,

Thank you very much for your invitation to "sit in" at the conference of the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, this week in Washington. Living so far away I must practically squish in my attendance along with some other necessary business in town.

I will look forward to being at the Conference for a few hours on Thursday afternoon, the 11th.

If you could refer me at that time to some secretary who could give me an idea of the scope of the Conference I would be very thankful.

If I could learn your objectives and how we may be in any small way striving to reach them here ourselves, it would enable me to encourage our people by a realization of their cooperation with your program, and our school would be improved by the coordination of its program with broader and national common aims.

Father John La Farge, S.J., my predecessor here, often spoke of you, and I hope for the favor of meeting you.

It may be possible for me to ask some of our faculty members, Mr. Nathan Pitts, of Xavier University, Mr. Wainwright of Princess Anne College, and Miss Mary A. Williams of Florida A. and M. College, to attend later sessions of the Conference, as my pastoral obligations will very likely require me to remain near home.

Wishing God's blessing and great success to your Conference,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Mary M. Bethune,

N. Y. Administration

Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam;

I deem it a privilege to be able to attend the
Youth's Conference and hereby respectfully inform you
you that I shall be present at the opening session on
the Twelfth of January.

Yours respectfully,

J. H. Montgomery

J. H. Montgomery

704 4th St. N. E.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Secretary—

Will you please

Congressman Mitchell

and say that because

of a Committee meeting

with Mrs. Bethune's

Conference I shall be

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City this Monday and

will ~~try~~ see him on Monday

if agreeable with him.

Thyra Edwards

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.
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January 10, 1939

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I hope you will not think my inability to do more work in preparation of the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth is an indication of any lack of interest on my part. Instead, it is due wholly to an almost unprecedented amount of work during the last few months.

I had hoped to be able to return to Washington tonight to be present at the Conference at your office Wednesday morning, but because I was not able to New York until last night because of an important trial in which we are engaged, and because a number of matters of vital importance to the Association necessitate my being here Wednesday, I shall not be able to come down to Washington until tomorrow afternoon or perhaps even the midnight train.

I have, however, asked Mr. Charles H. Houston and Mr. Leon A. Ransom to be present at the Conference.

It will also be necessary for me to return to New York Friday afternoon to attend a dinner to Ambassador Daniels. I shall, however, be able to be with you Thursday and Friday.

In the light of the above would it not be wise for you to appoint someone other than myself to serve as Chairman of the Committee on Civil Liberties and Political Suffrage? I will gladly cooperate with any person who is chosen.

With cordial personal greetings,

Ever sincerely,

Walter White
Secretary

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Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I appreciate very much your invitation to be present at the Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, in Washington, January 12, 13, and 14. It will be impossible for me to be present on the 12th because of previous commitments, but I plan to spend all day Friday at the Conference.

I have always been deeply interested in the excellent work of your Division. The National Youth Administration, in my opinion, stands out preeminently in Baltimore and the State of Maryland in its activities carried on for our group. I do not hesitate to say that the NYA has made by far the most intelligent approach to some of the problems of our young people and it has given an opportunity to some of us who are in the field to participate in the planning. This is more than I can say for a number of other government divisions which maintain a consistent policy of shunning us off from the planning of community projects.

Cordially yours,

Edward S. Lewis,
Executive Secretary.

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Dr Mary McLeod Bethune
1734 New York Ave N.W.
Washington D.C.

Dear Dr. Bethune:

Your very fine letter received and I thank you.
I shall be pleased to attend your conference on January, 12, 13, and
14, 1939.

Trusting all goes well with you and hoping to see
you in the near future. Again thanking you for your letter,
I remain

Yours sincerely,

J. Finley Wilson
Grand Exalted Ruler.

JFW:r

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dec. 21st 1938

Mrs Mary M. Bethune.

1724 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mrs. Bethune:-

Your invitation to attend the Youth Conference on Jan. 12-13 & 14, was received, and in reply I wish to say, that I am going to make a special effort to attend every session that I possibly can.

Yours for success,

Elizabeth H. Mc Duffie

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1939

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to say that she will be glad to attend the meeting on Youth Problems on January 12 and to give a brief talk. Will you let her know the hour of the meeting?

Very sincerely yours,

Malvina C. Thompson

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
National Youth Administration
Washington, D.C.

January 5, 1939

Mrs. Malvina C. Thompson
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Thompson:

We are very happy to know that Mrs. Roosevelt will attend our Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth on Thursday, January 12, 1939.

We would like very much to have Mrs. Roosevelt come to us at 4 o'clock.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MME/hw

December 28, 1938

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Under the auspices of the National Youth Administration, there will be a very important conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro youth, authorized by our Administrator, Mr. Aubrey Williams, on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. It will be held in Conference Rooms A, B and C, in the departmental auditorium, adjacent to the Department of Labor.

This conference will bring together a cross section of thinking Negroes of the country, irrespective of religion or politics, to think and plan seriously on what is happening among Negroes and what our next step should be for their adequate integration and participation in the program of our government.

On the afternoon of January 12, we are holding a panel of Youth Problems and we are earnestly requesting, Mrs. Roosevelt, that you come and give a brief talk to this group. I think it is most important.

I have made a similar request of the President concerning his appearance at this conference. I do wish that you would use your influence in persuading him to accept. It is vitally necessary that these people should contact the President in some way.

We would appreciate having your reply as early as possible in order that we may complete plans for our program.

Respectfully,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MMB/hw

December 28, 1938

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. President, it is vitally important that these representatives should see you and have a word from you. If it is possible for you to come to them, we shall be very happy. If not, I am wondering if you would permit them to come to you at the White House. For many, many reasons, I am respectfully and earnestly urging this personal contact for them.

Respectfully,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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152 W. DIVISION STREET
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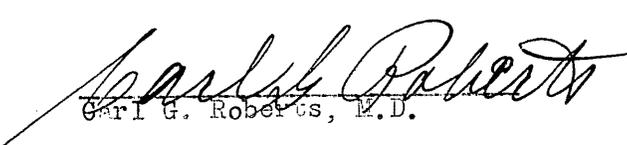
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you for the information concerning the reservations at 1017 O Street, N.W. I also received your notification concerning participation in the discussion Thursday morning. I am leaving Chicago Wednesday afternoon on the Liberty Limited arriving in Washington at 8:50 A.M. Thursday.

My family joins me in personal regards to you and with best wishes for the most successful conference you have yet held, I am,

Sincerely,


Carl G. Roberts, M.D.

CGR:FBP

Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
of the Southern States

Fred McCuiston, Executive Agent
517 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

January 9, 1939

COMMITTEE ON APPROVAL OF
NEGRO SCHOOLS

H. M. Ivy, Chairman
J. Henry Highsmith
Theodore H. Jack

Dear Mrs. Bethune: I am very sorry indeed that I shall not be able to attend your N.Y.A. conference on January 12, 13 and 14, due to the responsibility I have assumed for visiting fellowship applicants for the General Education Board. I think you know that I am now associated with the General Education Board.

Your conference two years ago resulted in so much good, I am sure this one will bring still more advantages to Negroes seeking help through the N.Y.A.

I am making a study of graduate work in Negro colleges which I hope to complete by April or May. There are two or three special problems in this field which I shall hope to discuss with you at that time, if I do not have an opportunity to see you earlier.

Sincerely yours,

Fred McCuiston

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,
National Youth Administration,
1734 N.Y. Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

F. D. BLUFORD, PRESIDENT

E. R. HODGIN, SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Agricultural and Technical College
of North Carolina

GREENSBORO, N. C.

January 10, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs
NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

At the last moment I find that it will not be possible for me to attend your conference in Washington on January 12-14. I regret this very much, but our Legislature is in session and there are some un-expected matters that I must attend to immediately. I want to thank you for your kind invitation, and I wish to assure you that I am deeply interested in the work which you are doing, and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be with you in this conference.

Wishing you a very successful meeting, I am

Sincerely yours,


F. D. Bluford
President

FDB:etb

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NATIONAL OFFICE
717 FLORIDA AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 10, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

As I told you recently, I am planning to leave for California about January 10. However, I am now trying to arrange my plans so as to attend your Conference. I hope, therefore, you will reserve a place for me.

Cordially yours,

John P. Davis
John P. Davis
National Secretary

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Now is the time to close ranks for freedom and equality. Let us unite the Negro organizations and the friends of Negro freedom on a program for security and manhood rights for the Negroes in America.

January 10, 1939

Mr. Joseph H. Montgomery
704 4th Street, N. E.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Montgomery:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 9, in which you state your desire to attend our conference on the problems of the Negro and the Negro youth.

The conference will be held in Conference Rooms A, B and C in the departmental auditorium adjacent to the Department of Labor on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. We would be very pleased to have you attend.

We would appreciate having your reply as soon as possible in order that we might complete our lists.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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DEAR MADAM:-

I WOULD THANK YOU TO INFORM ME, WHETHER THE
YOUTH'S CONFERENCE IS OPEN TO "INTERESTED PARTIES", OR
ORGANIZATIONS, OR WHETHER IT IS CALLED FOR ATTENDANCE
OF A "SELECTED NUMBER."

YOURS VERY TRULY,



JOSEPH. H. MONTGOMERY.

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January 9, 1939

Mrs. Mary MacLeod Bethune, Director
Of the Division of Negro Affairs of NYA
1734 New York Avenue - N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

I wish to inform you that I will represent the
Business and Professional Men's Club and also the Youth
Council of the N.A.A.C.P at the Conference on Negro Problems
to be held the 12, 13, and 14th of this month.

I sincerely hope that you will find time to
allow me at least ten minutes to explain to you personally
some of the problems that exist in this area.

Very truly yours,



Willard L. Brown

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OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE Dec. 21, 1938.

TO: Mr. D. Williams

FROM: Elizabeth Wickenden

SUBJECT: Attached letter of Dec. 19th from Mr. Nathan Straus,
U.S.Housing Authority, re Negro conference.

Transmitted herewith.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES HOUSING AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1938.

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My dear Mr. Williams:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of December 6 relative to the participation of certain employees of the United States Housing Authority in the conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth which is being planned by the National Youth Administration.

This Authority will be glad to cooperate in any way in this matter. The employees you enumerate will, I am sure, render every possible assistance. Steps have already been taken to prepare exhibits and data for the meeting on January 12, 13, and 14.

We trust that your conference will be successful.

Faithfully yours,

Nathan Straus

NATHAN STRAUS,
Administrator.

Mr. Aubrey Williams,
Executive Director,
National Youth Administration,
1734 New York Avenue, Northwest,
Washington, D. C.

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IN REPLYING, QUOTE THE ABOVE SUB-
JECT, BUILDING, AND THESE LETTERS PB-SA

January 5, 1939.

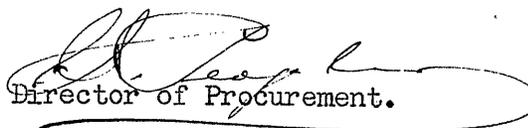
Mr. Aubrey Williams, Administrator,
National Youth Administration,
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have your letter of December 29 asking that Mr. Howard D. Woodson, Associate Structural Engineer of this Division, be designated to take part in the meetings to be held on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939, regarding "Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth", held under the auspices of the National Youth Administration.

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Woodson has been advised of your request and will be available for the services on the dates mentioned.

Very truly yours,


Director of Procurement.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
UNITED STATES MARSHAL
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
R. KENNETH KERR

January 6, 1939.

Mrs. Mary M. Bethune,
Director, Negro Division
National Youth Administration,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear,

I wired my acceptance of your kind invitation to attend your National Conference at Washington, January 12, 13, and 14, 1939; and in accordance with your instructions I have not as yet made any arrangements for transportation, etc awaiting word from the State Director of the Youth Administration.

I have had no word from either of you, yourself or the State director, and as it is the late afternoon of January 6th, and the afternoon mail already has been delivered to my home, I feel I'd best write to inquire as to what plans are underway; or just I shall necessarily need plan. An immediate reply in this regard will as you may readily see be very helpful.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Marion M. Hubbard

Marion M. Hubbard,
3112 Gilbert Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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UNITED STATES MARSHAL
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
R. KENNETH KERR

January 7, 1939.

Miss Mary McLeod Bethune,
Director Division Negro Affairs,
1734 New York Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear,

So very sorry to have been so hasty. This letter
however, no doubt overtakes yesterdays.

I received a communication today from the State
Director.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Marion M. Hubbard,
3112 Gilbert Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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January 7, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director,
Division of Negro Affairs,
National Youth Administration,
1734 New York Avenue, Northwest,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

In response to your letter of January 4, I wish to advise that I shall be pleased to accept the assignment to lead the discussion on Education on Friday morning, January 13.

Pleased to have in mind the suggested limitation of time for the speakers and hoping that the conference will be up to your expectations, I am

Yours very truly,


H. Councill Trenholm

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Phone 4-4565

Pearl Street Neighborhood House

Corner Pearl & Hopkins Streets
Waterbury, Connecticut

Jan. 6
1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have your letter of January 4, and
will plan to lead the Housing discussion
Thursday evening, January 12, as requested.

Sincerely yours,

Leila T. Alexander

Leila T. Alexander
Social Director

LTA:w

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January 7, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Bethune:

I have your letter of January 4 inviting me to attend a very important Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, to be held January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

I take this medium to let you know that you may expect me to attend the meeting.

If at any time I can be of any valuable service to you and your great work, just communicate with me and I shall be delighted to serve you.

Yours for humanity,



C. L. Russell, Bishop

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" Ad mortem fidelis "

National Alliance of Postal Employees

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
L. F. FORD
4419 ALDINE AVENUE
SAINT LOUIS, MO.

January 7, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
National Youth Administration
Division of Negro Affairs
1734 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Although it is probaly too late to serve your purpose, I am enclosing the statement requested by you sometime ago.

I will be on hand Wednesday morining for the meeting of the Evaluating committee.

I am sure the conference will be a success and I shall be glad to help in every way possible.

Sincerely yours


L. Ford

That the problems of the Negro and Negro Youth are being gradually adjusted is apparent. During the past two years, under the leadership of Mrs. Mary-McLeod Bethune, Director of the Division of Negro Affairs, National Youth Administration, a credible showing in this connection has been made.

Through the National Youth Administration hundreds of Negro boys and girls have found the opportunity to continue their education. Caring for the youth of the nation in this manner is humanitarianism at its best; for, without this aid, many of these young people would find it impossible to acquire those higher qualifications so necessary to good citizenship.

The end sought is equal opportunity for all and it is to the credit of the leaders connected with this movement that they realize that this can be accomplished only through a better understanding between the races and have bent their efforts in this direction.

However slowly it may be developing there is today a growing sentiment in favor of a more liberal attitude toward the Negro, and the Division of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration has played an important part in bringing this about.

What future steps will be taken to hold the gains already made, and add to them, can better be determined after the discussions in the coming National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, which will be held at Washington, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. However, it is evident that a way will be found to broaden and strengthen these gains and increase them materially.



L. F. Ford, President
National Alliance of Postal Employees

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January 6, 1939

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director of Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
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Dear Dr. Bethune:

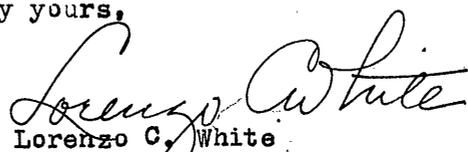
President Howe has asked me to serve as one of Hampton's representatives at the approaching second conference of the National Youth Administration to be held January 12 to 14, 1939, and I am looking forward with enthusiastic interest to this event.

I remember very pleasantly and profitably the splendid conference held under your leadership in January of 1937 and of the way in which the work done there served to hearten and encourage Negroes throughout the country.

In order therefore to be able to serve as well as may be the aims and objectives of the present conference, I would appreciate your sending me any information that in your judgment may be necessary in that connection.

With kind personal regards and best wishes for continued success in your splendid work, I am

Respectfully yours,



Lorenzo C. White
Secretary of Records & Appointments

LCW:W

801 Mathewson Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas,
January 6th, 1939.

Dr. Mary Mc Leod Bethune,
Director Division Negro Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mrs. Bethune:

It was so very kind of you to think of me for
this Conference you planned for January 12th to 14th.
I shall be very happy to attend, so much so,
that I am writing to say I have not up to this
time heard anything from The State Director and
was wondering why the delay?

If I am to attend I should like to know
that I too might arrange for the same. I have
been patiently waiting to hear from her. I know
you are quite busy and hope you are well. May

the Lord Bless You in every effort,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Helm
Katherine Helm

January 6, 1939

Dr. Richard Sterner
Ambassador Hotel
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Sterner:

We are holding a very important conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth in Conference Rooms A, B and C, adjacent to the Department of Labor on Constitution Avenue, between 13th and 14th Streets, Northwest, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

We shall be happy to have you sit in on this conference and cooperate with us in any way possible. Registration will be held on January 12 from 8:30 to 9 A.M., and the opening session of the conference will begin at 10 o'clock.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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January 6, 1939

Dr. Gunnar Myrdal, Director
Royal Economic Commission of Sweden
535 West 114th Street
New York City

My dear Dr. Myrdal:

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Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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