

Negro Conf. Jan. 12-14, 1939
cont'd.

This letter sent to:

Walter White Juanita J. Mitchell - John W. Davis

December 20, 1938

Dr. M. O. Bousfield
Director Negro Health
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Bousfield:

We are asking that you again serve as Chairman of the Committee on Health and Housing, and that you prepare an agenda for your committee on-1. Problems, 2. Issues, 3. Proposed discussion and follow-up.

We are further asking that you serve as a member of the Evaluating Committee for the coming conference. This Committee is asked to meet one day ahead of the others to help prepare evaluation reports. Will you, therefore, plan to be at my office, 1435 G Street, Northwest at 10 A.M. Wednesday, January 11, 1939. May we depend upon you? Will you make a terse statement of what you think has been accomplished and what you think are the next steps for us to take. Any other suggestions you may have to offer will be greatly appreciated.

The conference will be held in the departmental auditorium, Conference Rooms A and B of the Department of Labor. Registration from 8 to 9:30 A.M., Thursday, January 12. All delegates are requested to put in three full days at the conference. If this cannot be done, please notify us. Should you desire living accommodations, please inform us immediately.

You will be notified concerning your transportation by the State Youth Director 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

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December 21, 1938

Mr. Edward Strong
327 North 1st Street
Richmond, Virginia

My dear Mr. Strong:

I have just received your letter dated November 25, but mailed from Richmond, Virginia on December 20, 1938, in which you accept my invitation of November 23, to attend the Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth.

Unfortunately, as was stated to you in my letter of December 19, since we had received no reply to our invitation, we found it necessary to name someone else in your place. We had asked that you send us your reply by December 8. However, we did wait until December 19, before concluding that it would not be possible for you to attend.

Should you desire to attend the conference at your own expense, we will be very happy to have you. I regret exceedingly that you delayed in getting your reply to us.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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November 25, 1938

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I appreciate your invitation to attend the
National Conference on the Problems of the
Negro and Negro Youth, and shall be present
on the dates named.

Sincerely yours,

Edward E. Strong
Edward E. Strong

December 20, 1938

Mrs. W. A. Scott
Route 1, Box 107
East Liverpool, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Scott:

I shall be very glad to have you attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939, in the place of your son, Mr. C. A. Scott.

Registration begins at 9 A.M., Thursday, January 12. Each member is expected to be on time at all sessions. You are requested to put in three full days at the conference. If you find that this cannot be done, please notify us immediately.

Should you desire us to secure living accommodations, please inform us at once.

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

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Dear Mrs. Bethune,

I trust you are well and
your work prospering nicely.

For sometime I have been
wanting to come to Washington.
If I can arrange to come at
the time of your meeting, would
I be permitted to attend it ^{perhaps} as
a representative of our papers?
Very sorry my son cannot attend.
God wishes all the time -

Sincerely,

Mrs. W. A. Scott.

P.S.

Will be in
East Liverpool, O. to Mrs. Amanda Southall
R1- Box 107 for about two wks.

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NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION

1734 NEW YORK AVENUE NW.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 21, 1938

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

My dear Mr. Williams:

We have very carefully considered the selection of the people that we are being permitted to invite to this important conference and we find now that we have reached our quota that you have assigned us. There has come to my attention, additional people who are of vital importance to us that we would like very much to have invited. We are attaching a list of them.

Mr. Williams please grant us these folks.

Respectfully yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune

Mary McLeod Bethune

ADDITIONAL LIST OF PERSONS FOR NATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON PROBLEMS OF THE NEGRO
AND NEGRO YOUTH

- | | |
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| 1. Dr. Homer Brown, State Legislature | Pennsylvania |
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State Civil Service Commission | New York City |
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on Democratic Committee | New York City |
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209 West 125th Street
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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
1435 G Street NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

A situation has just arisen which I think makes it advisable for me to ask that you make arrangements for living accommodations for me during my stay in Washington attending the conference to be held. As you know, I am interested in getting a comfortable location for room only. This condition may adjust itself before I arrive in Washington and it may therefore not be necessary to accept the accommodations, but as a precaution this request is being made.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Cohron
George E. Cohron,
Manager.

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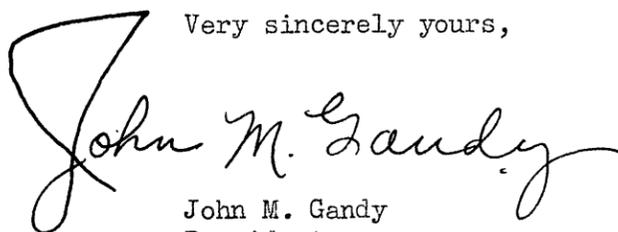
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

In reply to your letter of December 22nd, I am setting aside January 12, 13 and 14 to attend the meeting you are calling for those dates. It will be my wish to report on time and to remain as you stated for the whole period. Until I hear further from you I shall make no travel plans.

✓ If you can secure accommodations nearer the place of meeting than Howard University, I should appreciate it if you would make such arrangements for me. In the event that I must go into the section of Howard, then probably I can make my own arrangements.

Very sincerely yours,



John M. Gandy
President

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IRA DeA. REID
Department of Sociology, Atlanta University
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 3, 1939

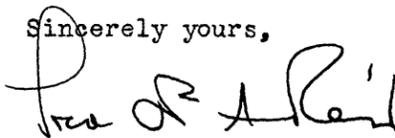
My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I should like very much to have you secure living accommodations for me for the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth to be held on the 12th, 13th and 14th.

It may not be possible for me to arrive in Washington before 11:15 on the morning of January the 12th. I trust that this will not too seriously inconvenience the program of the Conference. Meanwhile, I shall be very happy to serve in whatever capacity you may think necessary.

Am I wrong in assuming that the Conference will end with the morning session on Saturday, January 14th?

Sincerely yours,



Ira De A. Reid

IDR-R

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

DR. CARL GLENNIS ROBERTS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 24, 1938

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

In answer to your letter of December 21st. I am
arranging to be present for the opening conference Thursday,
January 12th. and continuing through the sessions to the
adjournment on the 14th.

Please arrange living accommodations and notify
me of the address of my stopping place

As per the instructions in your letter, I shall
await notification concerning the transportation arrangement
by the State Director of Illinois.

Very sincerely,

Carl G. Roberts

CGR:FBP

NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION
FOR NEW YORK CITY
265 WEST FOURTEENTH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

HELEN M. HARRIS
Director

December 29, 1938

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I received your letter in reference to the Conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro Youth which is being held the 12, 13 and 14 of January, 1939, and I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to being in Washington at that time.

✓ I should like very much to have you secure living accommodations for me. I had thought of writing to Mrs. Bernie Austin's sister Marie but have not done so. If it is possible for me to stay at her house, I should like that very much. Otherwise, I will leave it to you to secure living accommodations for me.

Thanks for the Christmas cards and I shall be very happy to see you in Washington.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Ely
Robert J. Ely, Assistant Director
In Charge of Negro Activities

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NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION
FOR ALABAMA

DISTRICT OFFICE
Birmingham, Alabama
December 29, 1938

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you for the information contained in your letter of December 22nd regarding the meeting time and place of the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth.

I expect to attend the conference and put in three full days. I am certain that there are problems of such a serious and far reaching nature pertinent to the welfare of the Negro and Negro youths in every section of the United States, that every bit of the time we may give will still prove inadequate .

In making my suggestions for problems that need consideration may I suggest the increased need for trained Negro personnel to aid in administering all Federal monies available to every section of the United States. Negroes know and understand the need of Negroes as no other group can. I feel the program of the National Youth Administration has been more effective because of joint administration.

The problem of the tenant farmer and his children is still acute. Southern counties are extremely poor which means a sum total of all money available is relatively small, as a result the manner in which additional revenue for school purposes is secured, fees, bus transportation and the like makes it extremely difficult for the Negro tenant farm child to continue his education. This might be relieved by two methods, Federal aid to education and by a change in the ratio of money expended under the National Youth Administration for work projects. If we could increase the amount of money to be spent for materials

we could, supplemented by county school systems, build and repair more schools, build community centers that may be used as a combination school and community building. Health centers and clinics could be held in these centers. All told we would provide facilities for education, health, work and recreation.

The manner in which the work provided for youths on Student Aid is being supervised is making for poor work habits on the part of a large number of youths involved, white and Negro, and may lead to a gradual clogging down of the entire Student Aid program. Work centers established in connection with the schools under adequate supervision will be of much help and will gradually lead to a larger number of youths benefiting from such a program.

Some consideration given to relieving the above situations along with numerous others make for fuller living and fuller opportunities for the Southern Negro.

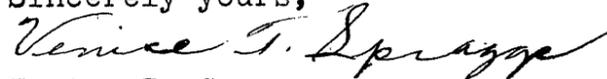
I would appreciate your securing living accommodations for me and notifying me of same.

Dr. Bryan asked me to have you request Mr. Gilstrap to wire or write him authorization to request transportation for me as he cannot without such authorization.

I received the copy of the report of the previous conference, for which I am most grateful.

With sincere good wishes for a successful meeting.

Sincerely yours;



Venice T. Spraggs
State Supervisor
of Negro Affairs

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NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION
OF GEORGIA
TEN FORSYTH STREET BUILDING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DILLARD B. LASSETER
State Director

December 27, 1938

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I wish to thank you for your letter dated
December 21.

You may expect me to be present during the
hours stated for the National Conference on the Problems
of the Negro and Negro Youth which will be held Jan-
uary 12, 13, and 14, 1939 in the departmental auditorium
Conference Rooms A and B, adjacent to the Department of
Labor in Washington, D. C.

On November 25, I sent a Registered letter,
requesting a return receipt, to Mr. Spencer, Manager of
the Whitelaw Hotel in Washington, asking for reserva-
tions.

With regard to transportation, I am awaiting
further instructions from Mr. D. B. Lasseter, our State
Director.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Shell

William H. Shell, Supervisor
Colored Division, NYA
22 Butler Street, NE

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JOSEPH S. MITCHELL
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
51 CORNHILL
BOSTON, MASS.

December 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:

Replying to your letter of December 21, 1938, I wish to advise you that I will be present at the National Conference on the "Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth" which will be held in Washington, D. C. on January 12, 13, 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.

I shall attend all sessions regularly and promptly.

A few weeks ago I wrote a letter to the Whitelaw Hotel, Washington, D. C., requesting accomodation for that period. I have received no reply, however. Under the circumstances, if you think it advisable for you to secure living accomodation for me, please do so and notify me.

With the season's greetings, I am

Very truly yours,

Joseph S. Mitchell

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347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

December 31, 1938

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

In reply to your letter of December 22nd, I am writing to say that you may count upon me to be present for your meeting on the morning of January 11th.

I have written to the White Law Hotel asking them to reserve Room C12 or C15 for me, but have not received any reply from Mr. Spencer, the manager of the hotel. I would appreciate it if you will have your office call Mr. Spencer and let him know that I am planning to arrive in Washington on the night of the 10th and would like to have one of the above mentioned rooms.

In order to attend the Conference I am having to work overtime here on some important matters which must be finished before I leave for Washington. As a result, it looks doubtful as to whether I shall be able to prepare the statement which you asked me to write, but I shall do my best to get something written that will be of use to you. However, if I don't you will understand that it is because I am overloaded with work for the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. between now and the time for me to leave for Washington.

In this connection, I might say that while I was in Atlanta a few days ago I gave some time to Mr. Shell in the preparation of a statement which I am sure will include most of my best ideas. He will bring this paper with him to the Conference.

With cordial good wishes and looking forward to a pleasant and helpful experience with you during the time of your Conference, I am

Sincerely yours,


R. W. Bullock.

RWB:HH



IN REPLYING
ADDRESS THE SURGEON GENERAL
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 1939



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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

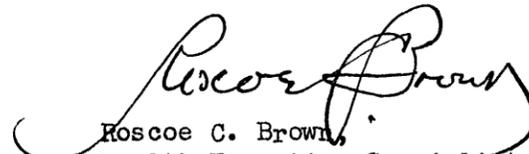
I am enclosing copy of a brief statement on the Negro Health Work of our office for the year 1938, including the National Negro Health Week Movement program as an educational instrument of approach. I think it contains data from which you may abstract pertinent references for the general summary you are preparing for the National Youth Administration Conference on Problems of Negroes and Negro Youth.

Mimeographed copies will be provided for distribution during the Conference.

Other details of our cooperation have been arranged with the assistants designated by you and the Council for various purposes.

I trust the results of the Conference will be commensurate with the efforts you have made to organize it and provide for thoughtful and practical deliberations.

Sincerely yours,


Roscoe C. Brown,
Health Education Specialist.

RCB/CEM
Enclosure

FISK UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 5th 1939

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

My dear Mrs Bethune:

Thank you for your letter of December 30th, inviting me to attend the conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro youth, January 12, 13, and 14, 1939 in Washington.

This is in exact conflict with the meeting of the Association of American Colleges which convenes in Louisville, Kentucky. I have made arrangements to attend this meeting. However, the meeting you mention seems of such importance that I shall try to attend even though I must give up the Louisville meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas E Jones

Thomas E Jones
President

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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W. R. VALENTINE
PRINCIPAL

January 6, 1939.

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

This is in reply to yours of December 22nd. I expect to be present at the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth to be held in Washington on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. Valentine

Principal.

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MRS MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE, CARE NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION

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January 4, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
National Youth Administration
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
1435 G Street, N. W., Room 725
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune

With reference to your letter of December 22, acknowledged in my absence by Mr. George A. Nesbitt, I shall plan to be at your office at 10:00 a. m. Wednesday, January 11, 1939.

I will be there mainly because you invite my presence and not because I am very positive as to what contribution I might be able to make.

Sincerely yours



E. T. Attwell, Director
Bureau of Colored Work

*P.S. - Am deeply interested
in your conference.*

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January 2, 1939

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I shall be pleased to serve as
a member of your Evaluating Committee. You may expect
me at your office on Wednesday, January 11th at 10:00 A.M.

Sincerely yours,

Thyra J. Edwards
Thyra J. Edwards
Field Representative
Medical Bureau & North
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My dear Mrs. Bethune:

This is a follow-up letter to my direct wire in answer to your telegram of December 28, inviting me to attend your Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, to be held in Washington, January 12, 13 and 14. May I restate that, with the deepest sense of humility, I accept your kind invitation to participate in so significant a conference.

I trust that I shall merit the vote of confidence which you have so graciously placed in me. Fully cognizant of the honor which you have conferred upon me, I again express my sincere appreciation.

Very respectfully yours

Floyd C. Covington
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ON JANUARY TWELFTH GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR INVITATION

EXTREMELY SORRY THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND=

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
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1435 G Street, NW
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My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am terribly embarrassed over the fact that after planning for months to attend your conference I now find I am unable to do so. I am sure, however, that you will understand my position when I tell you we have been asked by the Trustees to make a very drastic cut in our budget and that Mr. Embree, the President of the Julius Rosenwald Fund is to be here beginning Thursday, January 12, for a series of conferences in regard to our program dealing specifically with the elimination of a certain portion of our work. It is impossible for me to tell you how much I truly regret this.

Please rest assured that I shall be with you in spirit and that I can be counted on 100% for the support of any program inaugurated under your direction.

Hoping that I may see you soon to talk over some matters of more than ordinary interest as well as to get at first hand results of the conference whose success I predict and hope for, I am

Very truly yours,

F. D. Patterson
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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
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Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

You may count on my presence at your office
on Wednesday, January 11 at 10 o'clock.

At the earliest possible opportunity I shall
let you have a statement of a proposed agenda.

Very sincerely yours,

Lester B. Granger
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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
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I SHALL BE GLAD TO ATTEND CONFERENCE JANUARY TWELFTH TO
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THOMAS W TURNER.

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WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE ON PROBLEMS OF THE NEGRO=

JOHN E CULMER, >

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2588 Seventh Avenue, Apt 5-S
New York, New York

December 9, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
1812 9th Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of December
7th.

I will be very glad to render whatever assistance
I can with regard to the evaluation and information concern-
ing the Social Security Act.

It has just occurred to me, and I am passing it on
to you for what it may be worth, that it might be well to
have a definite statement from either the Chairman of the
Social Security Board, Mr. Arthur J. Altmeyer, or the
Director of the Bureau of Old-Age Insurance, Mr. John J.
Corson, as to the present and proposed program of the Social
Security Board, especially as it relates to the Negro.

Sincerely yours,


George E. Corson

NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION
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HELEN M. HARRIS
Director

November 29, 1938

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have your very kind letter of the 23, inviting me to a National Conference on the problems of the Negro Youth in Washington, and am writing to say that I shall be very glad to attend this Conference on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

Since the whole thing is new to me, that is I did not attend the last Conference, I am not suggesting any problems which should be discussed. However, I have borrowed from Mr. Hill the findings of the last conference and shall read them and bring myself up to date on what was discussed.

I spoke to Mr. Fallings about the Conference and am wondering if it will be possible for him to attend. If possible, I should like to have him come.

Thanking you for your kind invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert J. Elzy
Robert J. Elzy
Ass't Director of Negro Affairs

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December 9, 1938.

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

In response to your letter of November 23rd relative to the conference to be held on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, please be advised that I shall consider it a pleasure and an honor to accept your invitation.

Sincerely yours,

John B. West
John B. West, M.D.
District Health Officer.

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December 2, 1938

Dr. 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 am pleased to inform you that I shall accept your invitation to attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth on January 12, 13, and 14, 1939.

I hope in the meantime to communicate with you concerning any vital matters that it seems to me ought to be considered at this Conference.

Very truly yours,

Carrington L. Davis
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November 28, 1938

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I appreciate very much your invitation to attend the conference on January 12, 13 and 14th, 1939; and will be very happy to attend.

I shall discuss the conference with Mrs. Riddle and send to you at a later date any suggestion which we have to offer.

I want you to know how thoroughly I enjoyed the harmonious meeting of the National Council of Negro Women on Saturday. The dinner took on a spiritual tone, which I am sure will be helpful to all of us for a long time.

Sincerely yours,

Mabel K. Staupers
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672 Euclid Avenue
Akron, Ohio
November 27, 1938

My dear Mrs. Bethune: Thanks for your kind invitation to attend the second National Conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro Youth in Washington on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. I shall be pleased to accept.

I shall have Mrs. Staupers prepare definite recommendations relative to the inclusion of Negro nurses in the programs for health which are aided by federal subsidies. Recommendations for adequate support and personnel for Freedmen's Hospital and Nursing School will be included.

It was so nice to have been privileged to spend so much time with you during my recent visit to Washington. As yet I have not received my rating from the U. S. Civil Service.

I do hope your Thanksgiving was very pleasantly spent.

Sincerely yours,
Estelle Massey Riddle
Mrs. Bedford N. Riddle

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of November 22.

May I express my appreciation for the invitation to attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. Because of the importance of such a conference and the accomplishments of the last one held, you must know my desire to be with you. I was quite happy therefore when the morning's mail brought approval for the trip from the Director of the Bureau of Old Age Insurance, Mr. John J. Corson. He was in the office last week for a short visit and we both talked of you and the splendid work you are doing.

I shall look forward to seeing you during the conference.

Sincerely yours,


George E. Cochran
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December 21, 1938

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your kind invitation to your conference
January 12, 13, and 14, 1939 has just
been received.

I shall be pleased to attend, and may
say I can arrange to stay with relatives
in Washington while attending the con-
ference.

I wish to cooperate with you and will do
everything I can to help make your con-
ference a huge success.

Respectfully yours

Mark L. DeLeon, M.D.

Mark L. DeLeon, M. D.

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December 27, 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:

While I was away from my office during the Christmas period, two letters came from you concerning a conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro youth. In one of these letters, I was invited to serve as a member of the Evaluating Committee for the coming conference.

I appreciate this expression of confidence in me, and I also realize the responsibility which would be associated with the preparation of a report by that committee. Therefore, because of the responsibility which a member of that committee would have, and due to the lack of time which I would have to give serious thought to the many problems which may come before this committee, as well as to the fact that I am now in the midst of some laboratory research which requires most of my time, I am compelled to decline your generous offer.

Please be assured of my interest, however, in the activities of the Division of Youth Administration, and I shall make every effort to attend some of the sessions if it is at all possible.

With many thanks for your confidence, and best wishes for the success of the conference.

Very truly yours,
H. A. Poindexter
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Head, The Department of
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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,
Director of Negro Affairs,
National Youth Administration,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have already written to Dr. William J. Thompkins, Recorder of Deeds, and told him to look out for my living accommodations while in Washington. Dr. Thompkins and I have been friends for many years and I am sure he will take care of my personal comfort while in the city of Washington.

Mr. Houston Wright and I have already had two conferences regarding the meeting there, and this week we plan another extended one covering the same subject.

Trusting that the meeting will result in doing all that you plan for NYA, and that this will find you enjoying the happiest Christmas of your life I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Roscoe Dunjee
Roscoe Dunjee, editor
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Division of Negro Affairs
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

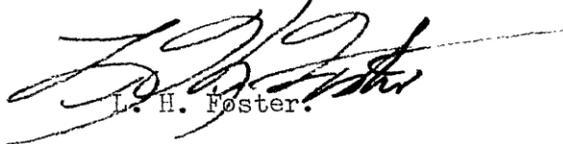
I shall make every effort to attend all meetings scheduled by you for January 12, 13 and 14. However, other connections make it unwise for me to definitely schedule these three days. I know of nothing now that will prevent me from attending all sessions.

It will not be necessary for you to arrange for living accommodations for me.

I shall bear in mind your suggestion as to transportation.

This is sent in reply to your letter of December 22, 1938.

Very sincerely yours,


L. H. Foster.

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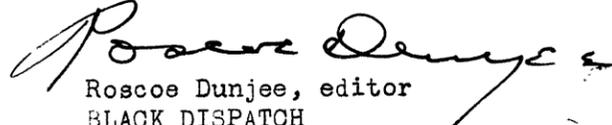
My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have just read your letter in which you refer to your intention to hold a conference regarding the problems of the Negro youth, in Washington, January 12, 13, 14, and also your suggestion that I attend same.

This comes to say that I will be very pleased to come to Washington at the time suggested. There are a number of observations I would like to make to the conference, in connection with my experiences with NYA work in Oklahoma, and I would certainly like to have the benefit of the collective experience of such a group.

With the best of wishes I remain

Sincerely yours


Roscoe Dunjee, editor
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347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

November 25, 1938

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have yours of November 23rd, inviting me to attend a conference to be held in Washington and suggesting that I indicate whether or not I can be present January 12th, 13th, and 14th if those dates are agreed upon as the time for holding the conference. It will be possible for me to attend on those dates. I would have to leave, however, during the day of the 14th in order to reach Indianapolis for an appointment on the 15th.

I shall give some thought to the request made in the last paragraph of your letter, and shall write you later concerning suggestions that may occur to me touching upon problems of importance that should claim the attention of the conference.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


C. H. Tobias.

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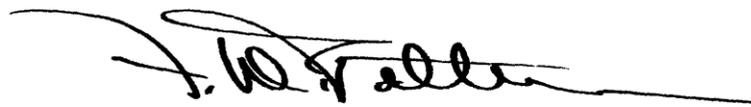
November 25, 1938

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

This is to thank you for your letter and to advise that the dates of January 12, 13 and 14, 1939 are convenient to me for the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth.

Very truly yours,



President

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The State Teachers College

At

Montgomery, Alabama

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H. COUNCILL TRENHOLM, PRESIDENT

December 22, 1938

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

Dear Madam:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 22 respecting the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth to be held in the Washington departmental auditorium, January 12, 13, and 14, 1939. I shall be pleased to anticipate attendance at this meeting and to await further information concerning transportation from the State Director of the National Youth Administration for Alabama. I shall make my own arrangements for living accommodations at Washington.

Yours very truly,


H. Councill Trenholm

HCT:S

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December 1, 1938

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

My dear Dr. Bethune:

Because I believe so thoroughly in the work that was done at our last conference, and because I believe that we will have a sympathetic ear in the President and his advisors, I shall be happy to attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, to be held on January 12, 13, and 14, 1939.

I am hurriedly getting this letter off before December 5, so that whatever your arrangements and plans are, they will not be delayed. You can count on my being there.

In the next few days I shall try to have something on your desk covering three points which I think necessary for us to consider--Federal housing projects, Federal legislation affecting Negroes, and one or two sub-points on the education of Negro youth.

Very sincerely yours,

Addie W. Dickerson

(Mrs. G. Edward Dickerson)

AWD:SG

J. ANDREW SIMMONS, President
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ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES
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November 30, 1938

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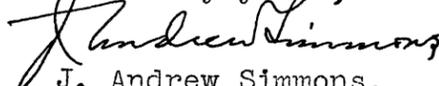
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director
Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you for your kind invitation.
I shall be pleased to attend the conference
planned for January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. There
is no doubt that such a conference will bring
us up to date on a cross section view of the
problems of our group.

The Association of Colleges and Secondary
Schools for Negroes hopes you will be able
to spend some time with us in our annual meeting
of December 8 and 9 at Tallahassee. I shall
send you a copy of the program in a day or two.

Sincerely yours,


J. Andrew Simmons,
Principal

JAS B

5827 Maryland Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
December 8, 1938

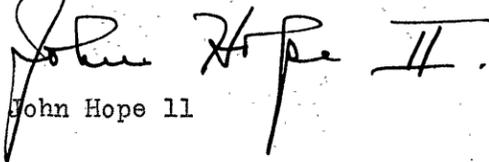
Dear Mrs. Bethume:

Replying to Your letter of December 5, I consider your invitation to attend the conference on January 12, 13 and 14 a rare opportunity and shall be glad to attend. Of course, my acceptance is subject to the approval of my employers as I will return to work at the University January 1st. I shall write them immediately, though I anticipate no difficulty there.

In the meanwhile, I shall think about the objectives stated and give you any suggestions that I may have.

We regreted very much that you did not get back to the meeting of Presidents of the Land Grant Colleges so that we could not have you with us here.

Sincerely yours,


John Hope II

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

ARCADE HOTEL

Raleigh, N. C.

December 22, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Bethune:

I wish to thank you for extending to me the opportunity of attending the conference in Washington concerning the problems of Negro youth. I assure you that it will be a privilege to be present.

I have clipped articles pertaining to your visit here and I am enclosing them for your perusal.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. Bond, Jr.
J. P. Bond, Jr.

JPB:p
encl.



M. S. DAVAGE
President

CLARK UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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December 7, 1938

My dear Dr. Bethune:

This is to acknowledge receipt of
your letter and to say that I shall be glad to attend the
conference in Washington January 12, 13, 14. We are
grateful to you for this opportunity.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Davage
M. S. Davage

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
1734 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, D. C.

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State Director

December 8, 1938.

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 5th, in which you inquire whether it would be possible for me to attend a conference in Washington on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. In reply, thereto, I beg to advise that I will be pleased to attend this conference.

I trust you will make the necessary arrangements with my State Director. With very best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

Rufus S. Watson

Rufus S. Watson
Supervisor, Negro Program.

RSW/ma

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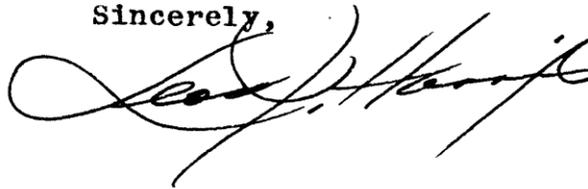
November 29, 1938

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I will be glad to attend the conference
in Washington, January 12-14, 1939, and thank you for the
invitation.

Sincerely,



Leon R. Harris

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December 7, 1938.

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Yours of December 5, inviting me to attend your conference on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939, has been received.

In reply I would state that it will give me very great pleasure to attend.

Very sincerely yours,

George B. Murphy of the "Afro."

George B. Murphy.
1741 Druid Hill Ave.

JULIAN D. RAINEY

ATTORNEY AT LAW

20 PEMBERTON SQUARE

BOSTON, MASS.

December 6, 1938

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have your letter of the 5th
confirming our talk when you were in Boston.
As I told you then, I shall be delighted to
be with you on January 12, 13 and 14, next.

Sincerely yours,

Julian D. Rainey

JDR:NP

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J. LEONARD LEWIS

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103 E. UNION STREET

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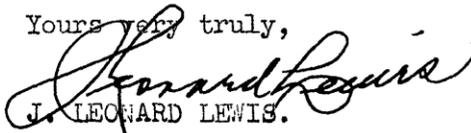
Dec. 7, 1938

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

In reply to your invitation to attend a Conference in Washington, where problems of the Youth of America will be discussed, I assure you it will be a pleasure to be with you, and I hope that I shall be of some assistance to the National Youth Administration in finding the problems affecting the Youth of America, and effecting a solution thereof.

Yours very truly,


J. LEONARD LEWIS.

JLL:EE

CHARLES W. FLORENCE

23 Divinity Hall
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

December 8, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Bethune :

I am pleased to accept the invitation to attend the second Conference on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth to be held January 12-14 1939 in Washington .

With best wishes for the success of the conference, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Charles W. Florence

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FOR NEGROES
DURHAM

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 8, 1938

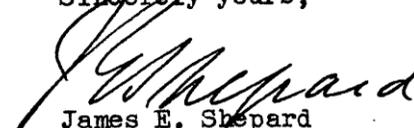
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I thank you for your letter of December 5th. It will be a great pleasure to be at your conference on January 12th, 13th, and 14th. You are putting over a wonderful piece of work, and I think that you are doing well to follow it up.

Will see you on Sunday in Raleigh.

Sincerely yours,


James E. Shepard
President

JES:HHH

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FOR NEGROES

DURHAM

Dec. 26, 1938.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you for your letter. It is my intention
to attend each session of the coming conference, and to reach
there on time. As I have stated to you I regard the proposed ^{conference}
as vital. I am glad that you are having it and am pleased to be
able to participate.

I hope that you have had a pleasant and peaceful
Christmas and that the New Year may hold many choice blessings
in store for you, you deserve them.

Sincerely yours,

J. Shepard

I typed this myself hence the mistakes

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RES. TEL. HIGHLANDS 5025

JOSEPH S. MITCHELL
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
51 CORNHILL
BOSTON, MASS.

December 8, 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 dated December 5, 1938, inviting me to attend a conference on the problem of the Negro and the Negro youth, to be held in Washington, D. C., on January 12, 13, and 14, 1939, was received.

I thank you for the invitation and I shall make arrangements to be present at the appointed place and time.

Please accept my congratulations for the splendid service you are rendering our youth and our country. I feel that much good can come out of the conference which you are calling.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph S. Mitchell

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RES. HIGHLANDS 1337

MATTHEW W. BULLOCK
ATTORNEY AT LAW
OLD SOUTH BUILDING
284 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

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:

This will acknowledge receipt
of your letter of December 5th, inviting me to at-
tend the Conference on the Problems of the Negro
Youth to be held in Washington on January 12, 13
and 14, 1939.

I can assure you it gives me
great pleasure to accept your invitation to partic-
ipate in a conference of such vital importance to
our youth.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew W. Bullock

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Bennett College
Greensboro, N. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 10, 1938

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Mr. Jones has asked me to advise you that he will be present at the conference in January a part of the time at least. If possible, he states, he will attend all of the sessions.

With sincere regards, I am

Very truly yours,

C. H. Martena

C. H. Martena
Sect'y. to the President

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AGRICULTURAL, MECHANICAL & NORMAL COLLEGE

PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

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December 7

J. B. WATSON
President

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

My dear Mrs Bethune:

Referring to your invitation received this morning to attend your conference on January 12, 13, 14, you may count on my being there.

I was sorry to leave you with the "bag to hold" in Birmingham, but had it to do and would do it again. I understand that you held up under the matter like a statesman; and I hope this fight will win something in the future, but am rather skeptical over this movement or any other of its kind that has in its leadership a miscellaneous group like Judge Charlton who select themselves. I shall wait with interest to see what becomes of it next year.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

J B WATSON,
P R E S I D E N T

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December 9, 1938

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

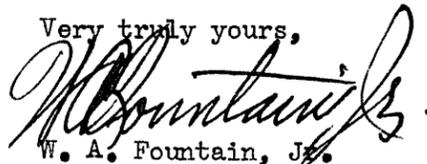
My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I thank you for your letter about the conference to be held on January 12, 13, and 14. I shall look forward with pleasure to attending this meeting for I feel that there can be much good accomplished.

I shall begin thinking about some problems that may be presented at that time and shall write to you as soon as some definite suggestion comes to mind.

May I commend you again upon the wonderful manner in which you are working with and for our young people. You deserve all the support that members of our group and the other group can give you. As for me, I shall do whatever I can at all times to further and foster the cause that is so near to your heart.

Very truly yours,



W. A. Fountain, Jr.

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ATLANTA SCHOOL
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FORRESTER B. WASHINGTON
DIRECTOR

Member of ATLANTA COMMUNITY CHEST
Atlanta, Georgia

December 27, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Director, Division of Negro Affairs
National Youth Administration
1435 G Street, N. W., Room 725
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I shall be glad to serve as a member of the
Evaluating Committee of the coming conference
and will meet one day ahead of the others at
your office on G Street.

Thank you for the invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

Forrester B. Washington
Forrester B. Washington
Director

608½ Second Avenue
Daytona Beach, Florida
December 29, 1938

My dear Mrs. Bethune,

I received your letter with information concerning dates of the meeting and the desired number of days for the said meetings. There is nothing pre-eminent in my mind at present but to be in that meeting on time. The more days that I am privileged to be there, the better it sounds.

I do think that it is almost an imposition on my part to ask you to do so much for me but right at this point, I believe that you know what is best for me while attending this conference in Washington.

As to my living quarters, I feel that wherever you say will be the right thing and the right place.

I have not had any communication from the state director concerning transportation.

Again I thank you for your consideration in helping me to do the thing that I have longed for.

The girls are home for Christmas. All of us are well. My aunt, Mrs. Emma A. Booker from St. Petersburg, is with us today, and joins us in love to you. I hope you have had a Merry Christmas and I hope for you a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,



E. A. Graham

NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION
CLARK BUILDING
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

JOE A. YOUNGBLOOD
State Director

Masonic Temple
410 Broad Street

December 29, 1938

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I wish to thank you for your letter of December 21, calling my attention to the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth which will be held in Washington, January 12, 13, 14, 1939.

I shall govern myself according to the requirements of the letter; that is, I shall be there for registration on January 12 from 8 to 9.30 and for the opening session at ten o'clock, remaining throughout the three days that are required for the Conference.

I shall be very grateful if you will arrange for living accommodations.

I have contacted my State Director and have asked him to arrange for travel authorization.

Again, I wish to thank you. I shall look forward to seeing you very soon. With every good wish for the New Year, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Edward R. Rodriguez
Edward R. Rodriguez
State Supervisor of Negro Work

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December 12, 1938

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Replying to your letter of December 5, I well remember the conference we held two years ago on the "Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth". Your tact, your understanding, and the fine mastery you displayed in presiding over that conference was the chief element in assuring the results obtained. I shall long remember it.

I shall be pleased to attend the conference you have called for January 12, 13, and 14, 1939, and shall be agreeable to such arrangements as your office may make for transportation and per diem.

I cannot at the moment transcribe any suggestions of importance for the conference, but I shall try to bring with me such an attitude and understanding of the problems before us that I trust may add a little to the success of the meeting.

With high personal regard, I am

Faithfully yours,



Reverdy C. Ransom

RCR:NT

NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION
FOR ALABAMA

DISTRICT OFFICE

Birmingham, Alabama
December 12, 1938

JOHN E. BRYAN
State Director

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am very grateful for your kind invitation to attend the conference to be held in Washington January 12-14 on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth.

I referred the matter to Dr. Bryan, who asked me to say that the request meets with his approval and he shall be pleased to have me attend. He also states that since he has no authority to authorize travel out of the state, formal authorization must come from Washington. You have, however, indicated that you will facilitate the arrangement for transportation and per diem, which I think he failed to note when replying to my request.

In order that I may be intelligent on the proceedings of the conference held two years ago, May I ask that you please send me a copy of the report that was prepared and presented to the President of the United States.

I shall submit to you a little later my suggestion for problems which I think should be considered.

The State staff, local Supervisors, NYA youth and I were so very pleased to have you visit us here in Birmingham, and to have received from you inspiration and help to the end we shall strive daily to be of greater help and service to the Negro boys and girls here in Alabama who are privileged to receive benefits under the National Youth Administration.

I shall expect to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Venice T. Spraggs
Venice T. Spraggs
State Supervisor of Negro Affairs

341- Martin Building,

152 W. W. W. W.

DR. CARL GLENNIS ROBERTS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 28, 1938

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

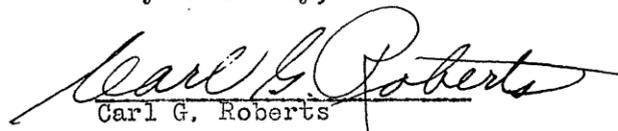
Dear Mrs. Bethune:

It is with great pleasure that I accept your kind invitation to attend the National Conference to be held in Washington, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. Although I know very little about the procedure of the first Conference, if it was in any way responsible in placing you at the head of Negro Affairs, it more than justified its existence.

In the meantime I shall be thinking over the situation as it exists at present, seeking information from those here who are familiar with its present status and I shall also be glad to have any literature or suggestions from your office.

With best wishes for your continued good health and success, I am,

Very sincerely,


Carl G. Roberts

CGR:FBP