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December 30, 1938.

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

My Dear Mrs. Bethune:

As a newspaper man who has been working along with young groups here in various ways for the past fifteen years, I am interested in the proposed conference announced in the daily press.

Particularly am I interested in an opportunity to put before such a conference or you some suggestions growing out of my observations of the work here in Baltimore. I have no criticisms to make, but I think, because of a rather close contact with young people here, I know something of the immediate problems we face. I do not know what opportunity a newspaper man, as such, would have to participate in this conference, but I would be glad to attend as a participating delegate.

Will you therefore kindly send me a schedule of the meetings.

Very truly,

*William N. Jones*  
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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
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My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am indeed pleased to be invited to attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, January 12 to 14, 1939.

I have been deeply impressed with the New Deal's plans for the Negro ever since the days when I worked with Joint Committee on National Recovery, which you know functioned during the days of the N.R.A. Last June, in connection with my work with the Economics Committee of the Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, we gathered an immense amount of material on current happenings in the government in regard to the Negro, and I was very much impressed with the concern which various departments in the government were taking in behalf of the Negro. Your own leadership in matters of racial concern in Washington has been one of which all of us have been extremely proud.

Sincerely yours,

*Frances Harriet Williams*  
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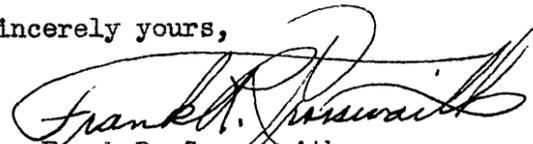
My Dear Miss Bethune:

You will pardon my obvious tardiness in replying to your letter of December 30, 1938 in which you invited me to attend the conference on the "PROBLEMS OF THE NEGRO AND NEGRO YOUTH" to be held in Washington on January 12, 13, and 14th.

Before replying I wanted to exhaust every possible avenue in an effort to attend the conference. Unfortunately I have encountered no success in my efforts and thus I shall be unable to be at the conference. My many duties in connection with the trade unions affiliated with the Negro Labor Committee make it most difficult for me to be away from New York City on Thursdays and Fridays of any week.

Please be assured however, of my deep interest in the work of the National Youth Administration generally and especially in that phase of it affecting Negro youth. Also please accept my genuine thanks for your kindness in inviting me.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Frank R. Crosswaith  
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Telephone Conversation with Dr. John M. Gandy  
and Mrs. Bethune September 25, 1939 2:05 P.M.

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Dr. Gandy: I called to find out Mrs. Bethune what has been allocated to this College from the Special Negro College and Graduate Aid Fund.

Mrs. Bethune: We have allocated to 10 graduate students funds amounting to \$2700 for the academic year 1939-40 at the rate of \$30 per month per student.

Last year we did a specific thing for your college and the greatest comeback that we had in my office here was the complaint on the part of the State Director, Mr. Newman that we had done things over his head with regard to the dispensing of the Special Fund that was entrusted to us and that he had a right to know and suggest how much should be spent.

Mr. Williams and I took it up and he decided that he would like to have the State Directors themselves decide what should be given to the schools. We sent to Mr. Newman a total amount of \$4,050 and it was up to him to make this proportion. To date he has offered us no proportion, consequently we thought we would give to St. Paul \$675 Virginia Union \$675; Va. Theological Seminary \$270; Bishop Payne \$180 and Virginia State \$2700.

Dr. Gandy: We were told by Mr. Newman's office that we had been allotted \$1350 for the year.

Mrs. Bethune: We will send the \$2700 today. I will get Mr. Williams to send it under his signature.

### THE WHITE HOUSE ARRANGED CONFERENCE FOR NMA OFFICERS

Through the kind offices of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, the White House arranged for the Defense Committee of the National Medical Association, consisting of Dr. A. N. Vaughn, President, Dr. Roscoe C. Giles, Chairman, and Dr. Clarence H. Payne, with Acting Surgeon-General Love of the Army, in Washington, D. C. at 10 a.m., October 10th and with the Surgeon-General of the Navy, Admiral McIntyre, in the afternoon.

#### Were Graciously Received

The Committee was graciously received by General Love and entered into a discussion of the integration of Negro medical men into the active service of the Army. It was pointed out to General Love that the NMA represented a nation-wide organization of Negro physicians, approximately 5,000 in number. It was further pointed out that nine A-class hospitals were staffed by members of this organization throughout the country, approved by the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons; that among its members are men who rank high on the faculties of medical colleges and on such special boards as the American Board of Surgery, American Board of Ophthalmology, Roentgenology, etc.

#### Services Offered

The services of Negro physicians of America were tendered to the National Government in this emergency. It was the desire of the members of this committee representing the NMA, that Negro physicians be integrated into the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army on a parity of rank and number proportionate to the population.

#### Committee Receives Favorable Consideration

Favorable consideration was given these proposals after lengthy discussion. The Acting Surgeon-General stated that Negro medical officers would be utilized with Negro troops in proportion to those inducted in the military service and the reserve officers would be the first called.

#### Base Hospitals Discussed

The Defense Committee of the NMA pointed out to the Acting Surgeon-General that nine hospitals approved by the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons, many of which are affiliated with teaching universities, are staffed and ready to be used as base hospital units. It is important, in order that the civilian population be cared for, to know approximately how many men would be needed to take care of the conscripted men. There are a number of physicians who have had five-year training in surgery, medicine and other branches, who are within the age limit and immediately available. The Committee felt that wherever possible, these men should be utilized in base hospitals. The Acting Surgeon-General stated that at this time he had no knowledge of exactly how many would be required; that the base hospitals offered a problem, in that a mixed personnel of troops would be inevitable, and he felt that public opinion, at this time, might not be ready for the mixed medical staffs. The Committee stated that

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it felt that through tact and education, particularly where there was a large Negro Army unit present, medical officers could be utilized in the base hospitals providing the sentiment of the superior officers would insist upon tolerance. The Committee pointed out that in certain sections of the country there are mixed staffs already working amicably together in large centers of Negro population and that the relationship between the two races was most harmonious and mutually profitable.

Conclusions

It was finally agreed by the Acting Surgeon-General:

1. That wherever there were Negro units in the Army they would be serviced by Negro medical officers.
2. That the problem of integration of Negro medical officers into base hospitals would be carefully and sympathetically studied.
3. That he would be happy to utilize the services of the National Medical Association for the purpose of securing highly qualified and competent medical personnel.

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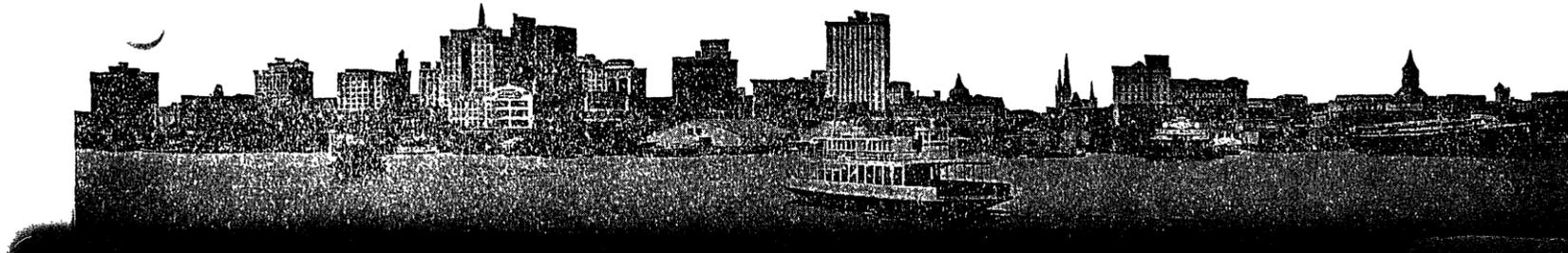
With appreciation and respect

Yours

*Joe H James*  
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Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:-

With further reply to your letter of October 22nd past, and in subordination to my reply of October 27th, I am forwarding you herewith the list of names of persons, representatives of New York State, to be considered for invitation to the Proposed National Conference on Problems of Negroes and Negro Youths, tentatively scheduled for January 12th, 13th, 14th next ensuing.

I have just returned from New York City where I was engaged as an Executive Assistant in the Democratic State Headquarters, on Madison Avenue, during the last State Campaign, for our betterment, and for the election of the Governor and other State Officers. These connections are manifest and essential. Although, our council here is primarily non-political, it must be a matter of great concern to us all to give, without personal regard to remuneration, our efforts to the maintenance of liberal-minded candidates as represented by the newly elected Democratic New Deal ticket in New York State. Our national policies as directly effecting and benefiting the Negro and Negro Youth are definitely aided by the retention of such men as Messrs. Lehman, Poletti, Bennett, Tremaine, Wagner, Mead, and most certainly, Mrs. O'Day.

The importance of retaining the New Deal in New York State is one-fifth the electoral vote necessary to keep the Roosevelt Administration in Washington, from whom necessarily we all have benefited.

The following are the names of those who not only deserve, in my opinion, to attend this conference, but who have experience and knowledge concerning political and economic conditions of our group in this area second to none:

1. Dr. Mark L. DeLeon  
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2. Dr. Florenz Hough, Director

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In futherance thereof, I wish to state that Mr. T. Arnold Hill, Mr. Eugene Kinckle Jones, Mr. Walter White and others of the same social agencies are not included because I know they have been mentioned by others, if not, it is my desire, that they not be overlooked.

Thanking you and with my kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Charles C. Craft

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13, January 1939.

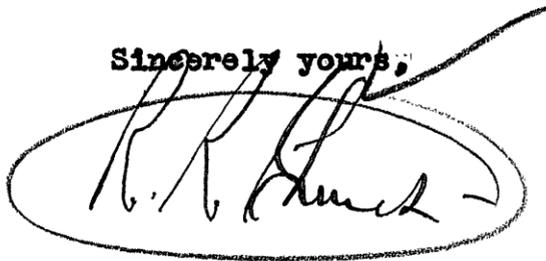
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My dear Mrs. Bethune:-

Your kind invitation of January 7,  
reached me today, after it had been forwarded  
from Washington, on January 11.

I regret that it is impossible for me  
to be present, but I hope that you had really  
a fine session.

Sincerely yours,



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January 6, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division, Negro Affairs  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your letter of December 21, stating that I would be notified by the state director of the NYA, concerning the transportation, etc., to the conference has been received. I note that the time is near and I have heard nothing from the state director as yet.

Whether it is an oversight I do not know, I am simply calling your attention to the fact, as I have made preparations for the trip.

Very truly yours,  
  
M. D. Potter

MDP:ILA

1201 Harvard St., N. W.,

Washington, D. C.,

January 13, 1939.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Friend:

God bless you! From all reports the meetings are going finely.

My one regret is that my wife and I are not there. Until yesterday morning we hoped to be among the first to register; then we realized that the heavy colds we had somehow taken in this changeable weather forbade our going into any company. We are going to be better, but a doctor has just left the house and we shall both have to be in for a day or two.

You are to be congratulated, and the success of the whole effort is an inspiration. My wife joins in all kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Benjamin Brawley*

November 19, 1938.

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

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Dear Aubrey:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter  
of the 14th regarding the conference on January 12  
to 14. I shall be glad to have Ralph Mizelle  
attend the meetings.

Sincerely yours,

*James Farley*

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OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE Nov. 21, 1938.

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TO: Mr. Lull

FROM: Elizabeth Wickenden

SUBJECT: Attached letter of Nov. 19th from Mr. Farley, Postmaster  
General, re Ralph Mizelle attending Negro conference.

Transmitted herewith.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have your letter of November 14th in which you call attention to a conference of negro leaders on the problems of the negro and negro youth to be held in Washington, D.C. on January 12 - 14, 1939.

I note your desire to have the active participation of Mr. Edgar G. Brown of this office.

I will be very glad to authorize Mr. Brown to participate in this conference and to prepare such data and exhibits as will give the delegates to the conference a clear picture of the part the negro has played in the CCC.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert Fechner*

ROBERT FECHNER,  
Director.

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DATE Nov. 21, 1938.

TO: Mr. Lull

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FROM: Elizabeth Wickenden

SUBJECT: Attached letter of Nov. 18th from Mr. Robt. Fechner, CCC,  
re Edgar G. Brown attending Negro conference.

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In reply refer to: RP-JHE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
Washington, District of Columbia

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 22,  
addressed to Mr. Joseph Evans of our staff, and  
informing him of the dates for the National Meeting  
on Problems of the Negroes and Negro Youth.

Mr. Evans will arrange to be in the city on the  
dates of January 12, 13, 14, 1939 and take part in  
the conference.

Very truly yours,

*John O. Walker*  
JOHN O. WALKER  
Director  
Resettlement Division

In reply refer to: RP-JHE

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
Washington, District of Columbia

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 2, addressed to Mr. Joseph Evans of our staff, and asking for a statement of the accomplishments of the Farm Security Administration as they relate to the Negro.

Mr. Evans will be pleased to prepare this information for inclusion in the mimeographed booklet which you are preparing.

Very truly yours,

*John O. Walker*  
JOHN O. WALKER  
Director  
Resettlement Division

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
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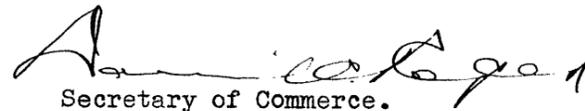
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Dear Mr. Williams:

In response to your letter of November 14th, we have informed Mr. Joseph R. Houchins that it will be agreeable to the Department for him to take part in the conference of Negro leaders on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

This is a subject in which I am interested and am glad to assist in every practicable way to inform the public of what we are doing to aid the Negro.

Very sincerely,

  
Secretary of Commerce.

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OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
DATE Nov. 22, 1938.

TO: Mr. D. Williams

Nov 22 2 33 PM '38

FROM: Elizabeth Wickenden

SUBJECT: Attached letter of Nov. 21st from Sec. Roper, Commerce Dept., re Jos. R. Houchins attending Negro conference.

Transmitted herewith.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 26, 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:

Referring to your letter of October 22, 1938, advising me of the National meeting on problems of Negroes and Negro Youth scheduled for January 12th to 14th, 1939, both dates inclusive, I shall endeavor to arrange my calendar so that I may be in attendance.

May I suggest that invitations be sent to the following persons:

Charles H. Houston, Special Counsel N.A.A.C.P. ✓  
615 F. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Dr. Emmett J. Scott, 1711 S. St., N.W., Washington, D.C. ✓  
Mr. Theophilus J. Houston, 615 F. Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  
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Hon. Robert B. Vann, 2628 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. ✓  
Louis R. Lautier, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. ✓  
Carl J. Murphy, Afro American, Baltimore, Maryland ✓  
Ralph E. Mizelle, Solicitor's Office, P.O. Department, ✓  
Washington, D.C.

Assuring you of my cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours

*William F. Houston*

WILLIAM F. HOUSTON  
Special Assistant to  
The Attorney General

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE  
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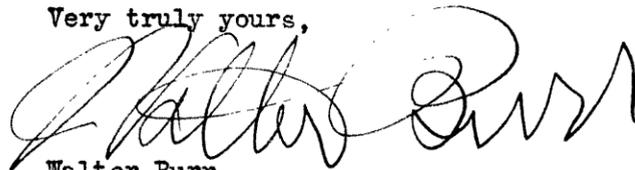
Mr. Aubrey Williams  
Executive Director  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Williams:

There has been referred to me your letter of November 14, addressed to the Secretary of Labor, requesting the participation of this Department in the conference of Negro leaders sponsored by the National Youth Administration, to be held January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

I should like to designate Lieutenant Lawrence A. Oxley, a member of the field staff of the United States Employment Service who is directly concerned with Negro problems, to cooperate with your group in the program of the conference.

Very truly yours,



Walter Burr  
Associate Director (NRS)



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON

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

Dear Mr. Williams:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 14, stating that you would like to have the active participation of Mr. James P. Davis, of this Department, in connection with the conference of Negro leaders on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth to be held on January 12, 13, and 14, 1939.

Mr. Davis is now serving as a Field Officer in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and his address is 916 Gaines Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

You have our authority to communicate with Mr. Davis and to utilize his services as you may desire in connection with the forthcoming conference of Negro leaders.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Mr. Davis for his information.

Sincerely yours,

*H. A. Wallace*

Secretary.

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OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE Nov. 26, 1938.

TO: Mr. D. Williams

FROM: Elizabeth Wickenden

SUBJECT: Attached letter of Nov. 25th from Sec. H. A. Wallace, Agr. Dept., re James P. Davis attending Negro conference.

Transmitted herewith.

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December 6, 1938

Mr. Nathan Strauss, Administrator  
United States Housing Authority  
Department of The Interior  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Strauss:

We are planning a conference of Negro leaders on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

We should like to have the active participation of Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Dr. Frank S. Horns, Mr. Henry Lee Moon, Mr. Clarence Johnson, Mr. Edward P. Lovett, Mr. Charles S. Duke and Mr. Parker Prescott, who are in your department.

Your permission for them to take part in these meetings and to prepare such data and exhibits as will give the delegates to the conference a clearer picture of the relationship of the Federal Government to the Negro in your department, will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Aubrey Williams  
Executive Director

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

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My dear Mr. Williams:

Your letter of November 14 to Secretary Ickes concerning the availability of certain members of his staff for the conference on Problems of Negro and Negro Youth was transmitted to him through this office. You stated that you would like to have the active participation of Dr. Ambrose Caliver, Mr. William J. Trent, Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Dr. Frank S. Horne, Mr. Henry Lee Moon, Mr. Clarence Johnson, Mr. Edward P. Lovett, Mr. Charles S. Duke, and Mr. J. Parker Prescott.

Permission to participate is granted Dr. Ambrose Caliver and me by the Secretary. Since the other men are employed in the United States Housing Authority, it will be necessary to secure authorization for them from Mr. Nathan Straus, the Administrator of the United States Housing Authority.

Sincerely yours,

*W. J. Trent, jr.*

W. J. Trent, jr.,  
Adviser on Negro Affairs

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

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My dear Mr. Williams:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 14 relative to a proposed conference of Negro leaders to be held January 12, 13, and 14.

We would be very happy to have Dr. Joseph H. B. Evans and Mrs. Constance Daniels participate in this conference, and we are authorizing them to prepare such data and exhibits as are available in picturing the relationship of the Negro to our Administration.

Sincerely yours,

*Will R. Alexander*  
Administrator.

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2 Brooks, Rev. Robert W.,	Pastor, Lincoln Temple Cong'l Church.
3 Burroughs, Nannie H.,	Executive Secretary, National Home Mis- sionary Society, Baptist Church.
4 Bruce, John C.,	Supervising Principal, D. C. Pub. Schools.
6 Davis, John P.,	Executive Secretary, Nat'l Negro Congress.
8 Dodson, Thurman L.,	Attorney, New Negro Alliance.
10 Flagg, Charles F.,	Assistant, D. C. Alley Dwelling Authority.
12 Hamilton, Col. West A.,	Comdg. Officer, 428 Inf., and Member of Board of Education, Dist. of Columbia.
Hayes, George E. C.,	President, Harlan-Terrell Bar Association.
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× Lautier, Louis R.,	Correspondent for "Afro-American," "Pitts- burgh Courier," and "Norfolk Journal and Guide."
24 Johnson, Major Campbell C.,	Executive Secretary, 12th St. Branch, YMCA.
× Mizelle, Ralph C.,	Assistant Solicitor, Post Office Department.
25 McNeill, Mary C.,	Formerly of Board of Education, Dist. Columbia.
26 Parker, George A.,	President, Robert H. Terrell Law School and Washington Bar Association.
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Terry, Dr. L. S.,	Owner and operator, Ethical Pharmacy.
Thomas, Charles M.,	President, Federation of Civic Associations, District of Columbia.
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Terrell, Mary Church,	National Association of Colored Women.
Wilkinson, Dr. G. C.,	1st Asst. Supt. Public Schools, Dist. Columbia.
Woodson, Dr. Carter G.,	Director, Association for Study of Negro Life and History.
× Brown, Dr. Roscoe C.,	U. S. Public Health Service.
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× Hall, Charles H.,	Statistician (Formerly with U. S. Census Bureau.)
Long, Dr. Howard W.,	Asst. Supt. of Schools, District of Columbia.
Lovett, Edward P.,	Attorney, U. S. Housing Administration.
Miller, Kelly,	News Commentator for the Negro Press.
Mitchell, Jesse H.,	President, Industrial Bank of Washington, D.C.
Reed, G. B.,	Owner and Operator of Reed's Department Store.
× Thompkins, William J.,	Recorder of Deeds, District of Columbia.
Wilson, Dr. J. Finlay,	Grand Exalted Ruler, Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World.

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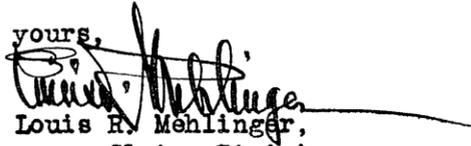
Mrs. May McLeod Bethune,  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs,  
National Youth Administration,  
916 G Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

In compliance with your request  
of the 22d instant, which came to me a few moments ago,  
I am submitting herewith the names of local persons  
who I believe should be included among those invited as  
"active participants" in your National Meeting On Prob-  
lems of Negroes and Negro Youth. I am sure you will  
agree with me that each of these persons will "make good  
presentations" to the meeting.

You can rest assured that I am at your command  
and will do my best in helping to make your meeting a suc-  
cess and bringing about some of the things which lie so  
heavily upon your heart for the benefit of our under-  
privileged group.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Louis R. Mehlinger,  
Attorney, Claims Division,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

936 T Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  
October 24, 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:

In reply to your kind letter of October 22nd,  
I am herewith transmitting the names and addresses of  
four persons who, I believe, would make worthy participants  
in our coming national meeting on January 12, 13, and 14,  
1939:

Mr. Earl B. Dickerson, Lawyer, 35 South Dearborn  
Street, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. James A. Megahy, Physician and Engineer, 324  
East 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Jas. A. Dunn, Engineer, Central Vice President  
of the National Technical Association, 1111 W.  
Second Street, Dayton, Ohio

Mr. Woolsey W. Hall, Government Clerk, 1330 Wallach  
Place, N.W. Washington, D.C.

Very sincerely yours,

*Chas. S. Duke*  
Chas. S. Duke



Recorder of Deeds  
Washington

November 8, 1938

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your letter, dated November 2, addressed to Dr. Thompkins, has been received in his absence from the City.

You may be assured that I shall place the same before him immediately upon his return.

In the meantime, I am enclosing two Annual Reports, 1935 and 1936, which might be of some service to you in the way of accomplishments of the Department under Dr. Thompkins.

Respectfully yours,

*Betty B. Briggs*  
Betty B. Briggs  
Private Secretary.



Recorder of Deeds  
Washington

October 27, 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:

Your letter addressed to Dr. Thompkins, concerning the tentative dates for the National meeting on problems of Negroes and Negro Youth, has been received in his absence from the City.

I am confident, however, that the dates suggested, January 12, 13, 14, 1939, will be satisfactory to Dr. Thompkins. If not, you may be assured that he will write you immediately upon his return to Washington, which will be not later than the 15th of November.

Very respectfully,

*Betty B. Briggs*  
Betty B. Briggs  
Private Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON

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November 4, 1938

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

In the absence of Mr. Trent from the city, I wish to acknowledge your letter to him of November 2. He is on an extended trip that will keep him in the field for approximately three weeks; however, the matter discussed by you will be called to his attention as soon as he returns.

Sincerely yours,

Paulyne S. Robb  
Office of Adviser on Negro Affairs

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October 29, 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:

I have read your letter of October 26, and am interested to note that you are to have another conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth.

I shall be glad to review the material we used for the last conference, and see what can be done to secure a meeting of the Committee on Increased Opportunity for Employment and Economic Security, of which I was Chairman. I will advise you of the progress we make.

Sincerely yours,

T. Arnold Hill, Director  
Department of Industrial Relations.

TAH:AT



OFFICE OF THE  
PRESIDENT

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE  
INSTITUTE, W. VA.

C O P Y

November 10, 1938

JOHN W. DAVIS  
PRESIDENT

I have just received an important letter from Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director, Division of Negro Affairs, National Youth Administration, in which she suggests the possibilities of another Conference on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth. Dr. Bethune has asked for a follow-up meeting of the Committee on Education and Recreation. You served on this committee during the last conference.

Information now desired seems to be as follows:

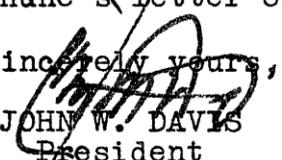
1. An appraisal of what has been done since the last conference.
2. Setting up definite follow-up machinery after the next conference.
3. Working up specific suggestions as to what can be done to facilitate government action on the problems surveyed by the committee.

In order to approach the task of this assignment expeditiously both as to time and the gathering of findings, I now seek your point of view on the following:

- a. When and where may we have a meeting of the committee on education and recreation?
- b. What is your written opinion on (1), necessary follow-up machinery after the next conference? and (2), what are some specific suggestions as to what can be done to facilitate government action on problems of the Negro and Negro youth as set forth in the last conference held?

I shall be glad to notify each member of the committee as to the time and place which would seem to be most agreeable for our next committee meeting. I shall be glad also to make for you a digest of statements of appraisal and suggestions which will be sent to me by the individual committee members.

I am of the opinion that we must act quickly in connection with the requests, now made. For your larger information I am enclosing a copy of Dr. Bethune's letter of October 26, 1938. Let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,  
  
JOHN W. DAVIS  
President

*Copy of this letter has gone to  
members of the Com. on Education  
and Recreation - Davis*

THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1938

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*WJ*  
Dear Mr. Williams:

This acknowledges the receipt of your letter of November 14, addressed to the Attorney General, which has been referred to me.

In reply to your request the Department will be glad to have you communicate with William L. Houston, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, in connection with the conference of negro leaders, which is to be held on January 12, 13, and 14, 1939.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*George K. ...*

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

UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
NATIONAL NEGRO HEALTH MOVEMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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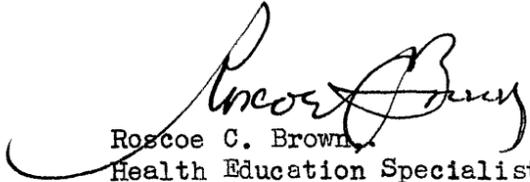
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs,  
National Youth Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I thank you for your kind invitation to participate in the national meeting on problems of Negroes and Negro youth, January 12-14, 1939, and shall place these dates on my calendar of engagements.

At some time soon, I shall contact you to discuss with you the plans for the meeting. I recall the representative persons at the former conference and am sure you will enlist their counsel in determining the agenda for the January meeting.

Sincerely yours,

  
Roscoe C. Brown,  
Health Education Specialist.

RCB/CEM

November 2, 1938

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Attention: Mr. O'Hara Lanier

FROM: John W. Whitten *J. W. W.*

Complying with your telephone request, I am herewith submitting to you the names of several persons, who in my opinion should be invited to the proposed conference on the problems of Negroes and Negro youth.

These persons I have had the pleasure of meeting and knowing in the various sections of the country. They are doing a splendid job in their respective fields. They are as follows: Howard Jordan, Assistant Supervisor, Pittsburgh Housing Authority, 2621 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Theodore Templeton, Director, Interracial Recreation Center, 4th and Laurel Streets, Reading, Pennsylvania; William J. Robinson, Physical Director, Pittsburgh YMCA, 2621 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Henry C. Parker, Jr., Executive Secretary, Pittsburgh YMCA, 2621 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Clarence L. Thomas, Executive Director, Frederick Douglass Community Association, 13th Street and Pinewood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio; DeHart Hubbard, Public Recreation Commission, 114 City Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio; E. T. Atwell, Director, Negro Work, National Recreation Association, New York City; Ruth Williams, 519 Melwood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Robert Bradford, Executive Assistant, Recreation Division, WPA, 1734 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C.; C. L. Wesley Smith, Consulting Engineer, Rural Electrification Administration, 821 15 Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.; Edwin Anderson, State WPA Supervisor, Negro Recreation, 204 East 10th Street, Wilmington, Delaware; James A. Dorsey, Director, Crawford Recreation Center, Wylie and Crawford Streets; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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WASHINGTON

November 2, 1938

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I wish to suggest for attendance at the National Meeting on Problems of the Negroes and Negro Youth:

Dr. W. F. Boddie, Forsythe, Georgia. Dr. Boddie is one of the leading physicians of the south and has done active work towards bringing Negroes in Georgia to a realization of their citizenship responsibilities. He is also a member of the Commission on Medical Economics in the National Medical Association, and a man who is in touch with conditions as they affect the Negro in Georgia and the south.

Mr. A. Maceo Smith, 814 $\frac{1}{2}$  Good Street, Dallas, Texas. Mr. Smith is one of the younger men, well trained and with an experience dealing with organization and programing for civic groups. I am confident that he will be able to add something to our conference. ✓

Mr. Giles A. Hubert, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee. Professor Hubert was formerly in my office under the Resettlement Administration and subsequently received a Fellowship to study in Denmark. His knowledge of agricultural conditions in the south and his studies in the cooperative movement place him in a position to be of great help to the conference.

While I am sure that you have in mind to invite those who are working in the New Deal program, I am suggesting that you not overlook the names of Mr. Albon Holsey, Mr. J. B. P. Davis and Mrs. R. R. Moton.

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph H. E. Evans*  
JOSEPH H. E. EVANS  
Race Relations Specialist

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Washington

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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:

My inability to comply with your letter of October 22, requesting that I submit names for the coming National meeting on Negro problems, was due to the fact that I was out of the city.

I am herewith submitting the following names with the hope that you may see fit to request their presence at this meeting:

Mr. Frayser T. Lane  
Director, Dept. Civic Improvement  
Chicago Urban League  
3032 South Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Honorable Lafayette F. Ford ✓  
President National Alliance of  
Postal Employees  
4419 Aldine Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dr. G. W. Hawkins  
President The Florida Medical, Dental  
and Pharmaceutical Association  
1018 N. W. Second Avenue  
Miami, Florida

Mr. Joseph H. James ✓  
Executive Secretary  
Jacksonville Negro Welfare League  
704 Broad Street  
Jacksonville, Florida

I realize that some of these names may suggest a duplication;

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune

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that is, if you are limiting your invitations to certain sections of the country, but I feel that these men may have something definite to add to the discussions at this meeting.

Very truly yours,

*Ralph E. Mizelle*  
Ralph E. Mizelle, Attorney  
Solicitor's Office

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Washington

October 31, 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:

I wish to supplement my letter of October 26, 1938 with  
the following names:

Senator Charles C. Diggs ✓  
Detroit, Michigan

Dr. Mark DeLeon  
Mt. Vernon, New York

Honorable Elmer A. Carter ✓  
New York City

Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. ✓  
New York City

Very truly yours,

*Ralph E. Mizelle*  
Ralph E. Mizelle, Attorney  
Solicitor's Office

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October 24, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1834 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you for your letter of Oct. 22,  
advising me of the tentative dates for the Nation-  
al meeting on problems of Negroes and Negro youth.  
I shall, of course, plan my calendar accordingly.

Whereas I shall perhaps have other  
suggestions from time to time, I am particularly  
desirous of submitting the name of Harper R. For-  
tune, Junior Counsellor of the D. C. Public Em-  
ployment Center, as one of the participants.

I pledge you my unlimited cooperation  
and support.

Very truly yours,

*Harry S. McAlpin*  
Harry S. McAlpin

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
916 Gaines Street  
October 24, 1938.

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

In reply to your letter October 22nd which was received this morning, beg to advise I will bend every effort to be with you January 12-14, 1939. As per your request I am giving the names of several prominent persons of our racial group who I am sure will be a fine asset to your meeting.

Mr. Leon R. Harris, President National Federation Colored Farmers (with membership around 50,000) Box 285, Moline, Illinois. Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, Secretary National Baptist Convention, 447-4th Avenue, North- Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Judia C. Jackson Harris, prominent educator R.F.D. Athens, Georgia. Mrs. Marion Baxter Paul, State Director Negro Home Demonstration Agents, Washington Avenue Columbia, S.C., which has 76,537 farms operated by Negroes in that State. Judge Scipio A. Jones, prominent Negro Attorney Little Rock, Arkansas (Century Building) Dr. J.E. Walker President Universal Life Insurance Company, Hernando Street Memphis, Tennessee. His Company operates in practically all southern states, and he is fully conversant with all the main ills of the Negro..C.H. Waller State Agricultural Leader Prairie View College, Prairie View, Texas.

Command me whenever I can serve in assisting you in the promotion of the very fine work you are doing throughout the Nation.

Yours very truly,

*James P. Davis*  
Jas. P. Davis

Head Field Officer.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

WALKER-JOHNSON BUILDING  
1734 NEW YORK AVENUE NW.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

HARRY L. HOPKINS  
ADMINISTRATOR

October 25, 1938

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of October 22, in which you invite suggestions and the names of persons who might well be invited to participate in the National meeting on problems of Negroes and Negro youth, January 12-14, 1939.

I am confident that the names of all well known leaders in Negro life have been suggested to you. My only suggestions in this respect is that in the event it should be deemed wise to invite persons currently active in work relief, one or all of the following three persons would make excellent participants and discussion leaders:

Mr. Charles E. Dickinson  
Field Representative  
Employment Division, WPA, and  
President, Columbus Branch NAACP  
Clinton Building, 8 E. Chestnut St.  
Columbus, Ohio

Mrs. Irma Neal Henry, Consultant  
Employment Division, WPA  
120 E. Hargett Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina

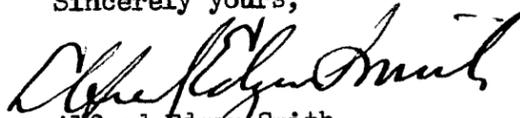
Mr. Lemuel Foster  
In Charge, Race Relations Unit  
Division of Employment, WPA  
70 Columbus Avenue  
New York City

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune

October 25, 1938

I have no further immediate suggestions as to an outline for the program or discussion, as I feel that this is being adequately taken care of by the designated committee. However, I wish to offer my cooperation to the program committee and you know, of course, that you may call upon me officially or unofficially at any time.

Sincerely yours,



Alfred Edgar Smith  
Administrative Assistant

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF EDUCATION  
WASHINGTON

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November 9, 1938

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Replying to your letter of October 22, I am suggesting the following persons as participants in your proposed conference: Chairman, Civil Service Commission; Chairman, Social Security Board; and the Administrator of the Wage-Hour Act. I believe that a discussion of the operation of each of these agencies by a responsible official will be of great benefit. Also it is suggested that someone make a rather full statement of the results of the previous conference. ✓

I regretted to note the dates finally decided upon, as I had planned to be away at that time. The Southern Education Foundation will meet in New York on January 12. However, I hope I can arrange to be here part of the time at least.

I shall write you within a few days concerning the statement you wished me to prepare about our work.

Very cordially yours,

*Ambrose Caliver*  
AMBROSE CALIVER  
Senior Specialist in the  
Education of Negroes

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

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October 28, 1938

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 22 in which you give me the tentative dates for the National meeting on problems of Negroes and Negro youth, January 12-13-14, 1939.

Please be assured that I shall be happy to arrange my calendar to be present and cooperate whole heartedly in this program.

Very truly yours,

*Lawrence A. Oxley*

Lawrence A. Oxley  
Field Representative



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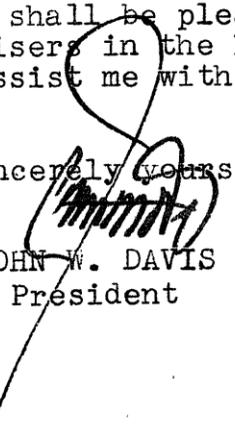
JOHN W. DAVIS  
PRESIDENT

Dear Dr. Bethune:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of October 28th. In reply please know that it is important from my point of view to have a follow-up conference on the one involving Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth. As Chairman of the Committee on Education and Recreation I shall be glad to take such steps as are suggested in your recent communication.

I shall be glad to have you advise me from time to time on the securing of information on the accomplishments since the last conference was held. I shall be pleased to get in touch with Negro advisers in the Federal set-up who may be able to assist me with the problem as assigned to me.

Sincerely yours,

  
JOHN W. DAVIS  
President

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs N Y A  
1340 G Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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November 29, 1938

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

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the meeting of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes in Tallahassee, Florida on December 8 and 9. Due to the great contributions that PWA has and is making toward improving educational facilities for Negroes throughout the south, I am anxious to have it presented to just such a group. Both Dr. Weaver (USHA) and I plan attending the conference and have so informed Mr. Simmons.

I regret the delay in getting these names to you but I have been away most of November. I shall be glad to be of service in connection with the Conference on the Negro and Negro Youth.

Sincerely yours,

*W. J. Trent, jr.*

W. J. Trent, jr.,  
Adviser on Negro Affairs

Enclosure

November 29, 1938

1. Dr. Flemmie P. Kittrell  
Dean of Students  
Bennett College  
Greensboro, North Carolina
2. President W. J. Trent ✓  
Livingstone College  
Salisbury, North Carolina
3. President David D. Jones ✓  
Bennett College  
Greensboro, North Carolina
4. Mr. Alphonse Heningburg, Assistant to the President  
North Carolina College for Negroes  
Durham, North Carolina
5. Mr. Dewey R. Jones, Assistant Director  
Hull House  
Chicago, Illinois
6. David M. Grant, Esquire  
Legal Division  
City of St. Louis  
City Hall  
St. Louis, Missouri

7. Mrs Irma N. Henry  
Adv. on Racial Matters  
Administrator N.C. W.P.A.  
Raleigh, N. C.



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

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have been directed to advise you, in reply to your request to Surgeon General Parran for my participation in the conference of Negro leaders on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth to be held in Washington, January 12 to 14, 1939, that I shall be pleased to serve the conference in such manner as may be desirable and helpful.

It is noted that data and exhibits referable to the subject of the conference are desired, and I shall prepare materials for this purpose.

Please keep me posted on the development of conference plans.

Sincerely yours,

  
Roscoe C. Brown,  
Health Education Specialist.

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October 31, 1938



Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro  
Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
916 Gee Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you for your letter of  
October 22, relative to the proposed  
conference on problems of Negroes and  
Negro youth.

Needless for me to say that  
you have my wholehearted cooperation  
in this matter and in the near future  
I hope to furnish you the names of  
several young persons, who are really  
doing things and in my opinion should  
be invited to this conference.

Sincerely yours,

*John W. Whitten*  
John W. Whitten  
Junior Race Relations Officer

**NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE  
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DR. MARK L. DELEON  
*Directors*

45 West Third Street  
Mount Vernon, New York  
October 27, 1938

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

Dear Mrs. Bethune:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 22nd instant and in reply,  
I beg to state that at present I am in New York campaigning  
for the re-election of the great Liberals - Wagner, Mead  
and Mrs. O'Day, also Mr. Lehman and Poletti.

I wish to say that I accept with pleasure your kind invitation  
to attend the National meeting on problems of Negroes and  
Negro youth: January 12-13-14, 1939, and will lend my  
heartiest cooperation and support.

With highest personal esteem and best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,  
*Charles C. Craft*  
Charles C. Craft

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November 15, 1938

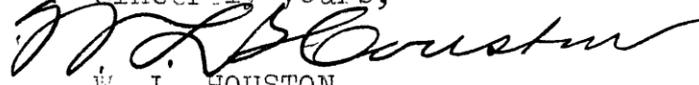
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1724 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have your letter of November 2,  
1938 requesting me to prepare a statement,  
facts and figures, on what I consider the ac-  
complishments of my division during my  
period in office.

May I state that the Department  
of Justice work is not related to our group  
in particular, but concerns the entire country.  
Hence, I have no data to submit that will be  
of interest to you nor of value to your com-  
mittee.

Sincerely yours,



W. L. HOUSTON  
Special Assistant to the  
U. S. Attorney General

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