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January 31, 1938

Dear Dr. Levy: ^{See ↓} Dr. Boder, to whom you gave a note of introduction, came in to see me the other day. It turned out that he wanted not my advice but an appropriation from the Julius Rosenwald Fund to the proposed Psychological Museum. Of course I had to tell him that this fell entirely outside the scope of the Fund's present interests.

He seemed a most interesting person. While I have no opinion as to the value of psychological exhibits, I was impressed by the thoroughness with which he had worked out his plans and the steady progress he is making toward their realization.

Very truly yours,
EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Dr. David M. Levy
145 East 57th Street
New York City

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Levy, David (Mrs)

January 23, 1940

Dear Adele: From two or three sources recently I have heard of good things you were saying about me behind my back. This is so unusual - and delightful - an experience for any man to have that I am sending this note chiefly to record my gratitude.

An implication of one of these rumors was that I should take the chairmanship of the committee on refugee children. In spite of being moved by your nomination of me, I have begged off from this service, as Clarence Pickett may already have told you. I am sure that we are doing some things of great worth to the future of mankind in our present rural education. I think I should give my whole energy to getting that program fully launched, which will certainly take at least another year or two. I have passed on to Pickett some other names of people who can do the children's job better than I can, chief among them George Vincent. I also told Pickett that I would do anything I could for the committee this side of taking the chief responsibility. I want you to know that I did not decline this task without careful thought and without what seemed to me adequate reasons.

I wonder if you or David would be interested in my latest book, another one of my studies of races, this time the American Indian. I assure you it is the easiest way to get a picture of those interesting people who inhabited this world for thousands of years before the Europeans found it and seized it. I am giving myself the pleasure of sending you a copy, but don't be over-persuaded into reading it unless you simply cannot resist.

I am a long ways behind in my visiting with you and David. Is either of the handsome sons with you? Would you be available for an evening or an afternoon around February 8 or 9 when I am to be in New York. If there is a chance on that day or possibly on Sunday afternoon, February 11, please hold it for me.

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Very truly yours,

Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue, New York

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MRS. DAVID M. LEVY
300 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

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January 25, 1940.

My dear Mr. Embree:

Isn't it too bad that our long record of hostility has to end in practically complete amity? You were a dear to send us the book. It got such marvelous reviews that we are both eager to read it, and I hate to admit it but we would have bought it if you hadn't given us a presentation copy.

As to the project for refugee children that is in process of formation, I quite understand your reluctance to leave one man-sized job for another, and I am sure that you decided to veto it after considering all the aspects. The movement appeals to me particularly because it is sponsored by so representative a group of non-Jews. I am still unconvinced that we can bring in any large number of children, but perhaps I am wrong. We are all grateful to you for the leads you gave us.

We have no plans for the evening of the ninth, so perhaps we can get together at long last. Will you give us a ring when you get in?

Believe it or not, I send you my warm personal greetings, and thanks for the book.

Cordially yours,

Adah Levy

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Levy, Adele

MRS. DAVID M. LEVY
300 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

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May 14, 1940.				

My dear Edwin:

I am not sure by now whether or not our conversation was a dream, since such a long time has passed and I have taken no further action nor have you. I am writing you now to say that if you still want me, and if there is such a thing as a Julius Rosenwald Fund, or a world, for that matter, next fall, I will be happy to go on the Board.

We loved our glimpse of you and your rebel daughter. We are both fine, but of course terribly distressed over world conditions.

Cordially,

Adele R. Levy

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Levy, Adele

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May 16, 1940

Dear Adele: The mills of this Fund grind slowly. I was talking with you this winter about a matter which does not come up for official action until the autumn. I wanted to be sure well in advance that you were willing to serve so that we might plan the composition of our Board of Trustees most wisely. I am delighted that you agree to re-join our group, and I am sure the whole Board shares my pleasure. But, contrary to the feverish tendency in most other affairs, formal action does not take place until next November.

It was a pleasure to have even a little visit with you and your distinguished husband. I hope your membership in the Fund will mean that you and I see each other more frequently in the future than we have recently. I hope also that you will find a number of the things that the Fund is doing are of much more than official interest to you.

I am in general happy about our programs, especially in rural education, fellowships, and Negro health. I am, however, eager for us to make some contributions to the general field of race relations. The slogan that seems to me to state the hope of civilization is "that diverse people may live together happily and successfully in this rapidly shrinking world". I realize fully the difficulty - maybe impossibility - of any effective work in that realm, but it is the most important problem now before the world. It seems to me that this Fund, because of its history and composition, must give thorough consideration to this tough but terrifically important problem.

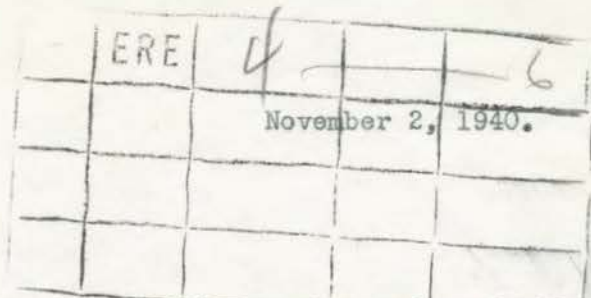
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Very truly yours,

Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York City



MRS. DAVID M. LEVY
300 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY



My dear Edwin:

Between getting various members of my family married, I have been so hectic that I have not had the opportunity either to read your biennial report or to write you about it. I will do both, however, within the next week.

I am enclosing a letter concerning a project which came to my attention the other day, and which seemed to me might well fit into the Rosenwald Fund program. Miss Clark, who is the director of the National Association of Day Nurseries, is a woman of real ability, and apparently has done much to improve the standards of day nurseries throughout the country. I asked her not to make too exhaustive a report before I found out whether or not this could properly be considered on the agenda of the coming meeting. If you feel that it can, will you wire me and she will submit the necessary figures and a "break-down" of the budget.

I am sorry that there has been some difficulty about my appointment to the board. I am, of course, in an awkward position and feel regardless of what action is taken about Helen Snellenburg, that I must ask you not to submit my name. As I told Lessing, I think that an immature and inexperienced person is not a good addition to a board such as this. At the same time, I realize he has some good arguments on his side. I will be anxious to know what action is taken by the board.

Will you let me know about the enclosed as soon as possible -- that is, whether or not you feel that you can place it on the agenda?

Cordially yours,

Ada R. Levy

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DAY NURSERIES, INC.
122 EAST 22nd STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Executive Office

November 1, 1940

My dear Mrs. Levy:

May I put in writing what there was hardly time to say the other day. I so appreciated those few minutes after such a long while.

In its year of field work with day nurseries, this new national organization has become deeply concerned over the great opportunity, but also utter inadequacy of the colored day nurseries in this country.

Of the several hundred day nurseries with which we are in contact, a considerable number are in Negro communities. Many of them are most antiquated; others are struggling against the odds of isolation, lack of encouragement, guidance and funds. These last are pathetically eager to qualify under our standards; namely, to give day care and developmental guidance to children under ten years of age, suited to their physical and emotional growth and family needs; to keep families united; to give family service care on a preventive level with emphasis on parent education; and develop a day care service on a community-wide base.

It is our considered judgment that a very small number, perhaps three, of simple but well run Negro day nurseries in strategic areas in this country, would have a far reaching effect in developing irresistible leadership among their own people to stem the breakdown of families; prevent delinquency; and lay foundations for wholesome living for Negro children in their formative years. Several colored nurseries are now ready for this.

We are eager to experiment with a three year program through a special field worker on the National staff, placing qualified worker in these

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November 1, 1940

nurseries; financing each project on a diminishing basis; interpreting the demonstration to Negro communities and helping to build community support. Roughly, we figure on \$18,000. the first year, that is, \$11,000. for the three local programs and \$7,000. for field worker, travel, space, equipment, secretarial services, conferences, etc.

My question is - Do you think it worthwhile to develop this idea in detail and present it to the Rosenwald Fund?

Thanks so much for your advice --

Very sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Woodruff Clark

Elizabeth Woodruff Clark
Executive Director

Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Levy, Adele

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

November 4, 1940

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

AS CHAIRMAN NOMINATING COMMITTEE FUND MEMBERSHIP HAVE DISCUSSED OTHER
MEMBERS QUESTION OF SUCCESSOR MRS. ASCOLI. EMBREE MCCLEAN AND I
UNANIMOUSLY AGREE HIGHLY DESIRABLE NOMINATE MRS. LEVY. IF YOU ARE
WILLING TO CONCUR KINDLY WIRE EMBREE.

Will W. Alexander

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Levy, Adele

November 6, 1940

Dear Adele: I am delighted to have a very hearty telegram from Lessing reporting that you will serve on the Board, though regretting that you cannot attend the meeting next Monday. I am very happy that in spite of the embarrassments that arose for a time, you consent to serve. I am sure you can be of great help to us. I know how many commitments you have already, but I think we can find ways of benefiting from your wisdom without taking too much of your time.

The day nursery matter could not properly be considered at the coming meeting. As a matter of fact, the Board has very sharply limited our programs. I think the trustees are right in this, but at any rate they have issued explicit instructions to the officers not even to present matters outside the very definite programs on which we are now engaged.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York City

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MRS. DAVID M. LEVY
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My dear Edwin:

To answer your letter categorically --

I am somewhat reluctant to serve on the Julius Rosenwald Fund because my time is so over-committed in other directions, but I will try to make a good trustee.

I am forwarding a copy of the second paragraph of your letter to Miss Clark. I am sorry this does not fall within the program of the fund, not because I am personally interested, but because it seems such a valuable piece of work. Do you think there is any chance of its being accepted if it is brought to the attention of the board at a future meeting?

I am decelighted about the election.

It seems I am making all kinds of demands on your time lately, but I am going to do so once more. Will you look through the attached correspondence, and let me know whether you think the project is worth the support of the Rosenwald Family Association. Miss Straus is asking us to give \$5,000 for 1940. All the children are in accord with this plan, but Lessing suggested that he get a "green light" from you before he gives his okay. Miss Straus is doing a good job in New York, and this whole thing sounds fine to me. Will you let me have your advice on the matter as soon as possible?

With cordial personal greetings,

Sincerely yours,

David R. Searcy

Signed in Mrs. Levy's absence.

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DOROTHY STRAUS
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
527 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 6, 1940.

Mrs. David M. Levy,
950 Park Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Levy,

As promised I am herewith sending you copies of my brief correspondence with Mr. Embree. I never heard from him and never tried to reach him thereafter because I was told by both Mr. Lane of the Welfare Council and Mr. Robert Elzy of the Brooklyn Urban League that the Rosenwald Fund was definitely confining its support to educational projects.

I am also enclosing duplicates of the papers that I gave you - of our budget, of the funds thus far collected, and of the statement of our objectives and activities.

I might add that originally it was planned to have the Service Bureau run by a membership corporation duly approved by the Board of State Welfare and legally incorporated in February, 1938. When, however, we found that the Greater New York Fund was not giving any money to a project that had not been in existence for three years, our Board induced the Children's Aid Society to take the Bureau under its wing.

The Davison Fund and other pledgors acquiesced in this step and paid over the money originally granted to the Corporation directly to the Children's Aid Society. All subsequent funds have been paid directly to the Society for the purposes of the Bureau.

Another reason why this step was taken was our eagerness to avoid the creation of another agency if an existing agency would carry on the work.

The Corporation has not been dissolved but remains in what I term "suspended animation" ready to go into action if it should be needed in the future, though we hope no such necessity will arise, as we want the City itself to take over when our experimental period comes to an end.

I am enclosing a copy of this letter also as you may want to send it with the other papers to Mr. Embree.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Straus
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C O P Y

DOROTHY STRAUS

December 20, 1937.

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Embree:

From everything I hear you are entirely mistaken about the value of your advice even on the subject of a child placement bureau. I shall therefore very much appreciate your giving me an appointment for a brief consultation on your next visit to New York.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) DOROTHY STRAUS



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JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND

4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago

December 13, 1937.

Dear Miss Straus: I have read with interest your letter of December 8 concerning the proposed Negro Child Placement Bureau. I do come to New York frequently but only for brief visits which are usually crowded with many engagements. I should, of course, be glad to see you if I could be of any help, but since I am not conversant with the problems you face and the project in which you are interested falls completely outside the scope of this Fund's activities, I am afraid a talk with me would be of no value to you.

Very truly yours,

(signed) EDWIN R. EMBREE

Miss Dorothy Straus
475 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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C O P Y

DOROTHY STRAUS

December 8, 1937.

Mr. Edwin Embree,
Rosenwald Fund,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Embree:

A group of us, more or less originating from a nucleus gathered together by the Welfare Council and the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, is trying to organize a Negro Child Placement Bureau along the lines of that which your Fund so successfully encouraged in Chicago. As you doubtless know, Dr. Evans was here about a year ago to confer with a number of us interested in the problem of the Negro children in this City and the present effort is in part the result of that visit.

I understand that you come to New York frequently and I am writing to ask whether you will do so in the near future and, if so, whether you would be good enough to give me an appointment for a brief interview concerning our project.

Our group, which we hope will turn into the Board of the Bureau upon formal organization, consists of trained social workers and civic minded laymen, nicely balanced we hope against each other. I have been more or less by a tour de force made chairman because of my experience with the National Urban League and other inter-racial enterprises in this City, so that I personally would be very grateful not only for the opportunity of submitting our situation to you but of benefiting from your advice and suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) DOROTHY STRAUS



ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR SERVICE BUREAU CHILDREN

May 1, 1940 to May 1, 1941

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$ 31,200	
Professional Services	600	
Medical supplies and supplementary food	400	
Clothing	6,000	
Equipment	1,000	
Printing, postage, and telephone	1,500	
Travel	1,200	
Fuel	250	
Light	125	
Repairs	100	
Board	33,000	
Miscellaneous	1,000	
		\$ 76,375

Salary increases	700	
Additional medical program	<u>2,500</u>	<u>3,200</u>
Total		\$79,575

INCOME

Donations:

Davison Fund	7,000
Greater New York Fund	10,000
Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies	600
Individuals	<u>6,500</u>

\$24,100.

Anticipated collections from City of New York	<u>46,800</u>	\$ 70,900
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BALANCE NEEDED

8,675

Note: It is estimated that this budget will permit us to carry 100 children now in care and to receive 100 new children.



REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was estimated in the Spring that besides the renewals of the gifts of last year, we would need to raise \$8,675. The following renewals have been received:

Anonymous	\$6,500.
Protestant Federation	600.
Davison Fund	<u>7,000.</u>
Renewed	\$14,100.

The Greater New York Fund has assured us that we will receive the \$10,000. Dr. Deardorff told Miss Cole recently that she felt sure it would come through by the end of this calendar year.

The following new gifts have been received:

New York Foundation	\$ 2,000.
Mrs. Vanderbilt Webb	25.
Bloomingtondale's	484.17
Mr. Huntington Hartford	10.
Mr. Harold Riegelman	5.
Mr. Bayard James	100.
Wm. H. Harkness	10.
Special donations through Miss Cutter	<u>200.</u>
	2,834.17

Assuming that we will receive the \$10,000 from the Greater New York Fund, we will then have a total of \$26,934. If the Service Bureau is able to collect the amount from the City which was estimated we will need to raise \$5,841 to carry out our year's program. If the workers cannot be added quickly in order to receive children from the City, the City income will not be as great. The immediate need is to raise the \$5,841 as fast as possible in order to add more workers and, hence, more children this Fall.

October 8, 1940

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Memorandum re establishment and development of the Service
Bureau for Negro Children

For some years there have been many colored children in New York City who are badly neglected and in need of care because their own homes were broken. The existing agencies could not provide for them. A year ago on May 1st, the Committee, whose names appear above, succeeded in raising enough money to start this much needed work for Negro children. The work has covered all five Boroughs.

For the first year's work \$27,000 was raised from the Greater New York Fund, The Davison Fund of the Rockefeller Foundation, the Baldwin Fund, and a few interested individuals. Instead of becoming a separate new agency in the community it was decided that it was wise to have the Service Bureau administered by the New York Children's Aid Society as a part of its program of foster care.

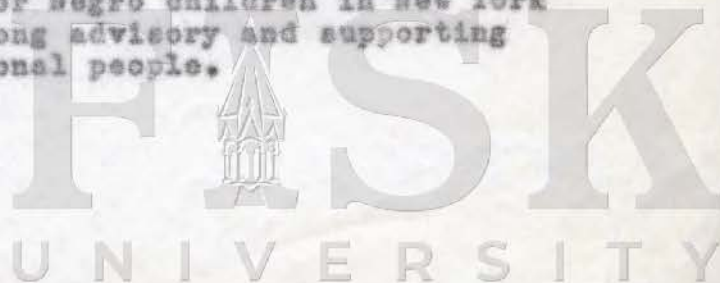
The plan of the Service Bureau was to place 100 Negro children in foster homes the first year, and another 100 each succeeding year. This is an experimental project under the auspices of The Children's Aid Society for a period of from three to five years, at the end of which time it is hoped that it will be absorbed by the Department of Welfare.

In our first year, which ended on May 1, we took 119 new children, but we had to refuse 116 others whom we should have taken. Sixty splendid Negro foster homes were opened by the trained Negro staff. The staff will have little difficulty in securing many more satisfactory homes.

In this second year we expect to place an additional 100 children. We have secured the renewal of \$2,400 of the money given last year and have raised \$2,800 of new money. We must raise approximately \$6,000 more in order to care for the 100 children.

Even if we are able to receive this number we are not beginning to meet the need for foster care for Negro children in New York City. For this work we need a strong advisory and supporting committee of both lay and professional people.

October 14, 1940



Levy, Adele

November 12, 1940

Dear Adele: I know your many commitments and therefore appreciate all the more your willingness to serve as a trustee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. I know you will make a good one. In fact, I think our Board as now composed is the best it has ever been. I keep hoping that we can become a really deliberative and planning body - not simply a group to vote funds. We now have so many people from the South deeply interested and widely experienced and so many wise people from the country at large that I think the deliberations of the Board itself may begin to count for a great deal in addition to the money we give and the direct work of the officers.

I hope we can arrange things so as to get the maximum of wisdom from you with the minimum amount of consumption of your time. If we can count on your presence at meetings twice a year and if you can arrange to give me about an hour or so, also twice a year, for personal discussion of details of one sort or another, that will meet the fixed requirements. The amount of time that individual trustees give beyond this general schedule usually depends on the amount of interest they have in one or another features of our work. In addition to the conferences for which I will be taking the initiative, of course the other officers and I are at your call at any time for discussion of things that we are doing or for consultation on related items in which you may be interested. We hope thus to be able to give something in return for the time and attention that trustees give to us.

In this connection, and in particular response to the last paragraph in your letter, I hope you



will never hesitate to call on me for information or opinions on any subject. So far as the Service Bureau for Negro Children is concerned, I am very glad to give you the "green light". Of course I do not know the details of the work in the New York area. Of this you have doubtless been able to assure yourself from people on the local scene. The general enterprise and the people who are taking part in it seem to me excellent. I am delighted that the Family Association contemplates making a gift to this Service.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York City

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Levy, Adele

November 12, 1940

My dear Mrs. Levy: I have the honor to inform
you that at the meeting of
the members of the Julius Rosenwald Fund held
November 11, 1940, you were elected to the Board
of Trustees of that body, to serve until the annual
meeting of 1943.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

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Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York City

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MRS. DAVID M. LEVY
300 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

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November 23, 1940.

My dear Edwin:

Mr. Russell Jelliffe came in to see me the other day about the Karamu Theatre of Cleveland, Ohio. He said he had been in touch with you about it from time to time, so I am certain you know at least as much as I do about the work this group is doing.

In view of the fact that the Julius Rosenwald Fund Board seems to be thinking in terms of liquidating within a given period, it occurred to me that Karamu House might be a project which could carry on some of the Rosenwald Fund activities (those concerned with art). Mr. Jelliffe said the Rockefeller Foundation was interested, and would probably give them up to \$35,000; and he is hopeful that the Rosenwald Fund will give \$35,000 to \$50,000 as a one-time grant. He claims that the reason for their present difficulty is attributed to the fact that the theatre which they had used had burned down. As he outlined the activities and program of Karamu House, it all sounded extremely good. Will you let me know what your reaction is to their work, and whether you think my idea has any merit?

With cordial personal greetings,

Sincerely yours,

David M. Levy

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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October 20, 1941

Dear Adele: I am sure you will be delighted to know that Mr. Marshall Field III has accepted membership on our Board. I could not work out with Mrs. Roosevelt the joint meeting with him that we had hoped, so with an introduction from her I presented the invitation to him without the benefit of her presence. He said he had followed the work of the Fund with a great deal of interest and felt flattered by the invitation. Because of commitments that are already far beyond his time and attention, he asked a few days to think over the matter. I have just received a wire of acceptance from him. This was a brilliant idea of yours. We are all that much more in your debt.

I had hoped to see you on my brief visit to New York last week, but engagements piled up on me and I remembered that you were probably not keen for extra engagements yourself just now, so I did not try to reach you. The loss is mine. I count on a visit with you at the trustees' meeting on November 10 if not before.

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Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York City

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Levy, Adele

November 26, 1941

Dear Mrs. Levy: I have the honor to inform
you that at the meeting of
the Trustees of the Julius Rosenwald Fund held
on November 10, 1941, you were elected to serve
for the year 1941-42 as chairman of the Nominating
Committee, the other members of which are Edwin R.
Embree and Leonard M. Rieser.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

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Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York City

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MRS. DAVID M. LEVY
300 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

February 9, 1942. ✓

My dear Edwin:

There are several questions that I want to ask you. First, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, what do I do and how and where do I function? Will you send me this information as soon as possible?

Secondly, I am getting the impact of the negro problem from every side. The Henry Street Visiting Nurse Service is confronted with this problem, and we hope to have a meeting wherein some of the negro and white leaders could discuss the problem of how negro nurses could function throughout the country. I would like them to be utilized in public health nursing on terms of parity with white nurses, but we felt that there are many problems and implications in the situation. Will you suggest people who could be available either around New York, or who might be coming to New York, and who could provide leadership in such a discussion?

The third thing that is on my mind is this. About a year ago I wrote you regarding the establishment of nursery schools in the south. At that time you said that it did not fall within the scope of the Rosenwald Fund program. I have never been satisfied with your answer, since it seems to me that this is in line with the work we are doing in other fields of rural negro life. I am not connected with any of the nursery schools, so this is in no sense a pet child -- it just seemed to me that it was too bad to cut off the possibility of this type of activity without further discussion. Will you let me know whether or not it is proper to bring this up in the agenda in April, and if not, why not? If you do feel that it should be discussed, I would have to have the factual material prepared, but as I wrote you once before, I don't want the office to go to the effort and expense of preparing this material if there is no chance of the grant going through. I believe they had in mind an appropriation of \$18,000 for the first year.

In reply to your letter about Mr. Allison Davis's appointment at the University of Chicago, Edgar Stern feels

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that such action would put the Rosenwald Fund in a very vulnerable position, since we are paying a very large percentage of the salary and the appointment has come at the Rosenwald Fund's request rather than that of the University of Chicago. I think his stand has merit, and I do not like to vote for our participation without further discussion and more knowledge of the facts.

This is a lengthy letter, but it presents questions to which I should like to have a reply as soon as possible.

Warm personal greetings to you,

Cordially,

Adelle R. Lux

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
1901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Levy Adele

February 11, 1942

Dear Adele: I shall try to answer your questions item by item even though this may make a letter very much longer than yours.

(1) The Nominating Committee brings in its formal recommendations at the annual meeting in the autumn. There is therefore no pressure except that at the spring meeting the Committee reports the names of those it proposes to nominate so that the Board may discuss the suggestions in advance of any conversation with the persons concerned. The names of the trustees, together with the dates of expiration of their terms, is given on the attached sheet. It so happens that all four of the persons whose terms expire this year are eligible for re-election, and I imagine the Committee will want to recommend the service of each of these persons for a second term. If so, this leaves little "creative" work for the Committee unless it wants to suggest an increase in the number of members (which can be done at any time) in order to make room for new suggestions. The other members of the Committee serving with you are Leonard Rieser and I. If Leonard and I are ever in New York at the same time we could get together at your convenience. If this does not happen in the normal course of events, I am of course ready to come on call at any time that Leonard happens to be there or to talk with you at any time.

I have several persons that I would like to see on the Board as soon as opportunity offers. They include the re-election, as soon as convenient, of Frank Sulzberger and Will Alexander who have been among the most useful of all our trustees, and, as a new member, Pearl Buck, who is extending her interest in "colored" peoples of the Orient to the color question in the United States. She brings a fresh point of view and a great deal of public influence to bear on the larger aspects of our interests. If your mind is as active as usual, you also probably have some suggestions. I certainly think we should consider the people we want on their merits and change our number if we want to rather than be completely limited by it.



(2) I can easily imagine that you are getting the impact of the Negro problem from many sides. As to the problems of public health nursing, Doctor Bousfield knows more about this than any other person; in fact he is very widely informed on the whole question of Negro feeling and Negro opportunities. He would be so much more helpful than any other person I could think of that I think it might be well to wait until he can come to New York. Unfortunately, he is tied up in a series of activities in Florida until the end of this month. If some time early in March would do, I think I can promise his help at that time. When he comes I am sure you will find that a talk with him, outside of any formal committee meeting, will give you a great deal of information and a number of helpful leads.

(3) May I discuss the nursery school matter in a separate letter in a day or two?

(4) As you will have learned from my letter of yesterday, I agree that Edgar's point is well taken about acting on the Allison Davis matter only in full Board meeting. I think he is very wrong, but certainly if there is any opposition such a matter should be decided by the full Board. It is not fair to say that the appointment has come at the Fund's request rather than that of the University. It is true that I have discussed the matter with professors in the University over a period of months. But the fine thing about this is that the Department of Education and the whole Division of the Social Sciences are eager to have him as a colleague. I don't know when we will find as handsome a combination of a qualified individual and full acceptance by a faculty. Such an appointment would improve the morale of the whole Negro group by showing a rise in the ceiling of opportunity. It would also have an important influence on the kind of race relations that we must foster if we really want democracy.

Very truly yours,

ERE:JW

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York City



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Levy, Adele

February 12, 1942

Dear Adele: Let me try to tell you just what I think about the nursery school proposal and maybe we can talk about it further when we meet for Nominating Committee discussions. A first consideration, as I wrote you last year, is that the trustees voted very firmly a few years ago that from now on we were to make no deviations from the established limits of our programs. While it is true that the trustees have full power to reverse themselves on such a decision at any time they please, my belief is that the majority will want to hew pretty closely to the lines already laid down during the concluding years of the Fund's life.

The second consideration is that if we are to accomplish anything of lasting importance in these remaining years we must concentrate. The Fund has an unappropriated balance of about two million dollars and about a million committed to work now in process. With this limited but substantial sum, I believe that in the next five or six years of our life expectancy we can do three tasks of major importance: (1) demonstrate the importance and some of the wise procedures of rural education; (2) help develop another two hundred or so most promising young Negroes and Southerners; (3) make some impress by counsel and propaganda on the general matter of race relations.

We are including nursery school education within the general programs of the teachers colleges that we are supporting and also in the university centers that we helped build up in the past. As a matter of fact, the request you sent me last year from Mrs. Clark was for day nurseries rather than the education of pre-school children. The whole question of the care of young people is so far afield from our present efforts in education that to go into it would amount to undertaking a new

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and distinct program. And, to my mind, a foundation as contrasted to individuals should concern itself not so much with miscellaneous gifts, however worthy in themselves, as with the carrying out of continuous programs over a period of years. It is the continuity and wise supervision of work that is the function which a foundation is peculiarly qualified to do and in which I think it can make its greatest contribution.

I do not know whether I have made my point clearly or if you agree with it. In general my feeling is that we should for the remainder of our relatively brief life stick very close to the center of the limited tasks that we have undertaken. I will gladly discuss with you further this general principle as well as its application to such specific proposals as that of day nurseries.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:JW

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Levy, Adele

October 8, 1942

Dear Adele: It is good to have a note from your gay typewriter. I look forward to seeing you at Chapel Hill and maybe earlier, as I may be coming through New York about the middle of October.

The Institute of Adult Education that Judge Feidelson is proposing in Birmingham sounds interesting. I am sure this sort of thing is desirable, but I am equally sure that this Fund must not get into the business of contributing to these local projects, however good they may be. This sort of thing comes to us all the time from practically every city in the country. Unless we stick to our definite programs in education and fellowships we will simply fritter our money away with no strong impact as a result.

I know this insistence of mine on concentrating our efforts on very specific programs is a good deal of a bore to people who are actively interested in good things of all sorts all over the country, but I know it is the only effective way for a foundation to work. Yes?

Very truly yours,

ERE:JW

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MRS. DAVID M. LEVY
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My dear Edwin:

I thought the subject of the enclosed letter might fall within the scope of activity of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. Judge Feidelson will get in touch with you in the near future. From then on it is up to you and the Executive Committee.

We are well, much too busy, and feeling this morning somewhat optimistic about the world (I live in a fool's paradise). Will see you at Chapel Hill if not before.

Warm greetings,

ARL

P.S.: I am told that the amount of money needed to start the project in the memorandum would be comparatively small. I will be interested to know whether or not you are interested.

DOROTHY M. NATHAN
386 FOURTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

15th Floor

Murray Hill 3-6700

October 1, 1942

Dear Adele,

I have a request to make and, having learned by experience that it is easier to reach you via the mails than by telephone, I am using this method of communicating with you.

We have been asked to help secure some financing for an Institute of Adult Education in Birmingham, Alabama. The request comes from Charles N. Feidelson who, as a former Judge, a labor relations counsel, a columnist for the Birmingham Morning News, and a radio commentator, is prominent in forward looking social movements in that city and its adjacent area. Judge Feidelson has interested a number of civic leaders in the formation of such an institute, but is finding difficulty in raising adequate funds locally.

Prominent among the objectives of Judge Feidelson and his associates is the promotion of better relations between whites and Negroes. Recent reports indicate an alarming growth in anti-Negro feeling in various parts of the country, not least in the old South. Whereas this movement was to some extent checked by the defeat of Governor Talmadge in Georgia, Governor Dixon of Alabama is himself rabidly anti-Negro, and considerable work seems to be needed to prevent the spread of the "white supremacy" doctrine in that state.

At present Judge Feidelson represents both the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League, heading up a joint office for the two organizations in the South. It is not however, in this capacity, that he is interested in the formation of the proposed institute. Our knowledge of his views and his ability is such as to give us every confidence that he will do a fine job if he succeeds in securing sufficient funds for his purposes.

Levy, Adele

October 26, 1942

Dear Adele: I had hoped that I might get a chance to see you this autumn. I always like to talk to each of "my trustees" as often as possible about the work of the Fund as well as about our common interests in other matters in these distressed times.

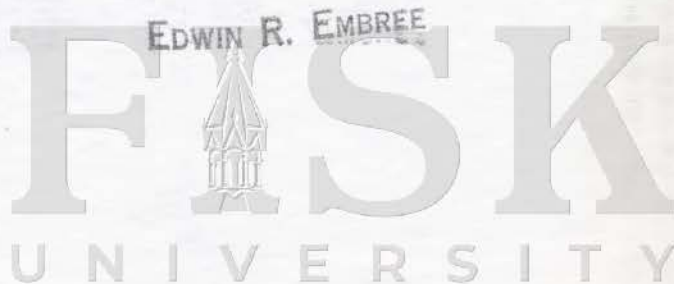
So far as Fund affairs are concerned, you will remember that the autumn meeting is regularly one at which we do not consider much new business but devote ourselves to review of current activities with a view of getting suggestions and criticisms from the trustees. The only item that will require consideration and fresh action at the coming meeting is the need of enlarging our Division of Race Relations. The opportunities for Negroes are increasing so rapidly and at the same time there are such tensions and such opposition on the part of reactionaries to any change that some agency with experience in this field should be actively watching and helping at every turn. Specifically, there seems an opportunity to get Charles Johnson into this office as co-director of this Division. From this central point he can continue to direct the work at Fisk University and the work which he is doing through the Congregational churches. Johnson and Will Alexander would give us the two wisest men in this whole field and would put us in a position of authority and influence. We will discuss the whole matter at length at the meeting in Chapel Hill and I hope we will come out in a position to be even more effective in this whole matter which a special issue of Survey Graphic so trenchantly calls "Color - the Unfinished Business of Democracy".

You remember, I hope, that you are chairman of the Committee on Nominations of which Leonard Rieser and I are the other members. We presented our recommendations at the spring meeting. On the enclosed sheet are the nominations which will need to be formally made at the autumn meeting. I look forward to seeing you in Chapel Hill.

Very truly yours,

ERE:AC

Mrs. David Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York City



NOMINATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF
Adele R. Levy, Chairman, Edwin R. Embree,
Leonard M. Rieser

(All of these nominations are for persons to succeed themselves except members of the Nominating Committee. New members of this Committee are proposed since members of this year's Nominating Committee come up for reelection next year.)

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MRS. DAVID M. LEVY
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My dear Franklin:

I am enthusiastic about the prospect of having Bishop Sheil a member of the board of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. I hope very much that he will consent to serve.

I am looking forward to seeing you on April seventeenth.

Yours sincerely,

(Addie) Levy

Mr. Franklin McLean,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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MRS. DAVID M. LEVY
300 PARK AVENUE
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My dear Edwin:

You are receiving an appeal today from the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, asking that the Rosenwald Fund provide a nurse and a clerical assistant for their Council to Study Problems and Employment of the Negro Public Health Nurse, with the view to opening new areas of employment for the colored nurse. I am so eager for this to be done, and feel that this is the strategic moment. There is a dearth of nurses and because of Mrs. Riddle and a few people like her there are some well qualified negro nurses available, if the doors were opened to them. The request has been made to cover a three year grant, since it looks as though the whole job could be done and the machinery set in motion within that period.

I hope this will receive your serious consideration and that you will place it on the docket for discussion.

Yours sincerely,

Adelle

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Levy, Adele

March 23, 1943

My dear Adele: I will certainly see that the appeal from the National Organization for Public Health Nursing is put on the docket of the next trustees' meeting. I must say, however, that my own opinion is against it. Mrs. Riddle is a very energetic person and has kept herself and her projects on our payroll for a considerable part of the past seven or eight years. This particular project represents a very large overhead for service that should be done as a regular activity of the nursing organizations.

But the chief objection from the standpoint of a Rosenwald Fund grant is that we have definitely gone out of the field of Negro health. I am sure that a foundation (as contrasted to individuals) should hold itself to very definite programs rather than to miscellaneous gifts to a number of projects however worthy in themselves. We have done a few things with notable success, e.g. building schoolhouses, the rural education program, the fellowships, etc. Unless we stick to very specific programs, we lose our special effectiveness.

Whenever we regard one of our programs as complete (as we have for example school buildings and Negro health) we continue to be beset by special appeals. My belief is that the only way we can go out of a program is to go out of it. And I think this should now apply to Negro health as it does to other fields in which we are no longer engaged.

Does this seem to you too rigid or even wooden? In defense of myself I must say that the



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Board as a whole has taken even stronger ground on this matter of policy than I.

My greetings. I am sorry that we see each other so seldom - the penalty of busy lives in a too busy world.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. FURBER

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Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York City, New York

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MRS. DAVID M. LEVY
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April 14, 1943.

My dear Mr. Embree:

As Mrs. Levy has wired you, she has an acute case of influenza, and is feeling really quite wretched.

She asked me to send you this letter to amplify her wire with regard to the prospect of the continuance of the grants to social workers. While she realizes it doesn't matter where the grants are given, yet she feels it would be desirable for the young negro social workers to have as fine training as is offered, since the need for the well trained worker is so great. She has heard through a confidential source that the Atlanta School, while very fine in some respects, does not provide the necessary amount of field work that seems desirable. She suggests that you might be able to check this statement with the president of the Association of Schools of Social Work, who is Miss Gordon Hamilton, and whose address at the present time is the New York School of Social Work, 122 East 22nd Street, New York City.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary.

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
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Chicago, Illinois.

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AIR MAIL

April 20, 1943

Dear Adele: We missed you at the meetings last week-end. Nine trustees were present out of our thirteen which I suppose is very good for these emergency times. We elected Bishop Sheil with great enthusiasm. Illness kept him from this meeting, but he sent a letter expressing such satisfaction in joining our group that it heartened us all. We have plans for including him in meetings of our Executive Committee here in Chicago so as to keep him currently in touch with our planning.

We gave a good deal of time to the projects in which you were interested, especially the public health nursing and the training of social workers and to other projects such as Karamu House, Bethune-Cookman College and other appeals in which other individual trustees are interested. Your brother, as Chairman of the Board, reiterated the stand he has consistently taken -- that the Fund as contrasted to individuals can do an effective job only by restricting itself to fairly definite and limited programs, projects to which it can give advice and direction as well as money. By unanimous vote, in spite of their individual interests in given projects, the trustees adopted the following vote:

RESOLVED That the officers be instructed not to bring to the Board projects, however worthy in themselves, that do not fall within the programs on which the Fund is now concentrating, namely, rural education, fellowships, and race relations.

I must say that I agree heartily with this policy. With a limited amount of money, I think we can do a few things very effectively and I am sure we will not be effective at all if we scatter our money over a wide area however meritorious given projects may be in themselves. I hope you agree with this general policy however much you may regret its effect on given projects.

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I wish I had an opportunity to talk with you a little oftener about the things we are doing. It so happens that I will be in New York over this coming week-end. If by chance you are there and fully recovered, I would love to have a little visit with you. I will call you some time Friday or Saturday to see how the land lies.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:SO

Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York, New York

(Adele)

MRS. DAVID M. LEVY
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May 13, 1943.

My dear Edwin:

I have been asked to write you regarding Dr. Georges M. Jean-Baptiste. He is a graduate medical doctor, 28 years old, from Haiti, and has at present a fellowship covering only his room and board at Provident Hospital in Chicago. This fellowship is for the purpose of research in fields of obstetrics and gynecology there. He needs money for tuition expenses and special fees (about \$900, I believe), and I wonder if it would be possible for him to have a supplementary scholarship from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. I personally know nothing about him, but he has been recommended by people whose opinion I value.

If a situation such as this falls within the policy of the Rosenwald Fund, I would appreciate it very much if you would see him. Would you let me know, and if you will see him I will ask him to get in touch with you for an appointment.

Sincerely yours,

Adele

and greetings to you!!

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
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Chicago, Illinois.

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Fellowship - Jean-Baptiste, Georges M.

May 27, 1943

Dear Adele: Your recent note came just as I was leaving town for a week. The case of Doctor George M. Jean-Baptiste would fall within the possibilities of Fund aid. As suggested in your note, I recommend that you ask him to get in touch with me. I shall certainly be glad to talk with him and give him any help we can.

It is a comfort to be responsive to any suggestion that comes from you.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:SO

(Adele)
Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York, New York

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June 15, 1943

Dear Adele: I had a talk with Dr. Georges M. Jean-Baptiste who called on me at your suggestion. I am happy to report that Provident Hospital, using in part funds from us, has assigned him a residency fellowship at the rate of \$50 a month, plus living costs. Doctor Jean-Baptiste, of course, would like to have a larger grant but this is the maximum that Provident gives for any such post. To give more would upset their scale and raise unanswerable questions with other men fully as well qualified as he. Since his living costs are fully met, I see no reason why he cannot make out on this award which has proved sufficient in many other cases. In fact, he was unable to "show cause" why he needed more.

I hope this seems to you a satisfactory handling of the case. I was impressed by the man's personality and Doctor Wilburn, Chief of Staff at Provident, reports that he has done excellent work during the past year as an interne.

My greetings to you and yours,

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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(Adele)
Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York, New York

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Jean-Baptiste, Georges M.*

Georges M. Jean - Baptiste (was interne at Princeton).

Residency in Florida - pay \$125 a month
referred by Harry Diehl of Physicians Committee
for Nat Refugee Service, 139 Centre St., NYC -
referred through Miss Anne Higgins of Student Service
of Am. An.

Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 ELLIS AVENUE



CHICAGO

TO

Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York, New York

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October 11, 1943

Dear Mrs. Levy: A label addressed to you which was attached to a small book has been returned to us by the post office. It is dated September 13, and I am wondering if this label was separated from the book, "Education and the Cultural Process", which was sent to you about that time. Would you please let me know if you received this book?

Sincerely yours,

SUMIKO OURA
Secretary to Mr. Embree

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Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York, New York

MRS. DAVID M. LEVY *Adelle*
300 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

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October 14, 1943.

My dear Miss Oura:

I'm afraid the book you
send Mrs. Levy, "Education and the Cultural
Process" must have been lost in the mail, and
I know she'd be glad to receive another copy.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Whitman

Secretary.

Miss Sumiko Oura,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

October 22, 1943

Dear Miss Whitma: Thank you for
 letting me know
about the book which must have been
lost in transit. Another copy is go-
ing out within the next few days to
Mrs. Levy.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Mr. Embree

Miss A. C. Whitma
Secretary to Mrs. David M. Levy, *adels*
300 Park Avenue
New York 22, New York

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November 18, 1943

Dear Mrs. Levy: I have the honor to inform you that at the meeting of the Members of the Julius Rosenwald Fund held on November 13, 1943, you were re-elected to the Board of Trustees of that body to serve until the annual meeting of 1946. You were also elected to serve for the year 1943-44 as a member of the Nominating Committee, the other members of which are Franklin C. McLean, chairman, and Mark Ethridge.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:AM

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MRS. DAVID M. LEVY *Adelle*
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November 30, 1943.

My dear Edwin:

Thank you very much for sending me the three books you mention in your letter of November 12th - and also for sending me another copy of "Education and the Cultural Process" to replace the one that was apparently lost. I am very glad to have these books.

Sincerely yours,

Adelle

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