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Mr. William C. Haygood
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Dear Mr. Haygood:

We have sent the three applications that you left at my house to Mr. Starr, asking him to write you. Since I should like to study the applications a little further I have asked Mr. Starr to return them to me. I shall be sure they reach you by May 1 - the date, if I remember correctly, you said you needed them.

May I write you my comments on these three candidates and supplement this letter with further material? In the meantime I hope I may be able to talk with Mr. Starr about the candidates.

My judgment would be not to award a scholarship to James Quander. I base my decision partly on the fact that I do not consider him an outstanding student and that Miss Kohn, who was one of his teachers last year, has corroborated my judgment in this regard. It would seem to me also that those to whom scholarships are given by the Subcommittee on Labor Scholarships should have demonstrated their ability to work in the labor movement or workers' education, with the possible exception of extremely outstanding students. Mr. Quander has not had any experience to recommend him to us on this basis, and it would seem to me he should not be given consideration until he has done so.

It is difficult to choose between Miss Lawrence and Miss Flint. If you feel that two scholarships can be awarded I think they might both receive favorable consideration. Again, however, I assume that this will depend on other possible commitments which the subcommittee may make. Since Miss Lawrence has worked so long in the field and has demonstrated her leadership qualifications and ability to organize workers' education programs, I should think she should have first consideration. On the other hand, I think that she needs perspective and that her plans for study might be revised with benefit to her and to the workers' education movement. She will no doubt gain from the kind of study which she seeks, but I would hope that she might take some university work also in some section of the country other than the South. I think she needs this education and knowledge of work in other areas.

Miss Flint, on the other hand, might be a gamble, but it seems to me she would be a good one. I remember being impressed with her as a person of ability and one who should make a real contribution during the coming years. Again, her experience in the workers' education field has been very partial, but since she seems to be clear about what she wants to do and the kind of background she needs, I should be interested in having her application receive favorable consideration, if the funds make this possible, and if applications from workers will not suffer as a result.

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Sincerely yours,

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