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SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
RALEIGH

December 1, 1918.

Mr. Julius Rosenwald,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:-

Now that the war has been won, labor is being released, and the ban on building materials has been lifted, I am anxious to set out on a real sure-enough school house building campaign in North Carolina.

We want to continue to keep Professor C. H. Moore, whom you are aiding us to employ, in the field all the time, and to push the work of building Rosenwald school houses for Negroes by all the means we have been using the last three years. But we want to accelerate the movement. Speed is what we want, and what we need now.

I want, also, a white man to be connected with this office who will give his whole time to this work in the field. Such a man could reach county superintendents, and boards of education who might not be impressed by Professor Moore. The latter can appeal to the Negroes better. I would want a white man who has practical knowledge of schools, buildings, plans, labor, material, and the like, who will be able to give practical advice to superintendents and other officials on all these matters, who could help superintendents to get school houses built and built right.

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With two men in the field, - one white to reach the white officials and to see that building plans are properly followed; one Negro, to appeal to his own people and to arouse them to their best efforts, - we ought to build a large number of school houses. This plan would mean the need of sufficient additional funds for salary and expenses of the white man and a very much larger allotment for school houses.

To secure support for this undertaking, I know of no one to whom I can appeal but yourself. Frankly, I ask if you think it a sufficiently sane proposition to merit your financing it? You were good enough once in Washington when I told you what we were doing in this matter, to ask why we did not build more school houses.

We used all our 1918 allotment, \$14,100.00 early in the past summer. The Rosenwald Committee at Tuskegee generously added \$2500.00 to that in August, and since then they have added allotments on eight other schools of \$400.00 each, and further, have promised us all the \$400.00 allotments we can qualify for until sixty such allotments not used by other states have all been taken up. We have before the Committee now six other applications, and superintendents in twenty counties have asked for application blanks to ask for aid on thirty-two school house projects on which they are now working. Most of these, I am expecting to receive soon.

I do not mean, of course, that we have built all the school houses for which appropriations have been made to this date. This has been impossible because of the labor conditions and the ban on building materials. For instance, one progressive superintendent has written me several times that he has literally "scoured the county" for carpenters but could get no one responsible to take the contracts.

I have recited these facts so you may get the impression that our North Carolina Superintendents will build Negro school houses in large numbers next year if the funds are available. Labor and materials will now be more abundant.

Besides wanting the Negro school houses because they are needed, there is another very compelling reason why I want to launch this campaign now and which encourages me to present it to you for your earnest consideration: We all know that the Negroes have not had in the past a square deal in the matter of school facilities. We also know that many of their leaders have called attention to this frequently and that the situation has in some instances caused unpleasantness. We also know that during the War which has closed, when requests were made for assistance for the Red Cross, the Y.M.C.A., for the sale of Liberty Bonds, War Stamps, and the like, the Negroes have done more than their proportionate part. This report has come to us from many sources. They have, therefore, shown a most patriotic spirit regardless of the conditions just named. Because of these facts, we want now voluntarily to make a determined effort to give them the educational advantages which they deserve, and ought to have. This will mean much to them and much to us now that the War is over and we shall get down to work our our salvation together in the wide reaches of this good old State.

Besides the building campaign, we are developing plans for more efficient training of Negro teachers, and to develop as rapidly as possible public secondary school facilities for the Negro children:



If my proposition appeals to you at all and you decide to join us in the effort, I believe the results will be highly satisfactory to you. In my judgment, it is a wonderful opportunity which we ought by some means take advantage of for the good of the whole State. I am extremely anxious to try it out.

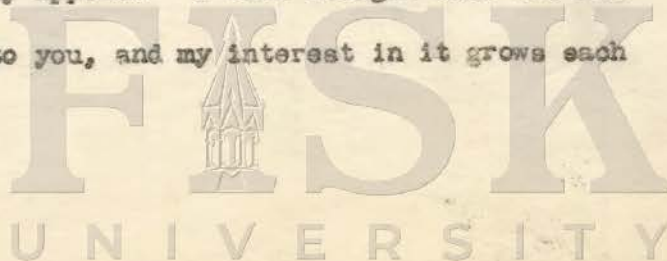
Further, if my plan and aim appeal to you, and you wish me to do so, I shall be glad to outline for you, according to my best judgment, what the project will cost for one year or longer.

I have not mentioned this matter to the Rosenwald Committee, at Tuskegee, because I wanted first to present it to you. If you agree to help us finance this undertaking, I shall be glad to handle the money end of it through Tuskegee, as heretofore, or in any other way you prefer.

Now, - the man. We have not, of course, mentioned this as a possibility, but if we should embark on such a far reaching plan, Superintendent T. B. Attmore is the man I should be glad to see have charge of the work. He has wonderful enthusiasm and good business ability. He would get the school houses built.

If we could begin the execution of such a plan as I have outlined early in the new year, the announcement of it would be inspiring and encouraging to our three-quarters of a million Negroes, and to our White leaders.

Now, Mr. Rosenwald, please be assured that I have no desire to embarrass you in any of your plans in aiding this kind of work, and I shall thank you to be perfectly frank in replying to my appeal. I have thought over the matter a long time before presenting it to you, and my interest in it grows each day.



We appreciate keenly all you have done to aid us in North Carolina.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) N. C. Newbold.

State Agent Rural Schools.

N.S.

February 29, 1916.

Dear Mr. Logan:-

Referring to our recent correspondence about the building of rural schools, please let me state that up to the present time Mr. Rosenwald, according to our records, has paid for 92 rural schools under his offer of 8/1/14 to contribute toward the cost of constructing about 100 schoolhouses. We think, perhaps, others are completed and not paid for or are possibly being constructed under that offer. If so, please let us have detailed information at your convenience.

A year ago when Mr. Rosenwald's party was at Tuskegee, he intimated that he might agree to help build a second 100 schoolhouses when the first 100 odd were finished. In view of the statement in Mr. Calloway's report to you of 2/18/16 that 90 additional schools had been recommended for Alabama and 36 for outside states, according to the schedule submitted, please let me state that Mr. Rosenwald now authorizes the definite offer to help build under the terms, including promotion terms, of the first offer, a second 100 schoolhouses and that the second 100 shall be the first 100 on the list submitted by Mr. Calloway which qualify. When the 100, or as parts of this number, qualify, please notify us giving names and locations so that we can check as funds are asked.

Please note that while the first offer was for "about" 100 schools, the second offer is for 100.

Mr. Rosenwald has noted the report (12/20/15) of the Committee appointed by the Executive Council to make recommendations regarding the method of procedure under the new Alabama law re the construction of rural schools. He notes further that Mr. William F. Feagin, Superintendent of Education in that State, approves the Committee's recommendations. As you seem to intimate that you also would like to know whether the new arrangement is agreeable to Mr. Rosenwald, he says for me to write you that he is glad to add his approval, ~~as it has yours~~. inasmuch as it has yours.

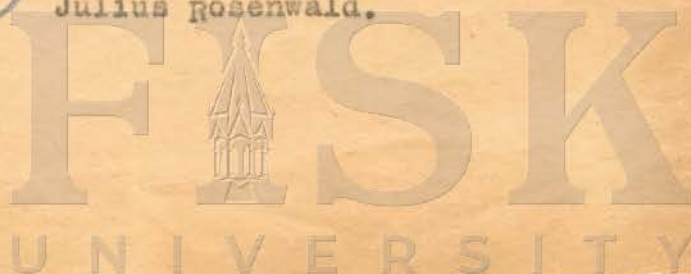
Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

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Mr. Warren Logan,
Tuskegee Institute,
Alabama.

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April 28, 1916.

Mr. Julius Rosenwald,
Arthington St. and Homan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

*separately
forwarded
1st* *offer*

I am enclosing report and requisition for 13 schools that have qualified for aid in addition to the number for which you have already paid. Of the 92 schools for which money has already been received, 80 have been completed leaving 12 not yet completed. However, work is being carried on in connection with these schools. They will be completed at the earliest practicable date.

The people in the rural communities find it exceedingly difficult at this season of the year to raise money for school-house building. This is true to an unusual degree on account of the presence of the boll weevil in many sections of the South. Later in the year, we are hoping that the people will have less difficulty in raising funds and then the work of school-house building can be pushed more rapidly.

There is increased interest in the movement for better school-houses. I think we will be able to get under way the full number of school-houses authorized by you before the end of the year. The people in communities where school-houses have already been built are very proud of their new school buildings which

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Mr. Rosenwald.

are becoming more and more the centers of community life. We are encouraging, in every way we can, the use of these school-houses the year round by the people in holding meetings for the farmers, their wives and children as well as for use in the prosecution of the regular school-work of the communities.

Yours very truly,

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Treasurer and Acting Principal.

H.
Encl.

(Daily)

May 3, 1916.

Dear Mr. Logan:-

Enclosed herewith please find Mr. Rosenwald's check, to the order of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, for \$4040, payment of Mr. Rosenwald's share toward 13 schools, as shown in your letter of April 28th and enclosures sent therewith.

Am I correct in the assumption that the payment for these schools comes under the second 100 authorized in the letter I wrote you under date of February 29th, last? We want to make a clear distinction in our books between the offer of 8/1/14 to construct about 100 schoolhouses and the offer of 12/9/16 to construct 100 additional schoolhouses. Please let me know about this at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Encl.
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Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Mr. Warren Logan,
Tuskegee Institute,
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May 15, 1916.

Dear Mr. Logan:-

Enclosed herewith please find check, to the order of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, for \$750 for attached bill for salary and expenses of Booker T. Washington, Jr., from Oct. 1, 1915, to Apr. 1, 1916, for promotion work for rural schools.

Mr. Rosenwald asked me to request your opinion whether it is advisable to continue this work of Booker T. Washington, Jr., during the Summer months and also for you please to take up the question with him when he is in Tuskegee during the latter part of the month.

Sincerely, yours,

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Mr. Warren Logan,
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May 23, 1916.

Mr. Wm. C. Graves,
% Sears, Roebuck & Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Graves:

*offer: 3/1/15 - \$15 mo. for salary
& add man to super-
viser & assist in increasing
rural school house bldgs. Will
not exceed \$750 at end of year.
Pmts. 10/1/15 - \$250 - 4/1/16 - 10/1/16
5/1/16 - 750 - 10/1/16 - 4/1/17*

I duly received your letter of the 15th with check for
\$750.00 covering the salary and expenses of Booker T. Washington, Jr.,
from October 1, 1915 to April 1, 1916 for promotion work in connection
with the building of Rosenwald rural school-houses. Hereafter bill will
be rendered for salary and expenses for Mr. Washington at the end of each
quarter as provided in the arrangement with Mr. Rosenwald.

As to the advisability of continuing during the summer months
the work which Mr. Washington is doing, - I think it will be wise to keep
the work going. If anything, the summer is a more opportune time for
pushing school-house building than other seasons. The summer is the time
for creating interest in school-house building and for obtaining pledges
to help. These pledges are redeemed later when the farmers gather and
market their crops. Then too, the summer is the time when many gatherings
are held among the rural populations. It will give opportunity to get be-
fore these gatherings and present the matter of better rural schools. If

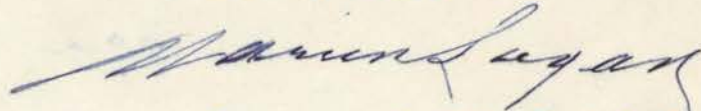
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Mr. Wm. C. Graves.

there is to be any break in the promotion work, I would suggest that it come in the springtime rather than in the summer.

I shall be glad to take this matter up with Mr. Rosenwald when he comes to Tuskegee this week.

Yours very truly,



Treasurer and Acting Principal.

H.

(7)

June 26, 1916.

Dear Mr. Logan:-

Referring to your letter of June 22nd, enclosed herewith I am sending you, by Mr. Rosenwald's direction, his check, to the order of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, for \$5,191, payment for 18 rural schoolhouses listed in the statement which you submitted.

Please let us have at your convenience the names of the Trustees and mailing addresses for each of the two batches of the second 100 schools, namely the 13 for which we paid on 5/3/16 and the 18 for which we are paying today.

Can you give me any light on the present status of the effort to provide Mr. Rosenwald with photographs and certain data about all of the rural schools toward the cost of which he has contributed?

Sincerely yours,

Encl.
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Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Mr. Warren Logan,
7 Tuskegee Normal and Ind. Inst.,
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

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September 12, 1916.

Dear Major Moton:-

Referring to your letter of September 8th, I am sending you herewith, by Mr. Rosenwald's direction, his check, to the order of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, for \$8,242 for 23 rural schools listed in Mr. Calloway's letter to you under date of August 22nd.

Our records are not in harmony here with the statement in Mr. Calloway's letter that "when we get about 40 more, the 200 pledged by Mr. Rosenwald will have been completed". Please, therefore, let me submit to you our records for careful comparison with yours.

Under Mr. Rosenwald's first offer of 8/1/14 "to contribute \$30,000 to construct about 100 schoolhouses", 92 were built at a total cost to us of about \$34,000 or \$4000 more than the offer. On 2/29/16 Mr. Rosenwald, writing to Mr. Logan, agreed to help build a second 100 schoolhouses the same to be the first 100 on list submitted by Mr. Calloway which qualify. The first offer was arbitrarily closed at 92 schools. Under this second offer our records show the following payments made, number of schools and dates of payments:

\$4,040,	for 13 schoolhouses--	5/ 3/16
5,191,	" 18 "	6/26/16
8,242,	" 23 "	9/12/16
<u>\$17,473,</u>	" 54 "	

This will leave 46 more schools to build under Mr. Rosenwald's second offer; and the grand total, when these 46 are built will be 192, not 200.

Permit me to suggest that Mr. Calloway be requested to make his calculations so that the second 100 will be exactly 100 schools; as we now know more exactly than we did in 1914 how much these rural schools cost.

Mr. Rosenwald is greatly interested in this work and it is with unusual pleasure that he sends his contributions to carry it on.

With expressions of my sincere regard, I am

Truly yours,

Encl.
WCG-R
Major R. R. Moton,
Tuskegee Inst., Ala.

Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

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September 12, 1916.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

In compliance with the request in your letter of September 4th, I am sending you herewith, by Mr. Rosenwald direction, his check, to the order the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, for \$375, salary and expenses of B.T. Washington, Jr., for the quarter ending July 31st for rural school promotion work.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Mr. Emmett J. Scott,
Tuskegee Institute,
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Sept. 29, 1916.

*Ants per.
& date*

Mr. Wm. C. Graves,
% Sears, Roebuck & Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Graves:

I enclose a statement of \$652.95 against Mr. Rosenwald
for expenses of various teachers who visited the Tuskegee off-
shoot schools during last year. Mr. Rosenwald agreed to pay these
expenses which, of course, include only the cost of travel and
board enroute.

If agreeable to Mr. Rosenwald, I shall be glad to have
you send check to cover.

Yours very truly,

Warren Logan
Treasurer.

H.
Encl.

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October 2, 1916.

Dear Mr. Logan:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 29th with statement of the expenses of visits to Tuskegee Offshoots during 1916 totaling \$652.90. Before taking up the matter of the payment of this amount with Mr. Rosenwald, I wish you would write me the amounts that Mr. Rosenwald has paid heretofore for similar expenses and the dates on which payments were made.

Sincerely yours,

WCG-R

Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Mr. Warren Logan, Treas.,
Tuskegee Normal and Ind. Inst.,
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

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October 29, 1916.

Dear Mr. Logan:-

In compliance with the request in your letter of September 29th, I am sending you herewith, by Mr. Rosenwald's direction, his check, to the order of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, for \$652.95, for expenses of teachers who visited the Tuskegee Off-shoots during the last school year, as per statement sent with your letter. Mr. Rosenwald feels that he would prefer not to go on with this kind of expenditure during the present school year, at least until the matter is discussed at a Trustees' meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Encl.
WCG-R

Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Mr. Warren Logan,
Tuskegee Institute,
Alabama.

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November 27, 1916.

Dear Major Moton:

Referring to your letter of November 22nd, enclosed herewith I am sending you Mr. Rosenwald's check, to the order of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, for \$375, in payment of salary and expenses of Booker T. Washington, Jr., for promotion work in connection with rural schoolhouse buildings for three months ending October 31, 1916.

Sincerely yours,

Encl.
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Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Major R. R. Moton,
Tuskegee Institute,
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December 16, 1916.

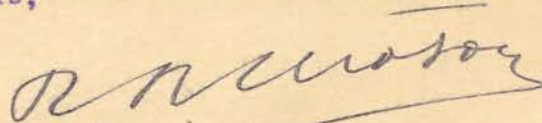
Mr. W. C. Graves,
Arthington St. & Homan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Graves:

Enclosed is a letter which has come from Mr. Sibley with reference to a school at Plateau. We have not undertaken to help out this school because it does not come under the designation of one or two-teacher rural schools, such as we have been helping through the Rosenwald Fund. In this particular instance, however, Mr. Sibley seems to feel so strongly that great good would be accomplished that we are disposed to recommend that \$600 be appropriated, that is, the equivalent of two rural schools, out of the funds entrusted to us for expenditure for the program here outlined, if it has your and Mr. Rosenwald's approval.

Will you kindly let me hear from you in this matter at your convenience?

Very truly yours,



Principal.

GAS-Enc.

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December 20, 1916.

Dear Mr. Sibley:

Major Moton has sent to Mr. Rosenwald the letter you wrote him, under date of December 7th, about the situation at Plateau and recommending that a consolidated rural school for two districts be built at that point. Mr. Rosenwald says to write you that upon your recommendation he is glad, indeed, to co-operate as requested and to make an exception in that case, paying \$600 in this instance. I think it would please you to read what Mr. Rosenwald said to me after granting this request so I am going to put it in this letter:

"I am a great believer in Sibley and in his good judgment and common sense".

With the compliments of the holiday season,

I am

Sincerely yours,

WCG-R

Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Mr. Jas. L. Sibley,
Rural School Agent,
Montgomery, Ala.

P.S. I am writing Major
Moton today to appropriate
\$600 as above.
W.C.C.



Daily

March 23, 1917.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Enclosed herewith please find check, to the order of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute for \$375, representing the salary and expenses of Booker T. Washington, Jr., for the quarter ending January 31, 1917, as per statement.

In this connection, it seems rather strange that the allowance for Booker Washington always come to exactly \$125 a month, which was the amount offered by Mr. Rosenwald and recorded here under date of 3/20/15. Apparently you are paying him \$75 a month. The traveling expenses in different months differ, but the total is always just enough to make up with the salary \$375 a quarter. Will you please look into this and let me know whether the expenses do just come to that, or whether the salary and expenses amount to more than \$375 a quarter, or just what the facts are?

Thanking you for this, I am

Sincerely yours,

Encl.
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Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Mr. Emmett J. Scott,
Tuskegee Institute,
Alabama.

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TUSKEGEE INST., Ala., April 13, 1917.

Principal R. R. Moton:

According to your request, I have asked Mr. Jones to give you detailed statement of moneys spent by Mr. Booker T. Washington, Jr., for traveling expenses, etc., covering the \$375.00 per quarter, sent to us by Mr. Rosenwald for such purposes.

We pay Mr. Washington \$75.00 per month salary. In the beginning ^{of} this work of Mr. Washington's agency, we would turn over to him Twenty or Twenty-five dollars of the \$50.00 allowance, to be used in his traveling expenses; this to be reported on when spent. At this time we would make a new voucher and secure another amount for his traveling expense. This did not seem to work well because of the possible delay in securing the second sum on the account of O.K'ing vouchers, etc., by different people. We therefore changed to the method of turning over \$50.00 per month to be reported at the end of the month.

Mr. Washington is required to make detailed statements as per attached report from Mr. Jones covering five months and also as shown by an attached list of vouchers made for July, 1916.

Yours truly,

Clinton J. Calloway
Director Extension Dept.

C/H.

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June 8, 1917.

Principal R. R. Moton:

I am handing you herewith report of 44 (forty-four) schools which have qualified for Mr. Rosenwald's aid. The entire lot calls for the expenditure of \$52,109. We are asking Mr. Rosenwald to put into these schools \$14,175. I am herewith further calling your attention to seven schools for which Mr. Rosenwald has sent money, but which have, for some reason, failed to further qualify for Mr. Rosenwald's aid and therefore we have had to abandon the idea of helping them. These seven schools are as follows:

New Zion School, Chambers Co., Ala.,	\$300
Center, Chambers Co., Ala.,	300
Jefferson, Eatonton, Ga.,	300
Savannah Grove, Bonckburn, S. C.	300
National Cemetery, Mississippi,	300
Orange Hill, Clark Co., Ala.,	300
Hughes, Arkansas,	300
Total	\$ 2100

I am therefore recommending that \$2,100.00, the amount originally appropriated for the seven schools stated above, be re-appropriated to the following schools named in the attached report:--

- ✓ Eastern Shore, Baldwin Co., Ala.
- ✓ Mt. Silla, Barbour Co., Ala.
- ✓ Rehoboth, Chambers County, Ala.
- ✓ Rocky Branch, Chambers Co., Ala.
- ✓ Cross Roads, Lee County, Ala.
- ✓ Conyer, Madison Co., Ala.
- ✓ Jackson Prospect, Montgomery, Co., Ala.

✓ Mr. Rosenwald should send \$14,175 less \$2,100, making a total of \$12,075.00.

Yours truly,

Clinton J. Calloway
Director Extension Department.

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enc.

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June 27, 1917.

Dear Major Moton:

Upon my return to Chicago I find your letter of June 9th and also data from Mr. Calloway. Mr. Rosenwald is held in Washington by his duties as a member of the Advisory Commission of the Council of National Defense and it is not practical for me to communicate with him about this matter at the present time. Therefore, I am going to assume responsibility for approving the transfer of the \$2,100 from the seven schools mentioned in Mr. Calloway's letter to you of 6/8/17 as having failed to qualify to the seven others mentioned in the same letter from Mr. Calloway.

The net amount now due from Mr. Rosenwald for 44 schools mentioned in Mr. Calloway's report of June 8th and in detailed report submitted therewith of April 10th is \$12,075 and I take pleasure in enclosing herewith Mr. Rosenwald's check, to the order of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, for that amount.

Regretting the delay in giving this matter attention and wishing you continued success in the rural school work, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Encl.
WCG-R

Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Major R. R. Moton,
Tuskegee Institute,
Alabama

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June 29, 1917.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Referring to your letter of June 25th, I am sending you, enclosed herewith, Mr. Rosenwald's check, to the order of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, for \$367.81, representing the salary and traveling expenses of Booker T. Washington, Jr., in connection with the rural schoolhouse buildings for the months of February, March and April, 1917, as per statement enclosed with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Encl.
WCG-R

Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Mr. Emmett J. Scott,
Tuskegee Institute,
Alabama.

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9/27/17
Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

The Tuskegee Executive Council has submitted to me, with a favorable recommendation, requested grants of Rosenwald school money as follows:

1. To one new school at Bienville Parish, La., representing the consolidation of two schools, to be known as Black Lake Consolidated and to cost furnished \$2,000.....\$500.
2. To one new school in East Feliciana Parish, La., representing the consolidation of three schools, to be known as Good Hope Consolidated, and to cost furnished \$2,000.....\$500.
3. To one new two-teacher school in Lauderdale County, Ala., District No. 21, and to be known as the Mt. Zion School, to cost \$1350.....\$450.

The requests fall outside the terms of your offer which provides for not to exceed \$300 to a one-teacher school, but promotion expenses which you assumed have brought up to \$329 the average cost of the 229 (out of 300 promised) schools you have paid for.

While the recommendations from the rural school agents, Mr. Calloway and the Executive Council in the above cases have apparent justification in the evidence submitted, I detect a growing tendency to build consolidated schools in some localities. This appears to be a natural and desirable evolution in rural school construction.

The following is the previous consolidated school record:

- a. One school Ridley Hill, Spring Hill and China Grove, Miss., by request of Dr. Holmes of Tougaloo College, approved by Mr. Sibley of Alabama, by Executive Council of Tuskegee and Mr. Rosenwald. Financial arrangement within the Rosenwald fund left to Tuskegee.
- b. Consolidated school for Plateau, Ala. Request of \$600 from Mr. Sibley, concurred in by the Executive Council and approved as an exception by Mr. Rosenwald. Correspondence giving details at Tuskegee.
- c. Evergreen, Ala., representing a consolidation of three districts. On favorable recommendation from Mr. Sibley, I took the initiative here without consulting you, as you were in Washington, and authorized an expenditure of \$800 out of the Rosenwald Fund. Building to cost between \$3000 and \$4000 and will serve 400 children. The State of Alabama gives \$1000 toward the cost of this school.
- d. Consolidated Gordonville and Charity Districts, Lowndes County, Ala., paid \$300 for each district and \$50 for promotion in each, or \$700.

Mr. Rosenwald--2

The Talladega school enterprise is outside the rural school fund.

Kindly note in the attached letter from Major Moton (9/21/17) that he raises the question whether such matters as the appropriation of consolidated school money from the Rosenwald Fund be referred to us in the future or whether a reasonable amount of discretion be vested in the Executive Board to handle such cases as they arise.

In my judgment consolidated schools where required are desirable, as they cost less than the number of one-teacher schools necessary without them, their influence is greater and, in Alabama, more money can be paid proportionately by the State for consolidated schools than the State can pay for small schools. Under the law the State may give \$100 to \$300 to help build a small school but may give as much as \$1000 toward the cost of a consolidated Negro school. The Evergreen School in c., in the foregoing, affords an example where the State gives the maximum of \$1000.

I recommend that the expenditures contemplated in 1,2 and 3 be authorized, as exceptions to the terms of your original offer; also that the Tuskegee Executive Board be authorized to appropriate money for consolidated schools at the rate of not to exceed \$300 and the usual promotion cost for each district represented in the consolidation. If cases develop where more than this allowance per district is required, to submit them in detail to you for decision.

As you think of helping in the establishment of a permanent rural school department at Tuskegee, you might write into the memorandum of your views and wishes, which you are now preparing, a statement of your desire in regard to appropriations for consolidated schools.

Pertinent correspondence attached hereto. Awaiting your instructions, I am

Respectfully,

9/27/17.

J.C.C.



11/14/17 Mr. Rosenwald approved certain memoranda submitted with a letter from Emmett J. Scott to Mr. Graves 11/17/17 offering to contribute toward the cost of three hundred additional rural schools for Negro children in the South to be built within twelve months from above date of approval, Mr. Rosenwald to contribute not to exceed \$400 for a one-teacher school and \$500 for a two-teacher school.

In connection with offer of 11/14/17 to build three hundred (300) additional rural schools, Mr. Rosenwald will grant not less than \$30 each in one year to deserving communities which have erected new buildings through aid received from the Rosenwald fund for the purpose of extending the school term two months for a one-teacher school and one month for a two-teacher school, the plan to be operative for three years, and for the first year two hundred (200) schools to be offered the privilege of extending their terms.

W.C.G.

Copy to Miss Filer.

*Other correspondence
re 11/14/17 offer
filed in 1918 Golden*

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STATE OF TENNESSEE
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NASHVILLE

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT

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RURAL SCHOOL AGENT

S.L. SMITH
RURAL SCHOOL SUPERVISOR

September the fifth, 1917.

Mr. Julius Rosenwald, Manager,
Sears-Roebuck Company,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Rosenwald:

I enjoyed the conference we had with you in Washington very much. The committee appointed to make suggestions in regard to the Rosenwald school fund, composed of Mr. Jackson Davis, Mr. Sibley and myself had a meeting that day and discussed the matter from different angles and our final conclusion, which will be sent to you doubtless in a few days by Mr. Sibley was as follows:

1st - That it is entirely satisfactory and preferable to us to have the funds handled through Tuskegee as it has been heretofore, because they understand the conditions, both from your point of view and that of the rural schools, thoroughly and have a good organization with capable people to administer this fund.

2nd - Owing to the high cost of building, which has abnormally increased within the last six or eight months and which will likely continue to increase, we feel that it would be very helpful and desirable to have you increase the amount to each school at least \$100.00 for one-teacher school and \$150.00 to \$200.00 for a two-teacher school, on condition that the communities and county or state make proportional increases in the amounts they are to give. (This would enable the schools in Tennessee where the money has already been raised on the part of the people to erect a house on a basis of the cost of material in January, to complete their building in good shape.)

3rd - We are also of the opinion that much lasting good can be accomplished by offering to prolong the term of these Rosenwald schools for one month on condition that the community will add one month above the regular term, and in case all schools already run as much as seven months, the fund of say \$30.00, which is about equivalent to an average month's salary, be given to increase the efficiency of the school by increasing the teacher's salary with this amount.

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J. R. #2-

Personally I would be very glad if you could aid each of these schools to the amount of \$10.00 for a library fund on condition that the community and state each put up as much as you give. This would allow us \$30.00 for a library. Under these conditions I could have in a few months a library in each Rosenwald school in Tennessee. My experience has been that the average Negro school boy or girl has no good books to read.

Please do not construe my letter as official, as Mr. Sibley and Mr. Scott are to prepare a general plan and send to you. I feel that Mr. Scott understands all conditions well and knows better how to get up the plan than any of the rest of us, and whatever he and you decide to do will be satisfactory and appreciated by all of the State agents.

With best wishes, I am

S. L. Smith
Very sincerely yours,

SLS-MW

December 5, 1917.

Dear Major Moton:

Referring to your letter of November 21st, I am sending you, herewith, by Mr. Rosenwald's direction, check, to the order of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, for \$15,750, in payment for the 43 schools listed in the enclosure sent with your letter.

According to our records here, this leaves a balance of 28 schools yet to be constructed under Mr. Rosenwald's offer of 11/29/16 to build 108 schools. When this shall have been done, the first 300 will have been completed. Doubtless you will keep a separate record of the second 300 authorized on November 14th.

If by chance your records do not agree with ours that 28 schools are yet to be constructed to complete the first 300, kindly let me know so that we can reach an adjustment.

In connection with the above payment, please let me state Mr. Rosenwald was somewhat disappointed in noticing that for the Longley School in Pulaski Co., Arkansas, which cost \$900, only \$50 worth of land was contributed by the residents and all of that small donation came from Colored people.

This, of course, was a technical compliance with the understanding that residents are to contribute toward the cost of the schools, but Mr. Rosenwald felt that, from appearances, it did not evidence a spirit of sacrifice or even of deep interest on the part of the residents who relied chiefly on public funds and on his contribution for the school.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

WCG-R

Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Major R.R.Moton,
Tuskegee Inst.
Alabama.

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*New Rural School
File, please.*
3 SOUTH WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK

December 5th 1917.

Mr. Julius Rosenwald
Council of National Defense
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

Mr. Moton has given me the privilege of sending you a message which I am sure will be very grateful to you in the midst of these troublous times.

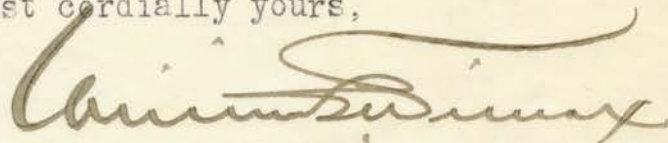
After he had told Dr. Buttrick and Dr. Sage of your generous provision for the extension of the Rosenwald Schools, Dr. Moton suggested to them that he was anxious to have all of the teachers of these schools come to Tuskegee next summer for the summer school course and that he hoped the General Education Board would feel disposed to provide for their transportation expenses for this purpose. Dr. Buttrick and Dr. Sage both replied without any hesitation that they would be delighted to cooperate with your splendid work in this way, and would certainly recommend that the General Education Board approve and adopt this suggestion.

Let me tell you again how much I myself appreciate the fine work which you are doing in connection with these rural schools. It is a combination of generosity and good judgment which must appeal to any practical business man, but of course the physical accommodations which you are thus helping to provide

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would be of no value without the teachers equipped to take advantage of them, and I think Dr. Moton's idea of bringing all these Rosenwald School teachers to Tuskegee for the education and inspiration of a summer course and to give them an opportunity to take back to their schools something of the enthusiasm and missionary spirit which Tuskegee inculcates cannot but be productive of great good in the result of their work.

Most cordially yours,



last 29 of
1st 300

June 7, 1918.

Dear Dr. Moton:

Enclosed herewith, referring to previous correspondence, please find Mr. Rosenwald's check, to the order of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, for \$6299.27, in payment of his share in the cost of the last 29 of the first 300 rural schoolhouses constructed as the result of his offers.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Dr. R. R. Moton,
Tuskegee Institute,
Alabama.

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Tuskegee Institute, Ala.,
August 7, 1918.

Dr. Moton:

I am handing you, herewith, requisitions to be sent to Mr. Rosenwald for money to aid in the construction of schoolbuildings as per Mr. Graves' suggestion of July 17, 1918. We have discarded requisitions sent on June 1 and July 1 and have made new requisitions as follows:

Requisition No. 1, schedule "C".....	\$5,500
Requisition No. 1, schedule "B".....	4,000
Requisition No. 1, schedule "C" (special for Virginia)	7,550
Requisition No. 1, schedule "B" (special for Virginia)	1,250
	<u>18,300</u>

\$9,500

These requisitions have already been paid for by Mr. Rosenwald with his check made to the order of the Tuskegee Institute, July 17, 1918.

Requisition No. 2, schedule "C".....	\$10,700
Requisition No. 2, schedule "B"	10,050
	<u>20,750</u>

We have already advanced money for schools named in schedules "B" and "C" requisition 2 and we are asking that Mr. Rosenwald re-imburse the fund to this extent. We have overdrawn rural school funds up to August 1, \$3,376.58.

We feel gratified as to results obtained through Mr. Rosenwald's generous help in stirring bigger interests in rural education throughout the south and in placing neat, attractive, and useful schoolbuildings in so many dark sections.

The southern white people as well as the colored people are growing more and more to believe in our movement. A Mr. Hazen Smith who owns a very large plantation in Autauga County, Ala., has become so interested in having a better schoolhouse for his tenants, he is offering five acres of land and \$1,000 in cash to meet Mr. Rosenwald's conditional offer. He is making the state of Alabama pledge \$750 for the schoolbuilding.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton J. Calloway
Director Extension Department.

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August 20, 1918.

Dear Dr. Moton:

Enclosed herewith please find Mr. Rosenwald's check, to the order of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, for \$20,750 to cover the following requisitions under Rural School Offer of 11/14/17:

Requisition No. 2, Schedule C.....\$10,700.

" No. 2, " B.....10,050.

\$20,750.

Sincerely yours,

Encl.
WCG-R

Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Dr. R. R. Moton,
Tuskegee Institute,
Alabama.

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November 8, 1918.

Dear Major Moton:

In compliance with the suggestion in your letter of November 5th, I am sending you herewith check, to the order of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, for \$22,000, covering Requisition No. 3, Schedule B., Mr. Rosenwald's share in the cost of sixty-two (62) one-teacher schools. #23,500

Please let me know when you require for disbursement Requisition No. 3, Schedule C, or any part of it, and I'll be glad to send check to you promptly.

Thank you for the information that you are following Dr. Claxton's suggestion with reference to the rural school building program.

The slight confusion you refer to only was natural. Now, I believe, we understand each other clearly.

Mr. Rosenwald improves day by day. We have all been distressed to see him not quite his old self. When you consider his intensely active temperament you will be surprised when I tell you he has been patient under restraint and responsive to the advice of his doctors. He has motored out to his country home for the week end and hopes his doctor will permit him to come to the office on Monday.

With kind regards to all my friends at Tuskegee and with special good wishes for yourself, I am

Sincerely yours,

Encl.
WCG-R

Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Major R.R. Moton,
Tuskegee Inst.,
Alabama.

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November 14, 1918.

Dear Dr. Moton:

In the plan for the erection of the second 300 rural schools in the South with Mr. Rosenwald's aid were three specifications as follows:

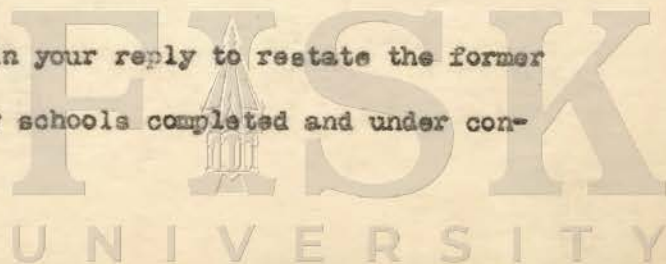
1. Each community receiving aid from the Rosenwald Fund must complete and furnish the schoolhouse building within six months after reporting that it has qualified for Rosenwald help.
2. That the budget be based on an apportionment of 300 additional rural schoolhouses (200 one-teacher and 100 two-teacher) to be built in twelve months dating from the period of approval and authorization by Mr. Rosenwald.
3. Mr. Rosenwald to pay for one year the salaries and half salaries and expenses of employees (except the director) of the Rural Schoolhouse Extension Department of Tuskegee Institute.

Today, November 14, 1918, is twelve months from the date of Mr. Rosenwald's approval and authorization of the plan.

Will you please check up on the work accomplished as of this date and write me, in detail, to what extent the provisions of the agreement in 1 and 2 above have been carried out?

Also, please let me know how many applications there are for rural schools, one-teacher and two-teacher separately, that have not qualified.

It might be well in your reply to restate the former explanation why the two-teacher schools completed and under con-



struction exceed the limit of 100.

While I have not spoken to Mr. Rosenwald about this matter, as he is still ill at his home and advised by his physician not to take up business matters, I am sure he will want the facts as soon as he comes back to the office, which we hope will be soon.

Thanking you for this information at your early convenience, I am

Sincerely yours,

WCG-R

Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Dr. R. R. Moton,

Tuskegee Inst., Ala.



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THE TUSKEGEE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE

Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

December 9, 1918

Mr. Wm. C. Graves,
c/o Sears, Roebuck & Company, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Graves:

I am sending you herewith Report on the erection of the second 300 rural schools in the South, with Mr. Rosenwald's aid. This covers a period of one year from the date of Mr. Rosenwald's last offer. You will note that this report shows 249 schools having been projected, thus leaving a balance of 51 schools not having qualified up to November 14th, 1918.

I feel quite certain that the entire 300 schools would have been taken up before the year expired, had it not been for the scarcity of labor and building material and the desire to be in accord, as far as possible, with the War Industries Board, by not interfering in any way with the War program.

You will also note that 87 of the schools qualified have run over their period of six (6) months without being completed. In addition to the above reasons, the Influenza epidemic has held back the work of completing a number of the buildings already begun. There are at least enough communities striving for Mr. Rosenwald's help to use up the balance of the 300 schools. These communities would have qualified before the year ended, no doubt, if the very same people who were called upon to build schoolhouses had not been called upon to subscribe and pay liberally toward the purchasing of

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Liberty Bonds, Thrift stamps and other War Relief funds. In many instances, the State Agents felt called upon in helping to win the war, to lay aside, for a week at the time, their direct canvassing for schoolhouse building and help interest the people in putting their money into helping to win the war. The colored people have given splendidly in helping to win the war and we are proud of it.

The budget as proposed for the next year's work is about ready, and will be thoroughly threshed out by the Committee this week, after which, we will mail ^{to} it/you together with the detailed resume of the general aspect of the work which has been accomplished.

Very truly,

(SIGNED) R. R. MOTON.

W/enc.

Principal.



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STATEMENT RE RURAL SCHOOLS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOV. 14, 1918.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>PAID BY MR. R.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Salaries, half salaries and expenses - - - - -	\$ 14,030.	\$ 4,251.26	\$ 9,778.74
200 - 1 Teacher schools @ \$400 each - - - - -	80,000.	37,300.00	42,700.00
100 - 2 Teacher schools @ \$500 each - - - - -	50,000.	24,050.00	25,950.00
School Extension 1st year of 3 yrs. 200 schools @ \$30 - - - - -	6,000.	2,455.50	3,544.50
	<u>\$150,030.</u>	<u>\$68,056.76</u>	<u>\$81,973.24</u>

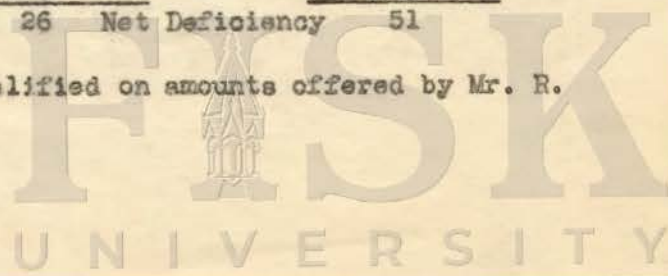
Summary

Total appropriation- - - - -	\$150,030.00
Paid by Mr. R. - - - - -	\$68,056.76
Two teacher requisition, No. 3 Schedule C, not yet paid - - - - -	23,500.00
Paid and due including 211 of *249 qualifying schools - - - - -	\$91,556.76
Amount of budget not yet requisitioned- - - - -	58,473.24
	<u>\$150,030.00 - \$150,030.00</u>

* No requisition made yet for 38 schools

	<u>Number Schools Authorized and Qualifying.</u>			
	<u>One Teacher</u>	<u>Two Teacher</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Authorized	200	100	300	
Qualified	123	126	249	
Deficiency	77	26	51	Net Deficiency

Memo. The excess 26 two teacher schools qualified on amounts offered by Mr. R. for one teacher schools.



SUMMARY

REPORT ON THE ERECTION OF THE SECOND 300 RURAL SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTH
WITH MR. ROSENWALD'S AID - NOV. 14, 1917 - NOV. 14, 1918
AS PER EXTENSION OFFER NOV. 14, 1917.

One-teacher schools completed	24	
One-teacher schools reported qualified, 6 mos. or more (Incomplete)	35	
One-teacher schools reported qualified less than 6 mos. (Incomplete)	<u>64</u>	
Total One-teacher schools		123
Two-teacher schools completed	28	
Two-teacher schools reported qualified 6 mos. or more (Incomplete)	52	
Two-teacher schools reported qualified less than 6 mos. (Incomplete)	<u>46</u>	
Total Two-teacher schools		<u>126</u>
Grand total One and Two-teacher schools		249

This report includes all schools reported to Tuskegee Institute
as qualified up to November 14, 1918.

REPORT ON THE ERECTION OF THE SECOND 200 RURAL SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTH
WITH MR. ROSENWALD'S AID - NOV. 14, 1917 - NOV. 14, 1918
AS PER EXTENSION OFFER NOV. 14, 1917.

SCHEDULE B. ONE-TEACHER SCHOOLS

REPORTED QUALIFIED FOR AID

Location	Completed	6 months or more Incomplete	Less than 6 months Incomplete	Total by States
Alabama	2	3	13	18
Arkansas	1	2	5	8
Georgia	1	1		2
Kentucky	3	2	2	7
Louisiana	2	4	7	13
Maryland			4	4
Mississippi	2		5	7
N. Carolina	2	12	9	23
S. Carolina			1	1
Tennessee	10	7	10	27
Virginia	1	4	8	13
	24	35	64	123

SCHEDULE C. TWO-TEACHER SCHOOLS

REPORTED QUALIFIED FOR AID

Location	Completed	6 months or more Incomplete	Less than 6 months Incomplete	Total by States
Alabama	4	4	4	12
Arkansas	3		5	8
Georgia	2	1	5	8
Kentucky	1	1	2	4
Louisiana	4	3	4	11
Maryland			1	1
Mississippi	3	5	6	14
N. Carolina		11	10	21
S. Carolina	4		4	8
Tennessee	6	3	5	14
Virginia	1	24		25
Total	28	52	46	126

This report includes all schools reported to Tuskegee Institute as qualified up to November 14, 1918.

December 17, 1918.

Dear Mr. Newbold:

While your letter is dated December 1, it has just come to hand. I state this to explain the apparent long delay in replying to it.

Mr. Rosenwald has been ill since his return from France and at present is at Johns Hopkins Hospital, greatly improved but not yet ready to resume business activities. In view of this situation I am assuming the responsibility of replying to your letter.

While I know Mr. Rosenwald would appreciate your zeal and activity, I believe he would prefer to have you make your suggestion direct to Tuskegee. The rural school work from the start has been handled there. It embraces many southern states, including North Carolina. If Mr. Rosenwald were to undertake a special program along the plan suggested by you, each of the states would be justified in asking to have something of the same kind in its locality and as a result we might have considerable confusion. As it is now, Tuskegee is the clearing house for these requirements establishing a reasonable uniformity and a distribution that, so far as we are aware, is fair and satisfactory.

When Mr. Rosenwald returns and is ready to discuss the whole rural school situation, I shall be glad to show him your letter and if I am mistaken in what I have written above, you will hear from

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us in due course.

Sincerely yours,

WCG-S

Secretary to
Julius Rosenwald.

Mr. N. C. Newbold,
Department of Public Instruction,
Raleigh, N. C.



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Mr. Wm. C. Graves,
Secretary to Julius Rosenwald,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Graves:-

Thank you very much for your letter of December 17th. I am sure it was a mistake on our part in dating our letter December 1st.

I am certainly very sorry to hear of Mr. Rosenwald's illness and his confinement in Baltimore. It is encouraging to know that he is recovering and I hope he may soon be well enough to return to Chicago.

I think I can understand and appreciate quite fully your reason for writing me as you did in reply to my letter. You will note that I stated in the letter that if Mr. Rosenwald should agree to my proposition, I would be glad to handle the financial end of it thru Tuskegee or in any other way he might prefer. My main point as you will see, is to get the additional assistance of a man who could give his whole time to the work

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in reaching the school officials of the State in a convincing way. I feel convinced we shall be able to do much more if we could work on some such plan as that which I outlined than we can hope on the plan now in operation. Because of existing conditions in our State I shall very greatly appreciate it if you will bring my letter to Mr. Rosenwald's personal attention when he returns.

Thanking you and with best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) N. C. Newbold.

State Agent Rural Schools.

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