

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND

4901 ELLIS AVENUE

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate Mark Anthony Thomas, M.D.

Report Requested of Dr. M. F. Haygood

The above named candidate has applied to this Fund for a fellowship and has given your name as a reference. A statement of the candidate's plan of work is attached. Please return it with your statement.

We shall appreciate a frank statement of your opinion of this applicant's abilities and personal characteristics, and an appraisal of his plan of work. An early reply to this inquiry will be of great assistance in allowing the Fellowship Committee sufficient time for an adequate review of the large number of candidates who apply for grants.

Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

Raymond Paty
Director for Fellowships

REPORT Dr. Thomas is an unusual man. I have found him to be unusually well informed, quite sympathetic to the problems and medical needs of his people, and, I think, possesses a well balanced attitude toward inter-racial matters. He was the first colored interne (for cal. unit) Ga. Tuberculosis Sanatorium, during my ⁱⁿ Superintendency. He paved the way for a continuing service of this kind in that institution. If since I left there, a lapse has occurred, I am sure that such was a matter of "politics".

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Personally I do not hesitate to recommend
Dr. Thaman. He's really an outstanding man of his race.
You'd probably like to know that the Atlanta
Tuberculosis Association would not consider
putting colored M.D.s. on the medical staff until
Dr. Thaman returned to Atlanta (from Atl)
after finally placing him on the staff,
his good work opened the way for
the addition of 3 or 4 other young colored physicians
on the staff.

It really gives me pleasure to recommend
Dr. Mark A. Thaman to you.

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

Signed W. F. Haygood
Position or Title Deputy Commissioner of Health
Address La. State Health Dept. Des Moines La.
Date March 8th '37

(Please return to Raymond Paty, Director for Fellowships, Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.)

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