

Name William Oscar Brown**Field:** SociologyAssistant Professor of Sociology
Howard University, Washington, D. C.**Plan of Work**

A study of the character of the race problem in Puerto Rico, regarded as basic to a more comprehensive study of the problems of race and race contacts in the Caribbean region as a whole. Completion of the project will require at least a year in Puerto Rico, involving both library and field work. Headquarters would be established at the University of Puerto Rico.

Seeks no degree. Probable duration of work twelve months, beginning September, 1941. Will return to present position.

Personal Data Born Flatonia, Texas, October, 1899 **Age:** 41
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Graduate Work Southern Methodist University, A. M. & B. D., 1924.
University of Chicago, Ph.D., 1930.

Experience Instructor to assistant professor, University of Cincinnati, 1925-35, \$2000-\$2300; research, FERA and WPA, 1935-37, \$2900-\$3600; assistant professor, Howard University, 1937 - , \$2500 (supplemented by salary for summer school teaching at Cornell University).

Accomplishments Teaching fellowship, Southern Methodist University, 1922-24, \$1350; University of Chicago, 1924-25, \$800; University of Chicago (assistant to Doctor Faris), 1927-28, \$900.

References

Leonard S. Cottrell, Jr., Cornell University
Abram L. Harris, Howard University
Melville, J. Herskovits, Northwestern university
Guy B. Johnson, University of North Carolina
Richard F. Pattee, State Department, Washington, D. C.
Louis Wirth, University of Chicago

Budget Summary

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From Applicant	- - -
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THE CHARACTER OF THE RACE PROBLEM IN PUERTO RICO

I

Description of the Project

Puerto Rico, with a population of about 2,000,000, is economically and politically one of the most important of the islands in the Caribbean. Historically it has been an outpost of racial and cultural contacts, involving the indigenous Indian population, the conquering Spanish elite, and the imported African slaves. In time the cultural orientation of the people became predominantly Spanish; and remains essentially so today, though modified by the American connections of more recent times. Racially, according to the 1935 Census, 76.2 per cent of the population is white, while 23.8 per cent is colored. Such figures, however, are admittedly inaccurate, since racial fusion and Puerto Rican conceptions of race make accurate classification and enumeration of racial groups difficult, if not impossible. Such facts suggest a racial situation in marked contrast with the sharply defined racial problems of the United States or South Africa. Apparently, however, a race problem does exist in Puerto Rico, devious and subtle though it may be in its manifestations. To investigate the character of this problem is the object of the present enquiry.

This project is conceived as a fundamental study of race and race problems in Puerto Rico. In specific terms this involves an analysis of (1) the racial history of the island; (2) the present racial composition of the population; (3) the development and role of racial sentiments, stereotypes and doctrines in Puerto Rico; (4) the relation of ^{the} "racial factor" to the division of labor, class lines, mate selection, marriage, status and social differentiation in

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general; (5) the nature and extent of race consciousness in Puerto Rican life; (6) the role of American contacts, controls and influences in the racial situation; and (7) the racial idea in relation to Puerto Rican nationalism.

While this study is focused on the racial situation in Puerto Rico, the wider Caribbean background and context of the problem is recognized. Because as yet our knowledge of the racial situation in particular islands is incomplete, we do not know what uniformities, if any, exist in this regard. A fundamental and systematic study, therefore, of racial problems in the Caribbean awaits intensive studies of particular islands. Such studies should provide us with basic data, suggest methods of research, and contribute to the analysis of the fundamentals of race problems as seen against a particular background and within a given context. Broadly, this projected study of the character of the race problem in Puerto Rico is conceived in some such terms.

II

Present State of the Project

For some time I have been interested in the Caribbean area as a region rich in problems of race and culture contacts. As a result I have a fair knowledge of the background literature. Frequent discussions with my colleagues at Howard University have sharpened my perception of the relation of the racial problem to the historical, economic and political facts of the area. My orientation in the field of racial studies, and my work on race problems in the Southern United States and South Africa constitute additional background for the type of study here suggested.

During the next six months I plan to intensify my reading of background literature, continue my work on Spanish, sharpen my conception of the elements

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of the problem, and to establish contacts with those persons from whom ideas, suggestions and guidance may be had.

III

Place of Work and Persons to be Consulted

My tentative plan, suggested by Dr. Pattee of the Division of Cultural Relations of the State Department, is to establish headquarters at the University of Puerto Rico in Rio Piedras. This would be both a convenient base for field work and an excellent place to do any necessary preliminary study. Dr. Pattee, whose experience and knowledge of Puerto Rico is unrivaled, has agreed to provide me with all necessary contacts and introductions. Dr. Eric Williams, who has had research experience in Puerto Rico and is engaged on a Caribbean study at the present time as a Rosenwald Fellow, has likewise given me leads as to materials and authorities. I am assured that I could count on the help of such men as Dr. Tomas Blanco, authority on the Negro, Dr. Rafael Pico, economic geographer, Professor Jose Rosaro in sociology and the staff of the Agricultural Experimental Station. It may be observed that I have had field work experience in the Southern United States, South Africa and Palestine. This background experience in the study of racial problems on the spot should prove of value in the Puerto Rican project.

IV

Publication of Results

I hope to publish the results of any research done. I plan in time to publish a systematic study of race and race problems. The Puerto Rican project is conceived as an integral part of this larger work. In any event this



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study would be useful in my work at Howard University, which includes courses on races and minorities.

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Subsequent Plans

I assume the continuation of my work at Howard University. However, whether here or elsewhere I want to continue my racial studies. My request for this fellowship grows out of a conviction that neither research nor teaching can be effective without occasional periods of complete freedom from the academic routine, carrying with it opportunity for the type of work envisaged in this projected study of the racial problem of Puerto Rico.

List of Publications in Field of Race Contacts
by W. O. Brown

Race Prejudice: A Sociological Study. University of Chicago Libraries, 1930
(Ph.D. thesis)

"Racial Inequality: Fact or Myth," Journal of Negro History, XVI, (January, 1931),
43-60

"Emergence of Race Consciousness," Sociology and Social Research, XV, (May-June,
1931), 428-436

"The Nature of Race Consciousness," Social Forces, X, (October, 1931), 90-97

"The Rationalization of Race Prejudice," International Journal of Ethics, XLIII,
(April, 1933), 294-303

"Culture Contact and Race Conflict," Chapter III in Reuter, E.B. (Editor)
Race and Culture Contact, New York, McGraw-Hill, 1934

"Race Consciousness Among South African Natives," American Journal of Sociology,
XL, (March, 1935), 569-581

"Race Prejudice as a factor in the status of the Negro," The Journal of Negro
Education, Year Book Number VIII, 1939, Chapter VIII

"White Dominance in South Africa", Social Forces, XVIII, (March, 1940, 406-410)

"The Role of the Poor Whites in the Race Contacts of the South," ~~To be published~~
~~in~~ Social Forces, XIX, (December, 1940), 358-368

February 12, 1941

Mr. George Reynolds
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I have had some university work in Spanish. At the present time I am taking a course in Spanish here at Howard, and in addition I have a tutor in the language, one of our graduate students who is a Puerto Rican. I am of course giving all the time I can to reading and grammar, in addition to work on the project as such. During the next few months I should have a fair mastery of reading and conversation, though I have no illusions about the ease of facility in any language. While the intellectual classes in Puerto Rico are bilingual, I realize that my contacts will extend beyond these groups; and hence I am eager to learn how to get around in the language with a maximum efficiency.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William O. Brown



The University of Chicago

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Robert E. Park, Visiting Professor of Sociology, Fisk University.

Mr. Brown took his degree some years ago at Chicago. I knew him as a student and have kept in pretty close touch with him ever since. He has a very consistent interest in the Negro. He went to South Africa on his own steam some years ago and wrote a very interesting study of conditions there. He has been teaching at Howard, in Professor Frazier's department for several years now. I think his project is a sound one and it would give him an opportunity to extend his knowledge of race relations and make him a more interesting teacher and a more competent student. The fact that he has shown such consistent interest in race problems and has emerged himself so deeply in the problems of the race, convinces me that the Puerto Rican project which he describes as an interpart of his program for a larger work, will be eventually carried out as he planned. I therefore heartily approve his project.

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Abram L. Harris, Head, Department of Economics, Howard University.

Professor's Brown's project strikes me as an extremely timely one. The course of international events and the impact of them upon the western hemisphere have caused attention to center upon the Caribbean. In shaping its economic and diplomatic policies with respect to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the West Indies, this country will need a much broader knowledge of the resources and of the races and nationalities in these islands. Thus, Professor Brown's study, while projected in a purely



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scientific spirit, has, in my opinion, a general political significance. His liberal point of view, his southern background and his previous studies of race problems eminently qualify him for this task. I wish heartily to endorse his application.

E. Franklin Frazier, Professor, Head, Department of Sociology,
Howard University.

My association with Dr. Brown as a fellow graduate student and as a colleague in the field of sociology and at Howard University has led me to regard him as a first-rate scholar and as a painstaking student of social phenomena. He not only has a wide and fundamental knowledge of social science literature but also possesses a keen perception and understanding of social reality. His intimate knowledge of the inter-racial situation in the United States has been supplemented by observations in South Africa.

There can be no question of the value of Mr. Brown's project, especially at the present time. My short sojourn in Brazil has impressed me with the urgent need for studies of the type proposed by Dr. Brown in areas which are being drawn more closely within the orbit of American influence. Because of his southern white background, his intimate knowledge of inter-racial situations, and his professional competence, Dr. Brown is especially qualified to carry on the project which he has submitted.

I am glad to give my unqualified endorsement to the project and to recommend Dr. Brown as a person especially qualified to carry it on.

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Richard F. Pattee, Division of Cultural Relations, Department of State.

Although I do not know Mr. Brown intimately, I have been favorably impressed with his views, capacity for analysis and generally scholarly attitude. I believe that the project he describes would be useful especially in view of the fact that the race problem in Puerto Rico has been virtually untouched. My only doubt in the case of Mr. Brown is his lack of a good grasp of Spanish. I do not know if he is linguistically minded and would be able to obtain a fair knowledge in a short time. Outside of the larger communities it would be a very sever handicap not to have the spoken language. However, if this can be remedied, I would not hesitate to recommend him for the project proposed.

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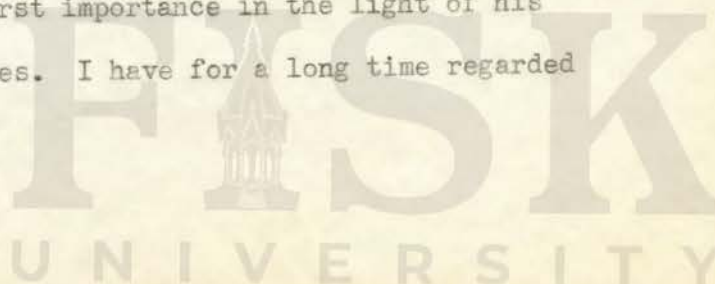
Guy B. Johnson, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of North Carolina.

I find it very hard to evaluate this applicant fairly. I know him pretty well and am acquainted with his work. My impression is that he is capable of very good thinking and writing, and yet I am puzzled by the fact that he has not been more productive. It may be that he is one of those persons who likes to save up his ideas for one big work some day. I should be inclined to give him this chance to work in Puerto Rico. His experiences in Africa and elsewhere should stand him in good stead. Certainly the Caribbean area is an area which needs to be studied comparatively with respect to race relations.

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Melville J. Herskovits, Professor of Anthropology, Northwestern University.

I think Professor Brown's project is an excellent one, and should yield results of the first importance in the light of his own training, background and capabilities. I have for a long time regarded



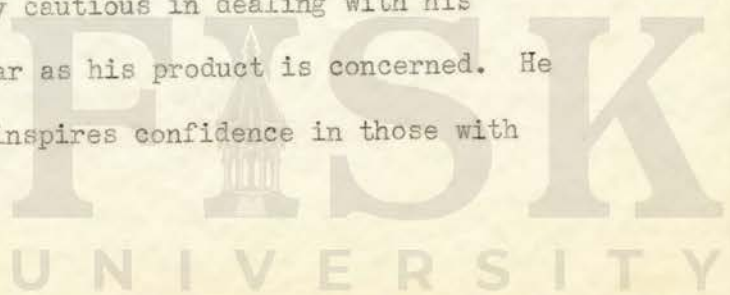
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Mr. Brown as one of the outstanding men studying race relations, and he will be able to project the Puerto Rican interracial situation against his earlier work in South Africa, and his intimate acquaintance with the American scene as regards Negro-white contacts. It is my opinion that this project is particularly valuable because Mr. Brown proposes to concentrate his work in one area. I have been increasingly disturbed at the tendency of those interested in race relations in the West Indies to try to encompass in a year's research program work in a number of islands. One may gain impressions by this method, but I doubt very much if such an approach would enable the student to probe deeply into situations as complex as those analyzed in the study of race relations. It is for this reason that I am sure that Mr. Brown's findings will go far beyond the superficial analyses based on extensive rather than intensive study. I am, therefore, very glad to recommend Mr. Brown's project to you, and express the hope that he will be awarded the grant he is requesting.

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Louis Wirth, Professor of Sociology, University of Chicago

I have been in touch with Mr. Brown for a long time concerning his proposed study of the race problem in Puerto Rico. I have not the slightest doubt about the genuineness of his interest in this subject. I have known him intimately ever since he was a graduate student at Chicago, and the subject of race relations has always been uppermost in his mind. He has made great personal sacrifices in the past to undertake field investigations in South Africa and elsewhere. I am sure that he knows how to make the optimum use of whatever resources are made available to him. He is a methodical and planful worker, extremely cautious in dealing with his materials, and thoroughly reliable as far as his product is concerned. He is modest, quiet, and soft spoken, and inspires confidence in those with



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whom he deals. I have the highest respect for his intellectual ability and integrity, and I know that his own adjustment as a white southerner to a predominantly Negro world is about as perfect as could possibly be wished for. This should stand him in good stead in any field investigations he might wish to undertake. He has penetrating insight, sympathetic understanding, and at the same time a capacity for clear objective judgment and close logical reasoning.

There can be little question at the present time about the significance of his research proposal. If we are to get an analytical description of race relations, especially between Negroes and whites, in the modern world, the Caribbean area is a crucial field of investigation. Through the work of others, in large part aided by the Julius Rosenwald Fund, we now have one polar situation thoroughly analyzed, namely, that of Brazil. We also have an intermediate situation such as that in Haiti adequately studied. But Haiti is unique as an intermediate case, and Puerto Rico would present a situation more nearly approximating the other pole in which we are more particularly interested, namely, race relations in the United States. I realize that the project as outlined is rather general in character, but in the second paragraph of his proposal it is to be noted that Brown expects to view the situation from several very specific angles which should contribute enormously to our understanding of the general problem. He is especially well qualified to do what he has outlined for himself. His previous writings from his doctor's dissertation onward attest to this adequacy of preparation. His study will not only fill in the gaps in our knowledge of the range of possible forms which race relations might



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take under varying circumstances, historical and otherwise, but will more particularly show the interrelations with various factors in a specific given situation, which concerns us closely because our own national policies are involved there. While I do not believe he can possibly cover all of the ground he has outlined, I am convinced that he will do a substantial part of it, and that that part will be thoroughly well done and extremely worth while. His claim to be working on a systematic study of race and race problems is no idle boast, but irrespective of his long-time objectives I believe that a valuable contribution will come out of his proposed research during the next year. I feel confident, too, that it will see its way into publications which will be interestingly written and creditably done.

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Leonard S. Cottrell, Jr., Professor of Sociology, Cornell University.

In my opinion Mr. Brown is in the upper 20 per cent of sociologists in terms of general ability. He is very well equipped for work in the field of race relations and particularly in the problems of the Negro. He has a good motivation for this work and at the same time a well balanced attitude on the problems involved. He is a very good teacher. He can express himself well in speaking and writing about his research.

Personally Mr. Brown is amiable and cooperative. He works very well with other people. He is not a leader, but neither is he a passive, withdrawn type. From what I know of the aims of the Fund and of his proposed project, I think he will make a worth while contribution. However, I would not expect an "outstanding" contribution.

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REPORT OF PROGRESS ON PROJECT: RACE PROBLEM IN PUERTO RICO

I have been in Puerto Rico for about four months. During this time my efforts have been directed along the following lines: (1) extensive reading of background material, to be found in the Puerto Rican Collection at the University of Puerto Rico, the Carnegie Library in San Juan, the private files of individuals and in the official reports and documents of government departments and agencies; (2) work in the language both for reading and speaking purposes; (3) the persistent development of a wide range of contacts with key persons who have been of great assistance to me in my work; and (4) fairly extensive travelling in the Island for exploratory purposes.

As yet I am not ready to formulate any conclusions, except those of a very tentative character. It is clear that the racial factor is much more concealed and less important in Puerto Rico than on the continent. As a result investigation of the type I am engaged in is time consuming and difficult. Moreover, little has been written on this problem. Evidence is contradictory and the facts are often difficult to get. Nevertheless, I have accumulated a great deal of pertinent material and I think that I am getting hold of my problem with a fair degree of effectiveness.

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I am requesting the extension of my grant for the following reasons. First, a really good job cannot be done in one year, involving

as it does the mastery of an extensive background literature and time consuming field work. I am now at work on plans for field work in possibly two communities, one coastal community and one in either the coffee or tobacco area. The details of method and procedure have not as yet been completed. Second, I should like to make exploratory surveys in the Virgin Islands, Santo Domingo and Cuba by way of comparison and as a prelude to future work in these regions. The extension of the work in the exploratory form suggested would require several months. Finally, my usefulness would be enhanced if I were allowed sufficient time to become acquainted with some of the basic problems of the Caribbean area as a whole. The vantage points of Puerto Rico and Cuba especially offer this opportunity. In the light of recent developments in the Caribbean, and possible post-war developments this type of knowledge should prove valuable. My idea would be to spend five or six months of the additional time in Puerto Rico and the rest of the time in the other areas indicated. Puerto Rico would continue to be the focal area of interest.

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Mr. E. Franklin Frazier, Professor of Sociology, Howard University.

In view of the fact that Mr. Brown has been in Puerto Rico only four months and has little to report on his findings, I am not in a position to pass judgment on his work. On the other hand, his report indicates that he has done about as much as one could expect and it is true that his research activities would have much more value if he could remain another year. If Mr. Brown remains for another year I feel that much of his time should be spent in Puerto Rico and that he could not get much information by spending most of the additional time in making exploratory surveys in other islands in the Caribbean. Whatever Mr. Brown does I feel will be done thoroughly and well worth the investment.

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Mr. Louis Wirth, Professor of Sociology, University of Chicago.

I think Mr. Brown's progress report is too scanty for me to make any evaluation of the progress of the research and the prospects of fruitful results for a second year. What he reports as having done so far looks impressive from the point of view of the effort that was involved, but since he doesn't state what he has learned so far, it is hard to say whether he has got any promising clues. The fact that he had to acquire proficiency in the reading and speaking knowledge was, of course, a great handicap, and perhaps his preliminary work will now enable him to produce results which will enable him to cash in on the preliminary efforts he has made.

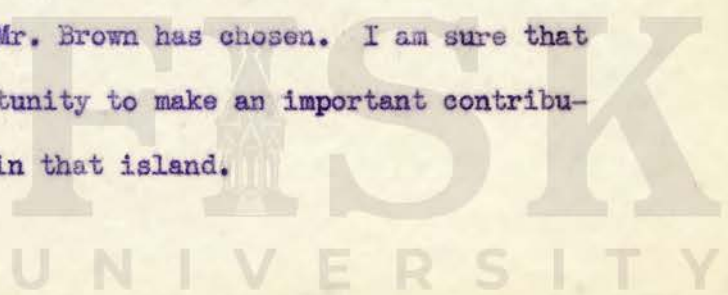
I am willing to bet, however, on Brown's diligence, intellectual honesty, and research ability. I think therefore the report, though purely formal, ought to carry a good deal of weight. I am confident he will produce.

As to his request for a second year's work, I would generally be inclined to favor it. But I am not so sure that what he needs most is an extension of the area of his research from Puerto Rico to the Virgin Islands, Santo Domingo, and Cuba. I would prefer it if he would stay for another year in Puerto Rico itself rather than scatter his shots. It seems to me he ought to be able to get enough comparative material about these other regions from the literature. I think it is enough if a man is a specialist on Puerto Rico. He doesn't have to take in the whole Caribbean area.

In other words, I feel that Brown would make the best possible use of whatever extension of time is granted to him, but I think it would be in his own and in the research project's best interests if he were to confine himself to the area he originally set out to study.

Mr. Richard Pattee, Assistant Chief, Division of Cultural Relations,
Department of State, Washington.

Although I do not know Mr. Brown intimately, I have formed an excellent impression of his work and purpose. I called his attention to the handicap of language when he planned to go to Puerto Rico and I understand that he has remedied this considerably and is able to use Spanish with some fluency. There is a real opportunity to do a first-class piece of work in Puerto Rico in the somewhat elusive field Mr. Brown has chosen. I am sure that another year there would give him an opportunity to make an important contribution to the knowledge of racial relations in that island.



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as it does the mastery of an extensive background literature and time consuming field work. I am now at work on plans for field work in possibly two communities, one coastal community and one in either the coffee or tobacco area. The details of method and procedure have not as yet been completed. Second, I should like to make exploratory surveys in the Virgin Islands, Santo Domingo and Cuba by way of comparison and as a prelude to future work in these regions. The extension of the work in the exploratory form suggested would require several months. Finally, my usefulness would be enhanced if I were allowed sufficient time to become acquainted with some of the basic problems of the Caribbean area as a whole. The vantage points of Puerto Rico and Cuba especially offer this opportunity. In the light of recent developments in the Caribbean, and possible post-war developments this type of knowledge should prove valuable. My idea would be to spend five or six months of the additional time in Puerto Rico and the rest of the time in the other areas indicated. Puerto Rico would continue to be the focal area of interest.

LETTERS OF REFERENCE

William O. Brown

Mr. E. Franklin Frazier, Professor of Sociology, Howard University.

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Report Requested of Mr. Richard Pattee

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William C. Haygood
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

I have not received any information from Puerto Rico that would indicate any impression as to the value of Mr. Brown's research. From his letters I gather that he has made considerable progress and I believe that his claim is justified that a visit to the Virgin Islands and Cuba will be of considerable importance in completing his study in Puerto Rico. The fact that much more serious work in this field has been done in Cuba than in Puerto Rico would make this contact particularly desirable.

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University of Chicago

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Mr. Louis Wirth

Report Requested of

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Julius Rosenwald
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

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Signed *Louis Wirth*

Position or Title Professor of Sociology

Address University of Chicago

Date Feb. 20, 1942

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 Howard University

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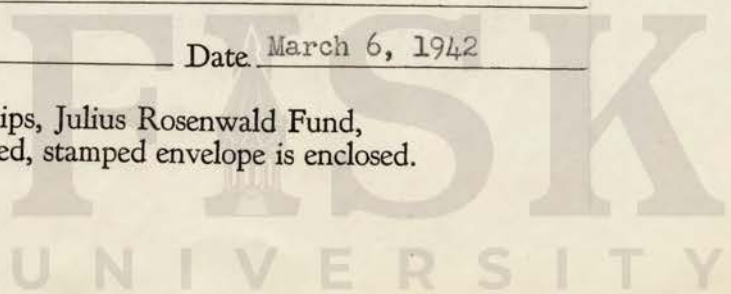
William O. Brown
Director for Fellowship

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Signed *E. Franklin Frazier*
Position or Title Professor of Sociology
Address Howard University
Washington, D. C. Date March 6, 1942

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William O. Hopwood
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

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As far as I know

Signed *R. Patten*

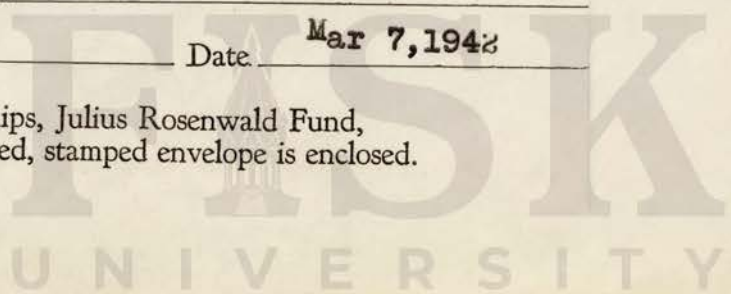
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List of Publications in Field of Race Contacts
by W. O. Brown

Race Prejudice: A Sociological Study. University of Chicago Libraries, 1930
(Ph.D. thesis)

- "Racial Inequality: Fact or Myth," Journal of Negro History, XVI, (January, 1931),
43-60
- "Emergence of Race Consciousness," Sociology and Social Research, XV, (May-June,
1931), 428-436
- "The Nature of Race Consciousness," Social Forces, X, (October, 1931), 90-97
- "The Rationalization of Race Prejudice," International Journal of Ethics, XLIII,
(April, 1933), 294-303
- "Culture Contact and Race Conflict," Chapter III in Reuter, E.B. (Editor)
Race and Culture Contact, New York, McGraw-Hill, 1934
- "Race Consciousness Among South African Natives," American Journal of Sociology,
XL, (March, 1935), 569-581
- "Race Prejudice as a factor in the status of the Negro," The Journal of Negro
Education, Year Book Number VIII, 1939, Chapter VIII
- "White Dominance in South Africa", Social Forces, XVIII, (March, 1940, 406-410)
- "The Role of the Poor Whites in the Race Contacts of the South," ~~To be published~~
~~in~~ Social Forces, XIX, (December, 1940), 358-368

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Report Requested of Mr. Leonard S. Cottrell, Jr.
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

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Director for Fellowships

REPORT

In my opinion Mr. Brown is in the upper 20% of sociologists in terms of general ability. He is very well equipped for work in the field of race relations & particularly in the problems of the Negro. He has a good motivation for this work & at the same time a well balanced attitude on the problems involved. He is a very good teacher. He can express himself well in speaking & writing about his research.

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Personally Mr. Brown is amiable
& cooperative. He works very well
with other people.

He is not a leader, but neither is
he a passive withdrawer type.

From what I know of the aims of
the foundation & of his proposed
project, I think he will make a
worthwhile contribution. However
I would not expect an "outstanding"
contribution.

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?

Yes.

Signed

Leonard S. Cottrell, Jr.

Position or Title

Professor of Sociology, Chairman Dept of Soc. & Anth.

Address

Cornell University

Ithaca, N.Y.

Date

Jan 22, 1941

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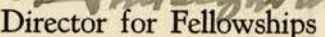
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Director for Fellowships

REPORT

I have been in touch with Dr. William O. Brown of Howard University for a long time concerning his proposed study of the race problem in Puerto Rico. I have not the slightest doubt about the genuineness of his interest in this subject. I have known him intimately ever since he was a graduate student at Chicago, and the subject of race relations has always been uppermost in his mind. He has made great personal sacrifices in the past to undertake field investigations in South Africa and elsewhere. I am sure that he knows how to make the optimum use of whatever resources are made available to him. He is a methodical and planful worker, extremely cautious in dealing with his materials, and thoroughly reliable as far as his product is concerned. He is modest, quiet, and soft spoken, and inspires confidence in those with whom he deals. I have the highest respect for his intellectual ability and integrity, and I have great esteem for him as a person. From his colleagues at Howard University I know that his own adjustment as a white Southerner to a predominantly Negro world is about as perfect as could possibly be wished for. This should stand him in good stead in any field investigations he might wish to undertake. He has penetrating insight, sympathetic understanding, and at the same time a capacity for clear objective judgment and close logical reasoning.

There can be little question at the present time about the significance of his research proposal. If we are to get an analytical description of race relations, especially between Negroes and whites, in the modern world, ~~in~~ the Caribbean area is a crucial

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field of investigation. Through the work of others, in large part aided by the Julius Rosenwald Fund, we now have one polar situation thoroughly analyzed, namely, that of Brazil. We also have an intermediate situation such as that in Haiti adequately studied. But Haiti is unique as an intermediate case, and Puerto Rico would present a situation more nearly approximating the other pole in which we are more particularly interested, namely, race relations in the United States. I realize that the project as outlined is rather general in character, but in the second paragraph of his proposal it is to be noted that Brown expects to view the situation from several very specific angles which should contribute enormously to our understanding of the general problem. He is especially well qualified to do what he has outlined for himself. His previous writings from his doctor's dissertation onward attest to this adequacy of preparation. His study will not only fill in the gaps in our knowledge of the range of possible forms of which race relations might take under varying circumstances, historical and otherwise, but will more particularly show the interrelations with various factors in a specific given situation, which concerns us closely because our own national policies are involved there. While I do not believe he can possibly cover all of the ground he has outlined, I am convinced that he will do a substantial part of it, and that that part will be thoroughly well done and extremely worth while. His claim to be working on a systematic study of race and race problems is no idle boast, but irrespective of his long-time objectives I believe that a valuable contribution will come out of his proposed research during the next year. I feel confident, too, that it will see its way into publications which will be interestingly written and creditably done.

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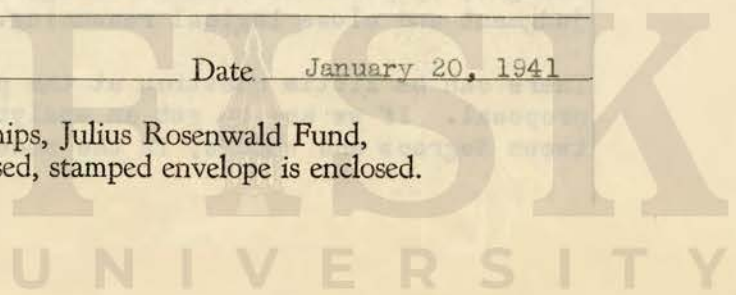
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Position or Title Professor of Sociology, University of Chicago

Address University of Chicago

Date January 20, 1941

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 Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

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Melville J. Herskovits
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

I think Professor Brown's project is an excellent one, and should yield results of the first importance in the light of his own training, background and capabilities. I have for a long time regarded Professor Brown as one of the outstanding men studying race relations, and ~~was sure that~~ he will be able to project the Puerto Rican interracial situation against his earlier work in South Africa, and his intimate acquaintance with the American scene as regards Negro-White contacts. It is my opinion that this project is particularly valuable because Professor Brown proposes to concentrate his work in one area. I have been increasingly disturbed at the tendency of those interested in race relations ^{in the West Indies} to try to encompass in a year's research program work in a number of islands.

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One may gain impressions by this method, but I doubt very much if such an approach would enable the student to probe deeply into situations as complex as those analyzed in the study of race relations. It is for this reason that I am sure that Professor Brown's findings will go far beyond the superficial analyses based on extensive rather than intensive study. I am, therefore, very glad to recommend Professor Brown's project to you, and express the hope that he will be awarded the grant he is requesting.

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Mr. William O. Brown
Report Requested of
Mr. Melville J. Barkovitz

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

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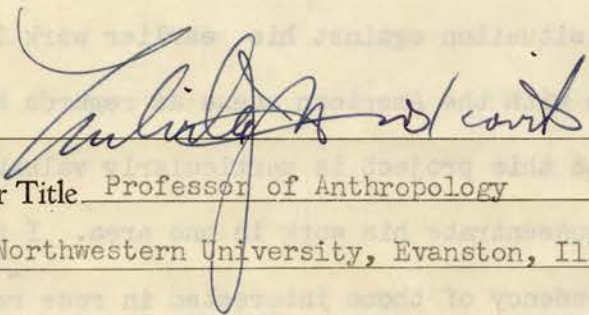
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I find it very hard to evaluate this applicant fairly. I know him pretty well and am acquainted with his work. My impression is that he is capable of very good thinking and writing, and yet I am puzzled by the fact that he has not been more productive. It may be that he is one of those persons who likes to save up his ideas for one big work some day. I should be inclined to give him this chance to work in Puerto Rico. His experiences in Africa and elsewhere should stand him in good stead. Certainly the Caribbean area is an area which needs to be studied comparatively with respect to race relations.

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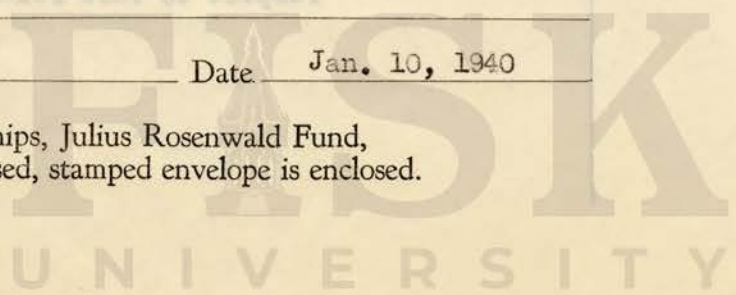
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Position or Title Assoc. Prof. of Sociology, Univ. of N.C.

Address Box 652
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Date Jan. 10, 1940

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REPORT

Although I do not know Mr. Brown intimately, I have been favorably impressed with his views, capacity for analysis and generally scholarly attitude. I believe that the project he describes would be useful especially in view of the fact that the race problem in Puerto Rico has been virtually untouched. My only doubt in the case of Mr. Brown is his lack of a good grasp of Spanish. I do not know if he is linguistically and would be able to obtain a fair knowledge in a short time. Outside of the larger communities it would be a very severe handicap not to have the spoken language. However, if this can be remedied, I would not hesitate to recommend him for the project proposed.

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 Washington, D. C.

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JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND

4901 ELLIS AVENUE

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Confidential Report on Candidates for Fellowship

Name of Candidate

Mr. William O. Brown

Report Requested of

Mr. Richard F. Patton

State Department, Washington, D. C.

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

We shall appreciate your frank opinion of this applicant's qualifications, and an appraisal of his plan of work and of his ability to make a noteworthy contribution in his field. An early reply will be of great assistance in allowing the Fellowship Committee sufficient time for adequate consideration of the large number of candidates.

We request candid and critical comment. Your reply will be held in strict confidence.

Director for Fellowships

REPORT

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?

As far as I know

Signed

Richard Patton

Position or Title

Division of Cultural Relations, Department of State

Address

Washington, D. C.

Date

Jan. 10, 1941

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

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A/c Consulado Americano
Bahia, Brazil
December 2, 1940

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Mr. George M. Reynolds
The Rosenwald Fund
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Reynolds:

I am writing you in regard to Dr. William O. Brown of Howard University who has applied to the Rosenwald Fund for a fellowship in order to carry on a study of race as a factor in social contacts, status and social differiation, in the Carribean area.

First, I would like to say something about Dr. Brown's competence to carry on the study which he has proposed. My association with Dr. Brown as a fellow graduate student and as a colleague in the field of sociology and at Howard University has led me to regard him as a first rate scholar and as a painstaking student of social phenomena. He not only has a wide and fundamental knowledge of social science literature but also possesses a keen perception and understanding of social reality. His intimate knowledge of the inter-racial situation in the United States has been supplemented by observations in South Africa.

Secondly, in regard to the project which he has submitted there can not be any question as to its value, especially at the present time. My shortsojourn in Brazil has impressed me with the urgent need for studies of the type proposed by Dr. Brown in areas which are being drawn more closely within the orbit of American influence. Because of his southern white background, his intimate knowledge of inter-racial situations, and his professional competence, Dr. Brown is especially qualified to carry on the project which he has submitted.

Therefore, I am glad to give my unqualified endorsement to the project and to recommend Dr. Brown as a person especially qualified to carry it on.

Very truly yours,

E. Franklin Frazier

E. Franklin Frazier
Professor and Head of the
Department of Sociology
Howard University

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4901 ELLIS AVENUE

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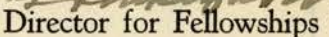
Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate Mr. William O. Brown
Report Requested of Mr. Abram L. Harris
 Howard University, Washington, D. C.

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Director for Fellowships

REPORT

Professor Brown's project strikes me as an extremely timely one. The course of international events and the impact of them upon the western hemisphere have caused attention to center upon the Caribbean. In shaping its economic and diplomatic policies with respect to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the West Indies, this country will need a much broader knowledge of the resources and of the races and nationalities in these islands. Thus Professor Brown's study, while projected in a purely scientific spirit, has in my opinion a general political significance. His liberal point of view, his southern background and his previous studies of race problems eminently qualify him for this task. I wish heartily to endorse his application.

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JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND
4901 ELLIS AVENUE
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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate _____

Report Requested of _____

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We request candid and critical comment. Your reply will be held in strict confidence.

Director for Fellowships

REPORT

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 Abraham L. Harris

Position or Title Head, Department of Economics

Address Howard University

Date January 22, 1941

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

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Name of Candidate William O. Brown
Report Requested of Dr. Robert E. Park
 Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

Mr. Brown took his degree some years ago at Chicago. I knew him as a student and have kept in pretty close touch with him every since. He has a very consistent interest in the Negro. He went to South Africa on his own steam some years ago and wrote a very interesting study of conditions there. He has been teaching at Howard, in Professor Frazier's department for several years now. I think his project is a sound one and it would give him an opportunity to extend his knowledge of race relations and make him a more interesting teacher and a more competent student. The fact that he has shown such consistent interest in race problems and has emerged himself so deeply in the problems of the race, convinces me that the Puerto Rican project which he describes as an interpart of his program for a larger work, will be eventually carried out as he planned. I therefore heartily approve his project.

Signed Robert E. Park
Position or Title Visiting Professor of Sociology
Address Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee
Date January 24, 1941

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

November 30, 1940

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Mr. George M. Reynolds
Fellowship Secretary
Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Reynolds:

I notice in the application blank that one is required to send in official transcripts of the college and university record. Is this necessary in my case, since I have my Ph.D degree? Or would it be sufficient to send in transcripts of the graduate record at the University of Chicago, where I did my graduate work and received my degree? If necessary I can get the undergraduate record.

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Work is proceeding on my project. I hope to get all material in by late December.

Sincerely yours,

W. O. Brown
W. O. Brown

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FELLOWSHIPS

December 3, 1940

Dear Mr. Brown: Copies of your graduate transcripts will be sufficient since you have received your Ph. D. degree. Please submit your application as soon as possible, in any case by January 5.

Very truly yours,

GMR:MLJ

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

~~Mr. W. O. Brown~~
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

December 23, 1940

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Mr. George Reynolds
Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I am sending you today the filled out blank and the material requested of fellowship applicants.

I should like to explain certain items in my application. As for the estimate of cost of living, I have checked rather carefully and it appears that the cost of living in Puerto Rico is some higher than in the United States. The transportation item covers estimates for two, my wife and I. It is hoped that exploratory trips might be made to the Virgin Islands and Santo Domingo. Although the amount requested exceeds my salary at Howard University, you will observe that summer school teaching supplements that amount. My financial resources are at the present time such that it would be very difficult to provide any part of the expense involved.

I have given six references rather than the five requested. I assume that there was no objection to this. Incidentally, the order of the names in the reference list is alphabetical and not "quoted in order or merit." I might say, as you suggested, that I have written to the persons on the list giving them some idea of the project and asking if they would be willing to serve as references. All have agreed.

I hope that the materials are of the character desired. If I have left anything out please let me know. I need hardly add that I hope you like the project and its formulation.

Sincerely yours,

William O. Brown
William O. Brown

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

FELLOWSHIPS

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

January 23, 1941

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Mr. George M. Reynolds
Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I am sending you under separate cover reprints of some of the articles mentioned in my bibliography of published materials. I thought that it might be convenient for you to have immediate access to some samples of my writing.

Sincerely yours,

W. O. Brown
W. O. Brown

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

January 24, 1941

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Mr. George M. Reynolds
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

If it is not too much trouble, kindly return my statement in support of Professor W. O. Brown's application. In revising the statement, we failed to make a copy and I would like to be sure that what I said to you is as I should want it.

Sincerely yours,

Abram L. Harris

Abram L. Harris

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January 29, 1941

Dear Mr. Harris: In response to your note of
the 24th, I am returning the
statement which you sent regarding Mr. W. O. Brown.

Very truly yours,

MARGARET L. UTLEY
Secretary to Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Abram L. Harris
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

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FELLOWSHIPS

February 5, 1941

Dear Doctor Brown: I have just been carefully going over your application for a fellowship, and there is one matter which I think needs clearing up in order to strengthen your case when it is presented to the Committee on Fellowships. You indicate that you are doing some work on Spanish. I should like to have a letter from you stating just how far along you expect to be with your study of the language by the time you would leave for Puerto Rico. The Committee is pretty careful in its inquiry regarding such preparation, and it requires considerable conversational ability. Will you please let me know in some detail what your plans are?

Very truly yours,

GMR:MLU

GEORGE M. REYNOLD

~~Dr. W. O. Brown~~
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
PROGRAM OF SOCIAL WORK

FELLOWSHIPS

February 12, 1941

Mr. George Reynolds
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I am glad to give you the information requested in your letter of February 5th.

I have had some university work in Spanish. At the present time I am taking a course in Spanish here at Howard, and in addition I have a tutor in the language, one of our graduate students who is a Puerto Rican. I am of course giving all the time I can to reading and grammar, in addition to work on the project as such. During the next few months I should have a fair mastery of reading and conversation, though I have no illusions about the ease of facility in any language. While the intellectual classes in Puerto Rico are bilingual, I realize that my contacts will extend beyond these groups; and hence I am eager to learn how to get around in the language with a maximum efficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. O. Brown
Wm. O. Brown

North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering
of the
University of North Carolina
Raleigh

SCHOOL OF
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
RESEARCH EXTENSION
RESIDENT TEACHING

DEPARTMENT OF
RURAL SOCIOLOGY

March 12, 1941

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Mr. George Reynolds, Fellowship Secretary
Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

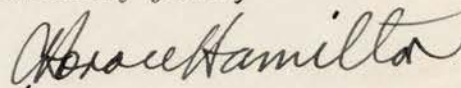
Several days ago I learned that Dr. W. O. Brown of Howard University was applying to the Rosenwald Fund for a traveling fellowship to study race problems in Puerto Rico.

I have known Dr. Brown for about 17 years and consider him one of the most able students of race relations in the United States. He is highly qualified to make the study which he has in mind. He has taught for years in this field and has written a number of excellent articles for the various sociological journals. He is now a mature scholar and would, I believe, carry through the proposed study most successfully.

Dr. Brown has a quiet, studious temperament and has not pushed himself professionally in the way of a number of more prominent scholars in the field. He has given a great deal of his time to teaching and, consequently, has not been in the limelight as much as have some of the research workers.

You will not be making a mistake, I am sure, in giving Dr. Brown an opportunity to work further in the field of race relations.

Sincerely yours,



C. Horace Hamilton, Head
Department of Rural Sociology

CHH:MA

HOWARD UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

April 15, 1942

Mr. George M. Reynolds
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I am happy to accept the Julius Rosenwald Grant of two thousand five hundred dollars for my proposed sociological study in Puerto Rico.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. O. Brown

Wm. O. Brown

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FELLOWSHIPS

April 30, 1941

Dear Mr. Brown: When your plans have been completed for the proposed sociological study in Puerto Rico, please let me know how you would prefer to receive payment of your fellowship grant. Because you will be out of the country, it may be simpler to send you the full amount of the fellowship in one check so that you can purchase travellers checks before you leave the country.

Very truly yours,

DAE:RW

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

Mr. William O. Brown
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

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May 6, 1941

Dear Mr. Brown: I am sending you under separate cover the copies of your publications which you submitted in connection with your application for a fellowship. I am also returning some extra copies of your transcripts, as they will undoubtedly be of further use to you.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

Acting-Director
for Fellowships

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Mr. W. O. Brown
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

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May 7, 1941

Miss Dorothy A. Eldridge
Julius Rosenwald Fund
1901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Eldridge:

Your suggestion that the money of the grant be sent in a lump sum is, I think, a good one. I could either convert the check into traveller's check's or deposit it in a Puerto Rican bank. I shall be leaving for Puerto about the first of September, leaving Washington for some preparatory work in New York city about the first of August. If I could get the check about that time it would be appreciated. If there are any change of plans I shall let you know.

If there are any further items of information you need please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. O. Brown

Wm. O. Brown

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May 12, 1941

My dear Mr. Brown: Unless we hear from you again, we shall send you our check in full payment of your fellowship grant about the first of August. It might be well for you to drop me a note shortly before that date, giving me your address in New York City to which the check should be sent.

*Payment
Aug 10*

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:RH

Mr. Wm O. Brown
Howard University
College of Liberal Arts
Washington, D. C.



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

June 1, 1941

Miss Dorothy A. Eldridge
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Miss Eldridge:

In response to your letter of May 12th, I believe that it would be best for you to send the check to me here at Howard University around August 1st or a little later. I am certain of this address but not of the New York address, nor am I quite sure when I'll get to New York.

Very truly yours,

Wm. O. Brown
Wm. O. Brown

Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO

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To Mr. William O. Brown
College of Liberal Arts
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

Payment Voucher No. 3319

Date August 5, 1941

Payment in full of fellowship granted 4/11/41 - - - - - \$2,500.00

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY **FELLOWSHIPS**
WASHINGTON, D. C.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

August 5, 1941

Miss Dorothy A. Elvidge
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Miss Elvidge:

In a note from Atlanta University I said that I would let you know of my return to Washington. I shall be here for ten days or more now; and if you would send the check to my Howard University address I would appreciate it very much. As you recall the grant was for a study of the race problem in Puerto Rico, covered the academic year 1941-42 and totaled \$2500.

Cordially yours,

Wm. O. Brown
Wm. O. Brown

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FELLOWSHIPS

August 8, 1941

Dear Mr. Brown The enclosed check for
 \$2,500 represents payment
in full of the fellowship granted to you for
study in Puerto Rico beginning this fall.

Best wishes for a pleasant
and profitable trip.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:RH

~~Mr. William G. Brown~~
College of Liberal Arts
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

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August 13, 1941

Miss Dorothy A. Elvidge
Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois


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Dear Miss Elvidge:

I received the check. Many thanks both for the check and for your good wishes. I'll keep in touch with the office. We sail September 6th and after that the work begins. I have spent sometime now getting my bearings in the literature and seeing people who presumably know the P.R. score.

Again thanks,

Sincerely yours,



W.O. Brown

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

P.O.Box 3049
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Mr. W.C. Hagood
The Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hagood:

I was granted a fellowship for this year to study the race problem in Puerto Rico, which assignment I have been working on since my arrival here in September. I am finding my work exceedingly interesting, though ~~very~~ very difficult, given the utterly different situation from conditions that I know best, the complex historical background and the slowness in working with the Spanish medium. I am anxious to do a first rate job here and to broaden my perspective on this and other problems in the Caribbean as a whole. But for this I need more time than the year granted. I am therefore anxious to apply for a renewal of the fellowship if this is allowed and you think that it would be wise. Naturally, I would expect to justify the application. If renewal is allowed would you please send me the necessary blanks and give me the procedure essential?

Sincerely yours,

Wm. O. Brown

Wm. O. Brown
Box 3049
San Juan, Puerto Rico



FELLOWSHIPS

December 16, 1941

Dear Mr. Brown: Your letter was on my desk when I returned from an extended field trip. It is good to hear from you, and to know that the work is progressing satisfactorily.

Requests for reappointment are acceptable, but since the dead line is February 16 and we do not have blanks ready at the moment, I cannot send you a set. A set will, however, go to you in the next few days.

All good wishes for a pleasant holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD



WCH:MLU

Mr. William C. Brown
Box 3049
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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FELLOWSHIPS

January 29, 1942
P.O. Box 3049
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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Mr. William C. Haygood
Fellowship Secretary
Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Haygood:

I am sending today by boat-mail my application for an extension of the fellowship with the requested statement of progress and the plan of work. In case you do not receive the material in a reasonable time will you let me know and I'll repeat the performance. I would not want a German sub to mess up my mail.

You realize of course that in the present situation voting on the type of work one wants to do a year in advance is not easy; and I realize that things may have happened to the Rosenwald Fund or you may have plans which affect your conception of the kind of project you want to support--aside from the capacities or not of the project makers. I have done my best to formulate what I think I want to do and what I think is important to do on the basis of conditions as they are now. I am sure that the type of things that I am learning in this center of the Caribbean will have pertinence in the future.

We, meaning my family (wife and child), are getting along very well. We are leaving for another portion of the Island this week end to be gone a month or so--the mailing address will remain as given above. We have enjoyed living here, though admittedly there are adjustments to make to climate and other factors. The cost of living is pretty terrific, a factor in the request for additional funds. I hear that you folk on the continent are having your troubles in this respect also.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. O. Brown
Wm. O. Brown

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March 30, 1942

Dear Mr. Pattee: Mr. William O. Brown of Howard University, who is on fellowship from the Rosenwald Fund this year to make a study of the racial situation in Puerto Rico, has applied to us for renewal of his fellowship. He wishes to extend the work he has been doing to cover Santo Domingo, Cuba, and the Virgin Islands. I am wondering if you have heard anything through your Puerto Rican contacts of the value of the work Mr. Brown has been doing this past year, and if you would care to comment on the wisdom of extending this study to other islands at this particular time. I am enclosing a blank on which you can make a confidential statement if you care to do so. Since our Fellowship Committee will hold its final meeting in about ten days, I will be grateful for an early reply.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

WCH:McK

Mr. Richard Pattee
Assistant Chief
Division of Cultural Relations
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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FELLOWSHIPS

April 25, 1942
P.O.Box 3049
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Mr. William C. Haygood
Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Haygood:

Thanks very much for the extension of the fellowship. In spite of the very uncertain conditions I hope to continue my work with as high degree of effectiveness as I can muster. So far I have experienced no real difficulty and am working away within the frame of reference suggested by my application.

I assume that the Committee will not object to any identification with institutions or agencies which contribute to the objectives of my research. I am thinking of contacting the people working in the Caribbean area, especially the Caribbean Committee, with which Dr. Tugwell is identified, and the National Resources Committee here in Puerto Rico, working in some phases of its activities along the line of my interest. It is understood that no identification will hamper me in the purpose of my work but further it.

Sincerely yours,

W. O. Brown
W. O. Brown

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FELLOWSHIPS

May 4, 1942

Dear Mr. Brown: I have your letter of April 25, and I am glad that you can accept the renewal of your fellowship and continue with your work in Puerto Rico and elsewhere. Your assumption that we will not object to any identification with institutions or groups which can help you in your researches is entirely correct. I think it would be particularly fortunate if you could work through Mr. Tugwell and the National Resources Committee. I send you my best wishes for a successful year.

Sincerely yours,

WCH:MLJ

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

Mr. W. O. Brown
P. O. Box 3049
San Juan
Puerto Rico

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FELLOWSHIPS

May 6, 1942

Dear Mr. Brown: This year with the possibility of interruption of everyone's plans because of the national emergency, we should prefer to make payment of your renewal grant in quarterly installments rather than to pay the full amount in one check. If this arrangement is agreeable to you, I shall see that a first quarterly payment is sent to you in September, and additional checks on the 1st of December, March, and June.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:AM

Mr. W. O. Brown
~~F. O. Box 3049~~
San Juan
Puerto Rico

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FELLOWSHIPS

Brown, W.O.

Julius Rosenwald Fund

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Director for Negro Health

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Director for Fellowships

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Very truly yours,

Dorothy A. Elvidge

DAE:AM

Mr. W. O. Brown
P. O. Box 3049
San Juan
Puerto Rico

Dear Miss Eldridge:

I agree with the above and think that the arrangement with reference to the checks is fine. Thank you very much for your courteous help.

Sincerely yours,

W.O. Brown
W.O. Brown

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
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FELLOWSHIPS

To

Mr. William Oscar Brown

Box 3049

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Payment Voucher No. 5000

Date August 31, 1942

First quarterly payment on fellowship grant - - - - - \$625.00

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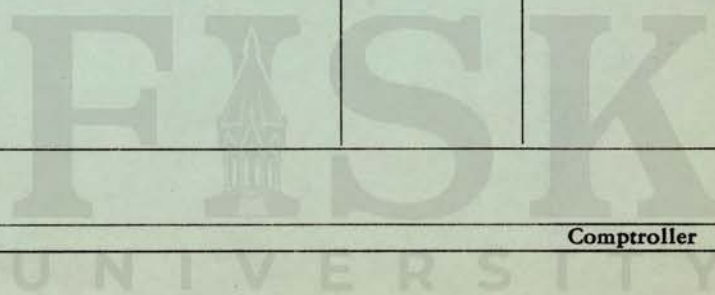
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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO

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To Mr. William O. Brown
P. O. Box 3049
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Payment Voucher No. 5484

Date November 30, 1942

Second Quarterly Payment on Fellowship Grant — \$625.00

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Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	41-7A	\$625.00	

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO

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To

Mr. William Oscar Brown

Box 3049

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Payment Voucher No.

5809

Date

February 26, 1943

Third quarterly payment on fellowship grant - - - \$625.00

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White Southern Fellowships	41-7A	\$625.00	

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Box 3049
 San Juan, Puerto Rico
 May 14, 1943

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Miss Dorothy Eldridge
 Rosenwald Fellowship Fund
 Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Eldridge:

I have forgotten the name of our new secretary, for which I am duly ashamed. Would you mind asking him to do me a little favor. I would like for him to write for me a letter of identification, indicating that I am a fellow of the Rosenwald Fund and that I am engaged in sociological research. I want to pay a short visit to Santo Domingo and intend to spend six or seven weeks in Cuba on my way home; and I think that such a letter would both facilitate contacts and would identify me and my interests, a very important item in these days of war. If the secretary could send the note immediately and by air-mail I would appreciate it very much.

My work has gone rather well, in spite of difficulties created by the war. I have learned a lot and while I have not done as well as my standards demand I hope that I have not let myself and the Fellowship Fund down. I shall always be grateful for this opportunity to work on sociological problems in this area.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. O. Brown
 (Wm. O. Brown)

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May 26, 1943

Dear Doctor Brown: Miss Elvidge has referred to Mrs. Haygood your letter requesting letters of identification. Mr. Haygood, as you may have heard, is in the Army Air Force, and is now training at Miami Beach.

In Mrs. Haygood's absence from the office the enclosed letters have been prepared for Mr. Embree's signature, and we hope that they may open many doors for you.

Sincerely,

MLU

Dr. W. O. Brown
Box 3049
San Juan
Puerto Rico

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May 27, 1943

To Whom It May Concern: The bearer of this note, Dr. William O. Brown, is a distinguished member of the staff of Howard University in Washington, D. C. Doctor Brown is at present engaged in sociological research on a Rosenwald Fund Fellowship, and any courtesies or aid that you may be able to render him will be very greatly appreciated.

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO

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To

Mr. William Oscar Brown

P. O. Box 3049

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Payment Voucher No. 6371

Date May 28, 1943

Final payment on fellowship grant - - - - - \$625.00

Ck. #28848

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	41-7A	\$625.00	

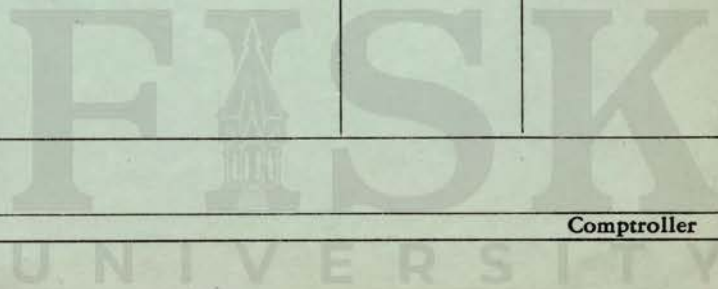
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Hotel Vedado
19th and M Streets
Habana, Cuba

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Mrs. Dorothy Eldridge
Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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VH	7/15	VH	0

Dear Mrs. Eldridge:

We are now in Cuba on the last leg of our journey. We'll return to the states in late August.

I brought with me to Cuba the last check from the Fund. Yesterday I went to the bank to have it cashed; and because of the war and restrictions on the movement of funds there may be some little delay and difficulty in the deposition of the money here. Unfortunately, I will need the money pretty soon. Would you be so kind as to do anything you can to expedite matters at that end. I do not anticipate a very long delay or any difficulty but I am writing you so that you will be advised. In case there is any difficulty in cashing this personal check perhaps you can suggest another form of payment.

I am sorry to bother you with this detail. I should have taken care of everything while in Puerto Rico; but I just did not remember that in foreign countries during times of war there are always problems in the transfer of funds. The situation now is this: the Royal Bank of Canada here is sending the check by air-mail to the First National in Chicago for collection; and the First National will cable acceptance of the check and I will receive the funds, assuming that there is no difficulty.

Mr. C. G. Weston
First Nat'l Bank

Yours,

W. O. Brown

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July 17, 1943
Hotel Vedado
19th Y M Streets
Habana, Cuba

Miss Dorothy Elvidge
Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

DE	7/26	DE	0
VH	27	VH	0

Dear Miss Elvidge:

I received the money from the check last Saturday; and all is well. Thank you very much. I had made arrangements at this end for a cable message from Chicago so that the pay for this came out of the check here. Everything is going well and we think that we are getting a great deal out of our Cuban trip.

Sincerely yours,

W. O. Brown
W. O. Brown



J.H.O.
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July 12, 1943

Dear Mr. Weston: We mailed check #28848 drawn on the account of the Julius Rosenwald Fund to Mr. William Oscar Brown in Cuba. I have a letter from him saying that the Royal Bank of Canada is sending the check by air mail to you and requesting that your bank cable acceptance of the check. Mr. Brown is not able to collect the money until the bank in Cuba receives your cable. We shall appreciate very much if when you receive the check you will cable your acceptance, charging our account with the costs involved.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:AM

Mr. C. G. Weston
The First National Bank of Chicago
38 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, 90, Illinois

c.c. Mr. William Oscar Brown

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Sept. 14, 1943
Howard University
Department of Sociology
Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Dorothy Elvidge
Rosenwald Fellowship Fund
Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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	DE		DE	9/29

Dear Mrs. Elvidge:

I merely want to report that I am back from Puerto Rico and Cuba; and that I am preparing to submit a statement of my work to the Fund. Will you, or the designated person, please indicate just what is expected. I want to express my deepest appreciation once more for the two years made possible by the Fund. I think I put my time to good use. Certainly, I have the basis now for good work in these fields, the credit for which should go to the fund.

I returned about two weeks ago; and have begun my work of trying to organize my materials for articles.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. O. Brown
Wm. O. Brown
Howard University
Washington, D.C.

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September 23, 1943

Dear Mr. Brown: Miss Elvidge has passed your letter on to me for reply.

I am glad that you have completed two such successful years in the field, and would be glad to have a brief and informal report of your work. As you know, we are always interested in our Fellows' experiences.

Sincerely yours,

VANDI V. HAYGOOD

Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting-Director for Fellowships

VH:MLU

Mr. (William O.) Brown
Department of Sociology
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

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September 29, 1943

Dear Mr. Brown: Although Mrs. Haygood has replied to your letter of September 14, I should like to add my congratulations on the completion of your field work. If any of your articles appear in print, I hope that you will let us know so that we may have the pleasure of reading them.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:AM

Mr. (Wm. O.) Brown
Howard University
Department of Sociology
Washington, D. C.

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✓ Please fill out and return in order that we may complete our records on former Rosenwald Fellows:

Name: Wm. O. Brown *Wm O Brown*

Present position: Acting Chief, Africa Section, Office of Strategic Services. On leave from Howard University.

Address: Department of Sociology
Howard University, Washington, D.C.
P.S. Plan to write up my Puerto Rican material as soon as the War lets me.

Significant recent activities:

my present work my sociological work.

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(Use additional sheet if desired)

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April 17, 1942

Dear Mr. Brown: It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been awarded a renewal of your fellowship in the amount of Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to assist you in your sociological studies in Puerto Rico and as much of the Caribbean area as you may be able to cover at this time. This grant is for a period of twelve months.

Will you please let us know at once whether or not you can accept this grant? An announcement of the Committee's selections will be made soon and it can include only those from whom acceptances have been received.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

WCH:MLJ

Mr. William Oscar Brown
P. O. Box 3049
San Juan
Puerto Rico

*Asst Prof of Sociology
Howard University.*

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April 11, 1941

Dear Mr. Brown: It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been selected by the Committee on Fellowships of the Julius Rosenwald Fund to receive a grant of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to assist you in your proposed sociological studies in Puerto Rico. This grant is for a period of approximately twelve months, beginning in September, 1941.

Will you please let us know at once whether or not you can accept this grant? An announcement of the Committee's selections will be made soon and it can include only those from whom acceptances have been received.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLU

Mr. William Oscar Brown
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

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