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January 5, 1944.

My dear Edwin:

For several years I have been hearing about Black Mountain College. As a matter of fact, I built up quite a sales resistance to it, but because so many people whose opinion I value spoke so highly of it, I weakened several years ago and have been contributing to it since then. Clark Foreman has just been in to see me and told me that he had invited the Rosenwald Fund to hold their spring meeting there. I am personally awfully eager to avail myself of this opportunity, and hasten to write you to put me down as voting "Yes". (Incidentally, this was not written at all at Mr. Foreman's instigation.)

My warm personal greetings to you, and wishes for a good 1944.

Cordially,

(Gale) Levy

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

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January 11, 1944

Dear Adele: I agree with you that Black Mountain College would be a grand place for a meeting of the Trustees. The only question I have is as to trying to meet any place other than the main rail centers during the war. We had such a nearly impossible time getting to Chapel Hill a year ago, and it proved so easy to assemble the whole group at Philadelphia this year that for the duration I am inclined not to try to go outside of New York, Washington or Chicago. Does this seem sensible to you? Especially if we highly resolve to go to Black Mountain for the first meeting after the war.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York 22, New York

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January 20, 1944.

My dear Edwin:

I am afraid as usual you are right.
I have investigated the transportation situation
from Chicago to Black Mountain College, and find
it is difficult - so perhaps we will have to post-
pone the idea for the moment.

Cordially,

Adelle

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SPOKE TO MARSHALL FIELD BRIEFLY ON THE PHONE. HE SAYS
HIS DAUGHTER IS COMING TO CHICAGO FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND
I TAKE IT HE IS BUSY FROM THEN ON HAVE WIRED HIM FOR
APPOINTMENT EITHER LUNCH ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY MORNING.
IT WOULD SAVE TIME IF I COULD SPEAK TO YOU BOTH TOGETHER
BUT IF THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE WILL SEE YOU SEPARATELY=

(ADELE) LEVY,

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February 17, 1944.

My dear Sirs:

On December 22, 1943, Form 1510 was submitted by you for parcel containing a copy of Education and the Cultural Process, said to have been mailed September 3, 1943, to Mrs. David M. Levy, New York, N. Y. The label was found loose in the mails, but no record of the book could be located either at this office or New York City and the postmaster there advises that he has been unable to contact the addressee as she failed to reply to inquiries. It is therefore assumed that the book was received.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest J. Struetgen
Postmaster.

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April 7, 1944.

My dear Edwin:

I am truly sorry that the conference was not more productive. I do, however, agree with you regarding the need of a clearing house. However, I don't think I can be of the least bit of help in counseling you as to how it should be set up. There seems to be such a sharp cleavage, both among the Negroes themselves and among those who are sincerely and deeply interested in the Negro problem, that I left Chicago with a profound sense of discouragement, which I grant you wasn't especially constructive. Perhaps I might be of greater assistance if you could give me some outline as to how you and Dr. Will propose to set up such a committee. At that point I could appraise and criticize the program.

My warm greetings to you - and better luck next time.

Cordially,

Adelle

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

P.S.: Can you possibly provide a letter of introduction to Fred Keppel's successor at the Carnegie Foundation? I don't know him and would like very much to be introduced to him under good auspices. I will await word from you on this.

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April 20, 1944

Dear Adele: Here is a note to Jessup, the new President of the Carnegie Foundation. Confidentially, Jessup seems to me a little wooden. The yeasty Carnegie officers are Osborn and Dollard both of whom are now in the special services of the Army. At any rate, here is the note to Jessup whom I have known for well onto twenty years.

By the way, we are calling a planning and organizing session on the clearing house -- just 24 people representing the top thinkers of the various divergent groups. I think out of seeming chaos there may be more unanimity of opinion and more zeal for next steps than appeared at the unwieldy "mass meeting" in March. I will keep you informed. The emergency is too acute not to try to do everything we can to bolster democracy.

Very truly yours,

ERE:SO

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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

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April 20, 1944

Dear Jessup: This will introduce Mrs. David M. Levy,
a member of the Board of Trustees, of
the Julius Rosenwald Fund and as you doubtless know
a distinguished citizen of New York. Mrs. Levy is
a daughter of Julius Rosenwald and also a person of
standing and influence in her own right. I commend
her to your well-known courtesies and to your atten-
tion.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mr. Walter A. Jessup
Carnegie Corporation
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April 22, 1944.

My dear Mr. Embree:

Mrs. Levy was in a great hurry this morning - so she asked me to thank you very much for the letter of introduction to the President of the Carnegie Foundation.

She also asked me to tell you that she was anxious to know who was appointed to the committee on the clearing house.

Sincerely yours,

Ann C. Whitman
Secretary.

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

May 1, 1944

Dear Adele: On the enclosed sheet are given the names of the people who have been invited to the next meeting -- on May 6 and 7 -- to carry forward plans and to set up a board for the clearing house on race relations. It was astonishing how nearly identical all of the suggestions were that came in for members of this planning group. We hope to thrash out all details in a very frank and leisurely fashion in a two-day session.

As you will see, we are sure of the attendance of all but two of these people. It is most unfortunate that these two labor people, Thomas and Randolph, are the only ones who absolutely cannot come (because of important meetings elsewhere). Both have expressed hearty interest and a willingness to do anything they can for the movement including serving on the Board of Directors.

In telephone talks with almost all of the people invited to the planning meeting I am greatly heartened as to interest and substantial agreement on fundamentals.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mrs. David M. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York 22, New York



Please attach to Mrs. Adele Levy's letter of May 1, 1944

LIST OF PERSONS COMING TO MEETINGS

May 6 and 7

Mr. Abraham Rubin, National Smelting Company, Cleveland, Ohio
Mr. Clarence Pickett, American Friends Service Committee
Dr. Donald Young, Social Science Research Council
Major Charles Dollard, War Department, Special Services Division
Miss Sara Southall, International Harvester
Dr. Robert Redfield, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
Mrs. Louise Bransten, Rosenberg Foundation, San Francisco
Mr. Philleo Nash, Office of War Information, Washington, D. C.
Mr. Ralph Bunche, State Department, Washington, D. C.
Mr. Channing Tobias, Young Men's Christian Association, New York City
Mr. Charles H. Houston, Washington, D. C.
Mr. P. L. Prattis, Pittsburgh Courier
Mr. Homer Brown, Pittsburgh
Mr. Lester Granger, National Urban League, New York City
Mr. Walter White, NAACP, New York City
Dr. Percy Julian, Glidden Company, Chicago
Mr. James Patton, National Farmers Union, Denver
Mr. Robert C. Weaver, Mayor's Committee on Race Relations
Mr. Marshall Field
Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Mr. Louis Weiss
Mrs. Mary-Jane Grunsfeld
Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Dr. W. W. Alexander
Mr. Edwin R. Embree



May 9, 1944

Dear Adele: An answer to the correspondence between you and Mrs. Warburg can best be given in the copy of my letter to her which I am enclosing. The calls that are coming to Dr. Charles S. Johnson are not only a high compliment to him, but a fine recognition of the triumph of eminence over prejudice.

We had a most successful second meeting of the race relations conference. It was as good as the first one was bad. There was unanimous and hearty interest in the project itself, together with full and completely frank discussion of intellectual differences of opinion as to the best ways to proceed. With only twenty-five people and two full days, we had an opportunity to get everything fully and frankly on the table. We voted unanimously to go ahead with the Council in accordance with a statement of purposes and procedures which, as finally drawn up, had the hearty support of every person present. We are all highly pleased. And what is more important, I think Marshall Field is pleased and feels that even in this highly complex and controversial field, it is possible to get unity in behalf of an aggressive battle of this particular front of the war for democracy.

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Very truly yours,
EDWIN R. EMBREE

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

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May 9, 1944

Dear Mrs. Warburg: Mrs. David M. Levy has forwarded to me your letter to her and the letter from Frank Tannenbaum. We in this Fund are, of course, interested in the splendid proposal which Tannenbaum makes. I think our Fund would be willing to make the contribution that you suggest if it is needed, and if there is any practical possibility of carrying it through.

The calls for Dr. Charles S. Johnson are coming from many sides. Confidentially, I may tell you that Harvard has just offered him a visiting professorship for the coming year, and the University of Chicago is trying to get him on a part-time basis. He had to decline the first Harvard offer because of commitments he had elsewhere. I hope that it may be possible for him to accept a renewal of that offer to begin as of about the first of the year. Because of these special calls on top of the very important work that he is doing, I am afraid Columbia has little chance. It would, at best, have to stand third in view of the offers from Harvard and Chicago.

Just one word about a special appropriation. While I think our Board would be willing to make it, it seems rather astonishing that a university with an annual budget running into several million dollars should be influenced one way or another by a \$3,000 gift in so important a question as the addition of a distinguished Negro scholar to its staff. The decisions at Harvard and Chicago were taken entirely on policy, and I should think that it would be the same at Columbia.

At any rate, the suggestion is important and exciting. In this matter of race prejudice, the world certainly do move!

Very truly yours,

ERE:MM

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. Edward M. M. Warburg
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York City, New York

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May 5, 1944.

My dear Mary:

It seems to me that Dr. Johnson's chair at Columbia should have the support of the Rosenwald Fund. I would think that it would fit into their program. I am forwarding a copy of your letter to me, and this answer, to Mr. Edwin Embree, and suggest that you follow it up with full details.

My affectionate greetings to you,

(Mrs. David M. Levy)

Mrs. Edward M. M. Warburg,
30 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York City.

P.S.: Do you remember you promised to send me some of Eddie's letters?

COPY FOR MR. EMBREE

30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

May 3, 1944

My dear Adele:

It is only because I feel certain you are as vitally interested as I am in helping the Negro find his place in this country that I venture to write you about a most timely and worthy project.

The enclosed copy of Prof. Tannenbaum's letter tells the whole story and I do hope you will see your way clear to help us raise the necessary amount of money.

My sincerest thanks in advance, and lots of love.

As ever,

Mary

(Mrs. Edward M. M. Warbur)

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

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
in the CITY OF NEW YORK
Department of History

April 28, 1944

Dear Mary:

I am writing you this note as a follow-up of our talk yesterday evening. I have for some time been concerned about the question of the teaching of race relations in Columbia, and have once or twice raised the question with Mac Iver, the head of the Department of Sociology. My suggestion to him runs to the effect that Charles S. Johnson of Fiske, a distinguished sociologist, vice-president of the American Sociological Society, the author of many books about the Negro,-- I suppose the most distinguished Negro scholar in the country-- be invited to teach at Columbia.

MacIver has said to me in talking about it that if there were any prospect that the money could be raised (and I assume it would take about \$3000 a year), he would be glad to take it up with the Committee on Instruction of Columbia and thinks that he would put it through. In view of what is happening in the world at the moment, in view of the changes of policy toward the Negro in the Navy, in view of the general problem of national morale and the whole question of the relation between white people and Negroes, not only in the United States, but in the world, this seems to me to be the right time for Columbia University to make this kind of a gesture. It would attract wide attention and would be the best kind of public policy. I might add that of course Charles Johnson does not know anything about this. I have never mentioned it to him. The program as envisaged would be to ask Johnson to come to Columbia University for one term each year. He is too important a person in the South to withdraw him from there completely, and an appointment at Columbia would make his insight and understanding available to the nation in a way which teaching at Fiske does not and yet would not deprive the South of his service.

I need not argue the point of its usefulness to you. I should like, however, to stress the fact that from the point of view of educational policy both at Columbia and in the nation the important thing is to establish the precedent that a distinguished Negro scholar is not barred from Columbia just because of his race. My hope is that after a few years Columbia University would absorb the expense involved in Johnson's appointment and that in the future even more than at present any scholar best fitted to fill a position at the University will be chosen on his merits even if he is a Negro.

Your offer to interest yourself in this matter is something for which you deserve more than any personal thanks that I can give you. You would be contributing to a change in educational policy and public attitude the far-reaching consequences of which cannot be measured by any personal expression of appreciation.

Cordially,

/s/ Frank Tannenbaum

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MRS. DAVID M. LEVY
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June 8, 1944.

My dear Edwin:

Dr. Eugene Carder, who is Chairman of the Board of Wiltwyck School, is sending you a letter asking for a special, one-time grant of \$10,000 for that institution.

As you may or may not recall, Marshall Field has been the godfather of Wiltwyck, and both Mrs. Roosevelt and I are on the Board. I have always been interested in the idea, but became fired with enthusiasm after visiting the place. Though it is a local program, I think its significance and implications are far beyond that. It seems to me one of the most exciting and dynamic demonstrations in interracial living that I have seen.

The buildings are in a sad state of disrepair, and I cannot ask you earnestly enough to have the Executive Committee consider a ^{one-time} grant of \$10,000 towards their rehabilitation. There are so few foundations now who are doing much but war work, and although the support, I believe, must come from the New York community, I think this is one of those rare opportunities to do a constructive job. Since Marshall Field and the letter from Dr. Carder will give you any additional information, I will not bore you beyond telling you that I have never plead more earnestly for anything.

The enclosed letter from Mrs. Roosevelt was in answer to one of mine asking her if, in her opinion, Wiltwyck fell within the scope of the work of the Rosenwald Fund.

With cordial personal greetings, and hopes for a favorable consideration of this request,

Yours sincerely,

David Levy

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

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Levy, Adele

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 1, 1944

Dear Adele:

I certainly do think that the Wiltwyck School would be a wonderful thing for the Rosenwald Fund to give \$10,000 to, and I am delighted that you are going to ask them if they will do so.

Affectionately,

Eleanor Roosevelt

June 19, 1944

Dear Adele: The Wiltwyck School, of course, falls quite outside anything the Fund is now doing. However, the project, itself, is so interesting that I want the Executive Committee to consider it. I am putting it on the agenda for the next meeting. Since Marshall Field is a member of the Committee, the project should be assured of a sympathetic hearing. But knowing that Committee and the explicit votes as to limitation of scope taken over and over again by the Board of Trustees, I am almost certain the appeal will be turned down on grounds of policy.

My best greetings to you and David. You will be glad to know that the American Council on Race Relations seems to be getting off to a good start in spite of the distressing opening conference. Isn't Marshall Field a grand person to be associated with in any such enterprise?

Very truly yours,
EDWIN R. EMBREE

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New York 22, New York

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Mr. Embree is holding incoming letter

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June 30, 1944

Dear Adele: The Wiltwyck School aroused the
 interest of the Executive Committee.
Since this group had been firmly instructed by the
Trustees to make appropriations only within very
definite limits, the Committee asked us to present
the whole matter of juvenile delinquency, along with
the Wiltwyck School and certain other somewhat
similar requests in this general field that have come
to us during recent months, to the Trustees at the
autumn meeting.

blighted I find my own feelings a good deal
torn in the matter: I think "on principle" the Fund
should not, at this late date, enlarge the scope of
its activities and contributions. Yet, there is no
doubt that delinquency, especially among young Negroes
in ~~some~~ city areas, is one of the acute problems of
these times. I am sure it is a good thing to present
the whole matter to the Trustees at the November meet-
ing.

Very truly yours,

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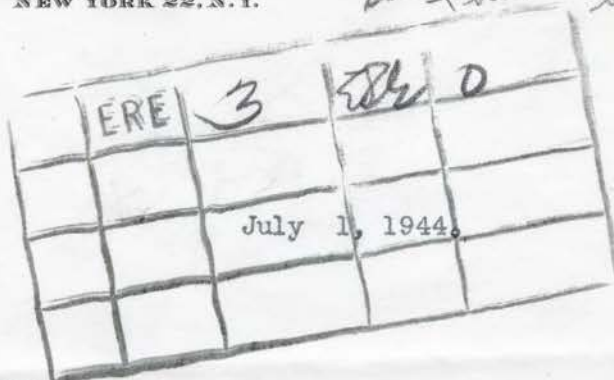
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Adelle
see attached 2 letters
This seems to have
been answered.
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My dear Edwin:

Our friend at the head of the Carnegie Foundation wrote me a turn down letter, sight unseen -- very courteous but very final. They are apparently concerned only with initiating war projects at this time.

Will you let me know if any action has been taken regarding a one-time grant from the Rosenwald Fund for Wiltwyck? At the risk of being ubiquitous I do want to repeat that it seems to me that this project in its feeling is one of the significant interracial demonstrations that is being carried on. We eagerly await word from you, so don't keep us in suspense too long.

With cordial personal greetings,

Adelle Levy

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

P.S.: How do you like our new Republican candidate?

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September 22, 1944

Dear Adele: I was in New York for a couple of days over the weekend in connection with meetings of the American Council on Race Relations. I had hoped I might have a chance for a little visit with you, but things crowded on my heels so closely that I did not try to reach you. I am always torn between my desire to see you to talk over Fund affairs, and my feeling that New York Trustees are very busy people who find it a nuisance to be often interrupted by their "country clients".

Could we leave it this way: that I call you whenever I am in New York with the clear understanding that, if you are busy, you will say so and no hard feelings on either side.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mrs. Adele R. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York City, New York



Levy, Adele R

September 22, 1944

My dear Adele: This letter is written in behalf of Franklin McLean, chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. You will remember that you and Mark Ethridge were the other members of the Nominating Committee.

Franklin McLean and I talked over the matter of foundation trustees and committees when he was in town the other day. It so happens that all of the Trustees whose terms expire this autumn are eligible for re-election, namely, Field, Embree, Johnson, and Bishop Sheil.

The normal thing would be to simply re-elect these Trustees, and that is Dr. McLean's first recommendation.

However, we have all wanted to bring Edgar Stern back onto the Board just as soon as possible. He has been off for one year and is, therefore, eligible for election again. The reasons for wanting Edgar on the Board are so self-evident I do not need to list them. Franklin McLean believes that ~~he~~^{Franklin} is likely to be tied up in the special war research on which he is now engaged for the greater part of the coming year. Thus, he is unable to give the time and attention to Fund affairs that we have found so helpful in the past. His suggestion is that he resign from the unexpired period of his present term, that Edgar Stern be elected in his place, and that, if the Board wishes, it might consider re-electing him (Franklin McLean) a year hence when he will probably be free for constructive service and when there will be at least two vacancies caused by the retirement of Trustees ineligible for re-election. To put into operation this recommendation, Franklin has sent to me his formal resignation from the Board to be acted on by the Trustees at the next meeting.

The question of Trusteeship is the most important item before the Nominating Committee. For membership on other



committees the following are suggested, in general the same persons who make up these committees at present:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:	Edwin R. Embree, Marshall Field, Richard Frank, Leonard Rieser, Bishop Sheil.
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Lessing Rosenwald, Richard Frank, Edgar Stern.
COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND SECURITIES:	Richard Frank
NOMINATING COMMITTEE:	Adele Levy, Leonard Rieser, Charles Houston.

If you and Mr. Ethridge approve these recommendations, I will send them out in behalf of the Committee to the Board in advance of the meeting as stipulated in our bylaws.

Just one more word: we have not looked about particularly for new members. Since the Fund will probably close its work in the relatively near future, it seems scarcely desirable to bring in new Trustees at this time.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. Adele R. Levy
300 Park Avenue
New York City, New York



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

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October 2, 1944.

My dear Edwin:

I am completely in accord with the suggestions contained in your letter of September twenty-second. I do think that Edgar Stern would be an invaluable member of the board, and under the circumstances, I agree that it would be wise for him to take Dr. McLean's place.

Sincerely yours,

Adela

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October 18, 1944

Miss Ann Whitman
c/o Mrs. David Levy, *Adele*
300 Park Avenue
New York City

Yes I think Mrs. Levy can catch Century on the twentieth.

Edwin R. Embree

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October 20, 1944

Dear Adele: I had a good long talk with Dr. Channing Tobias. He puts up the case for a gift to the centennial fund of the International Council of the Young Men's Christian Association strongly. Partly in recognition of the earlier personal interest of Mr. Rosenwald, I like to see Mr. Rosenwald's interest expressed in this rather notable campaign which John D. Rockefeller is leading. But I do not see how the Fund can possibly make simply a general gift to so general an agency as the international YMCA. Personally, I think the YW has been much more aggressive and "Christian" in its interracial attitudes, and certainly there are many national and international groups which are quite as advanced as the YMCA. ~~If~~ ^{ed} members of the family wanting to make a gift in recognition of their father's interest, I should gladly yield so far as the Fund is concerned!

I imagine the proper thing to do is to bring the matter up in the docket for discussion and for such decision as the Trustees wish to make.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. David M. Levy *Adele*
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New York City, New York

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November 21, 1944

Dear Mrs. Levy: I have the honor to inform you that
at the meeting of the Trustees of
the Julius Rosenwald Fund held on November 20, 1944,
you were elected to serve for the year 1944-45 as
chairman of the Nominating Committee, the other
members of which are Leonard M. Rieser and Charles H.
Houston.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:MM

Mrs. David M. Levy
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February 8, 1945.

My dear Edwin:

I am writing this to you in your capacity as chairman of the Mayor's Committee, and at the request of Betsy Reyneau. I understand she has painted a series of portraits of distinguished negroes, and exhibitions are being held in different cities throughout the country. She says that the Harmon Foundation has been trying to arrange with the Mayor's Committee in Chicago for at least a consideration of the exhibit, and that they have had no answer to a number of letters.

Mrs. Reyneau is coming to Grand Rapids next week for the exhibit there, and on to Chicago later in the week. She will undoubtedly try to get in touch with you.

I am simply passing this information on to you as Mrs. Reyneau seemed very much irritated by what she obviously considers a great lack of courtesy. I don't know the lady at all or any of the circumstances, but promised I would bring the matter to your attention.

With cordial personal greetings,

Sincerely yours,

(Adelle Levy)

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

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February 20, 1945

Dear Adele: I do not see how Mrs. Reyneau can feel that we have been discourteous or inattentive. I think she is simply distressed that we are not doing what she wants. We have corresponded directly with her, and I have talked by telephone with Miss Brady of the Harmon Foundation and others who were interested in her exhibit of her portraits. I have just talked again by telephone with Mrs. Reyneau.

The facts of the matter are that the Mayor's Committee here has decided to stick closely to reforms in basic aspects of our life: housing, employment, police, etc. We have declined to become involved in dozens of projects which seem to us interesting in themselves, but superficial compared to the basic jobs that we are trying to do and that we can get done only if we concentrate our total funds and attention upon them.

I hope you agree with our general attitude. At any rate, our records show an amount of attention and courtesy to Mrs. Reyneau and her associates that should more than satisfy the proprieties.

Very truly yours,

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February 23, 1945.

My dear Mr. Embree:

Mrs. Levy is in New Orleans
for a week, but I wanted to acknowledge your
letter of February 20th regarding Mrs. Reyneau.
I know Mrs. Levy will understand the situation -
and she only wrote you because Mrs. Reyneau was
so terribly insistent.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Whitman
Secretary.

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago 15, Illinois.

March 26, 1945

Dear Adele: I remind you that you, Leonard Rieser, and Charles Houston are members of the Nominating Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, and that the Nominating Committee usually makes a preliminary report at the spring meeting so that the proposed nominations may be talked over in advance of final action at the autumn meeting. For the convenience of the Committee, I am suggesting that it hold a meeting in connection with the meeting of the Board sometime during Saturday, April 21, so that it may present its recommendations before the conclusion of the Board meeting on Sunday, April 22. The present members of the Board are listed on the attached sheet. You will notice that, at the forthcoming meeting, the terms of the following persons expire: Messrs. Lessing J. Rosenwald, Edwin R. Embree, Richard Frank, Mark Ethridge. And you will note further that Messrs. Ethridge and Frank are ineligible for re-election. Normally, the Nominating Committee would be searching for new persons to fill these vacancies. However, in view of the fact that the Fund will likely terminate its work within a relatively few years, the suggestion has been made that it may be best to fill the prospective vacancies by persons who have had long experience on the Board, but who happen not to be Trustees at this time.

Very truly yours,

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April 30, 1945.

My dear Edwin:

I am sorry I was unable to be present at the Rosenwald Fund meeting. I hear from Edgar Stern that it was extremely interesting. I hope to get a report on the various actions taken.

I am writing you at the moment on two counts -- first, regarding Hale Woodruff, an artist who has been for the past two years one of the Rosenwald Fellows. I understand that New York University wants to take him on the faculty, but has no money in this year's budget for his salary. I met Mr. Woodruff at his show on Saturday, and feel that the Rosenwald Fund should be congratulated, not only on the results of Mr. Woodruff's two years of work (I think he has a fine talent), but also on the calibre of the man himself. I understand you have heard from either the Dean or the President of New York University and from Mr. Woodruff, but I wanted to add this word of recommendation on my own. Will you let me know what happens?

Secondly, can you get me information regarding an institution called the Chicago Medical School? I promised a man here in New York that I would get the "dope" for him.

My cordial personal greetings. Perhaps we will meet before the next Rosenwald Fund meeting. Let me know when you are in New York.

Cordially,

Adelle Levy

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
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May 2, 1945

Dear Adele: We missed you at the meeting.
In spite of several absences,
it was an unusually exciting set of sessions.

I am glad you have met
Hale Woodruff. He is certainly one of our prize
finds. While the custom of Negro appointments is
now becoming so general that we do not need to
"buy" them into universities, I am confident we
can work out some arrangement with New York
University whereby, with a little pump priming
from us, they may be enabled to appoint this
fine artist to their staff.

Very truly yours,

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Mrs. Adele Levy
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May 10, 1945

Dear Adele: I did not cover your query about the Chicago Medical School in my letter of the second, as I was waiting to check my information.

The information that I have is that it is not an accredited medical school and therefore is not recognized by the American Medical Association. A graduate of this school would have very severe limitations on where he could go or practice after he gets his degree. A number of states will not permit such a graduate to take a state board examination for a license, though the State Board in Illinois does permit it in view of the school's location. This school gives a fair medical education but is a decidedly third-rate school and in the main is used by those who cannot get into a medical school anywhere else.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. David M. Levy
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May 17, 1945

Dear Mrs. Levy: I am sorry to write you that Miss Penelope Johnson was not granted an award by the Committee on Fellowships this year.

I think that Miss Johnson has undoubted talent, but unfortunately we had a very strong list of candidates in music this year among whom were several who seemed to have greater achievement than Miss Johnson. It is generally agreed that she will need about three years for further study to prepare her for concert work. We prefer that our Fellows be more nearly "finished" since it is only in very rare cases that we can renew grants.

The Fellows appointed in music this year are Dean Dixon, the talented young composer; Kenneth Spencer, the well-known singer; and Robert Harris, a pianist with a splendid record. I am enclosing a copy of our total list of awards for this year for your information.

Sincerely yours,

VANDI V. HAYGOOD

Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting Director for Fellowships

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August 2, 1945

Dear Adele: The other day our Executive Committee was considering an appeal from the American Veterans Committee which, as you may know, is a new veteran's organization which stresses interracial cooperation and general American progress as well as specific rights for the veterans. Mr. Marshall Field made the point that it seemed to him unwise for foundations to select any one of the veteran's organizations for special support. He thought this might do the organization more harm than good. With this in mind, he reported that the Marshall Field Foundation had declined to make an appropriation and that instead he had contributed from his own personal funds. This consideration seemed to apply equally to the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

Naturally, I am not turning to you in lieu of the Fund but I do want to put on record that this particular organization has a remarkably fine attitude in all of the things in which the Fund is interested. If it could adequately finance itself, it might become the strong G. I. organization, and with influence very different from the reactions of the old Legion. You might want to have all this in mind if you are considering personal gifts to any of the veteran's organizations.

Very truly yours,

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October 8, 1945.

My dear Edwin:

Mrs. Roosevelt forwarded the enclosed note to me regarding Gladys Childress. The fact that she is again seeking funds raises a question in my mind as to whether or not the Rosenwald Fund undertakes the complete education of its fellows. Would you answer this question, and also give me any pertinent information as regards Miss Childress? I am always interested in helping young people, but as this reads it seems an incomplete job and I am wondering why.

I am deep in the American Veterans Committee; have contributed \$2,000 and am working now towards a mass meeting which I think should be held regarding the housing shortage here in New York. If such a program were inaugurated here, it could be copied all over the country. It seems to me to be a priority "must" and something that apparently no other veterans' organization has undertaken.

With cordial personal greetings, and thanks in advance for any information you may send me.

Yours sincerely,

Adelle

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September 26, 1945

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In June our Sperry Symphony Orchestra, of workers in this Company, gave a concert in Carnegie Hall which raised \$9,600 for the United Negro College Fund.

I am writing this to ask your interest in helping our soloist for that occasion, Miss Gladys Childress, 23 year-old Negro pianist. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Colorado College, with a Master's Degree in Music from the University of Southern California and all her credits toward a Ph.D. She needs one more year of technical training on the piano before she can be ready for a formal debut.

Since she has already received about all the scholarships available in the field (the Rosenwald Fellowship last year), she needs financial help for a year, or perhaps only a few months. Miss Jacqueline Cochran is interested in using her on a radio program starting in January but is now away in Europe and has not yet met Miss Childress.

Of course I know that many people think of you with problems of this sort and I hope you will forgive another plea, but you do have so many contacts with the sort of people who could help Miss Childress that I thought I should ask for a suggestion. The chief difficulty is that she does not have the money to pay for her lessons and her present teacher is young and has his own career as an artist to build up. A teacher who would be interested in taking a girl who shows so much promise for the satisfaction, rather than the money, would solve her most important problem.

Miss Childress shows every promise of being the first Negro instrumentalist in the concert field and is a person I imagine many people would welcome the opportunity to help complete her training. I just don't know who they are, and your suggestions would be most gratefully received by both of us.

*All the sympathy & help of
anyone who can speak to
teachers -*

Sincerely,

Marguerite Ruth

Marguerite Ruth, Chairman
Sperry Symphony Orchestra

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Levy, Adele

October 18, 1945

Dear Adele: I have held your letter of October 8 until I could look up thoroughly the case of Miss Gladys Childress, a former Fellow of the Fund.

My answer to your specific question is, "The Fund does not undertake the complete education of its Fellows. We try to give them strategic help during an important phase of their development. We think of our fellowships as special aid rather than as undertaking any obligation for complete education.

You will remember that we did just this kind of strategic thing at special periods in the careers of such people as Marian Anderson, Percy Julian, Lillian Smith, etc. etc.

In the specific case of Miss Childress, it had been expected that she would enter the Julliard School of Music on the basis of her fellowship. It was a disappointment to us that she was not accepted, partly because of lack of adequate technical training. The year's grant gave her an opportunity to work hard on further technical preparation. Her original chief sponsor, William Grant Still, is now far from enthusiastic about her. Other letters of reference are encouraging, but not of the compelling sort that seemed to justify a renewal of the award. I think anyone who is personally interested would probably be making a good investment in further training for Miss Childress. However, we see no evidence that she is likely to be a world-shaking artist.

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Mrs. David M. Levy

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October 18, 1945

We are counting on seeing you at the Board meeting and dinner on November 16. Roosevelt College continues to play a conspicuous part in behalf of education and democracy in the Chicago area. It is typical of Mrs. Roosevelt that she is joining so heartily and generously in the work of the college.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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November 7, 1945

Dear Mrs. Levy: Meetings of the Members and Trustees of the Julius Rosenwald Fund are called for 10:00 o'clock, Friday, November 16, 1945, at the offices of the Fund, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago.

At the meeting of the Members, there will be considered changes in the By-Laws which will increase the number of Members from thirteen to fourteen, delete the section which limits the term of membership to two consecutive terms or six years, and increase the period of notice required for Members' meetings from three to five days to comply with the Illinois law. These amendments are explained in greater detail in the attached docket.

Very truly yours,

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DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

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