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Dear Mr. Franklin: We are preparing a full report for our trustees on persons who have held fellowships, and would like to have up-to-date information. It will be of great service to us if you will give the information called for below, and return the sheet to us at once. In addition to these bare facts we should be glad to know of anything of interest that has happened to you or that you have accomplished during the tenure of your fellowship. Our trustees have a continuing interest in the Fellows and we like to keep them informed.

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Very truly yours,



Mr. John Hope Franklin  
Department of History  
Fisk University  
Nashville, Tennessee

Present address: St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina

Institutional connection:

Rank or title: Professor of History

Has there been any change in your rank, position, or salary since the completion of your fellowship? If so, please indicate.

This is a new position.

Present status of work toward degree: Residence and language requirements have been completed. The general examinations for the Doctorate have been passed. I am, at present, writing the dissertation. Publications since you were awarded fellowship: please state publisher.

"Edward Bellamy and the Nationalist Movement", The New England Quarterly, (Vol. XI, December, 1938).

Additional information: I also reviewed books in the following issues of the National Educational Outlook: September, 1938; April, 1938; May, 1939.

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St. Augustine's College  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
September 29, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Reynolds:

Your kind letter came yesterday, just as I was coming out of my first class on the opening day of school. I had intended to write to you before this time, but the pressure of the organization of course materials and the adjustment in a new working situation had prevented my doing so.

On September 16, I completed approximately twelve weeks of work under the last grant made to me by the Fund. During the course of the summer, I worked in the Archives of the North Carolina Historical Commission. In seven weeks, I was able to complete my research in the legislative papers and to go into the county records to a considerable extent. In August, I went to Washington where I worked in the Bureau of the Census. With some able assistance, I was able to complete my study of the occupational and property-holding status of free Negroes in North Carolina in 1860. In the first two weeks of September, I worked in the libraries of Duke University and the University of North Carolina, where I found valuable information bearing on my topic: "The Free Negro in North Carolina Prior to 1860".

I have been fortunate, I feel, in securing work at St. Augustine's College here in Raleigh. If I can continue my present schedule, I shall be able to carry on my research. Indeed, that was one of the considerations in accepting this position. My plans are to work in the newspaper and manuscript collections of the various state libraries here in the city a part of three days each week. I hope that this will make it possible for me to complete my research by the close of the present school year and to write during the summer of 1940.

May I again express to the Fund and to you my deep appreciation for all that you have done for me. I am doing my best to pass on to these young people here some of the training that it has been my privilege -- thanks to you -- to receive. Please accept my kindest personal regards and best wishes to you and the other members of the Fund.

Sincerely,

*John Hope Franklin*  
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