

Fellowship Com

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Dear Dr. Alexander: Mr. Embree has asked me to send along with this check a protest for not allowing us to handle the full expenses of your trip in connection with our Fellowship meeting. We will expect to receive your entire bill next time.

Thank you for your note about the recent meeting. I approached it feeling that although we had been able to get the materials into somewhat better shape I had not had sufficient opportunity to analyze the top group as thoroughly as I should like to have done. If we move the final filing date back a couple of weeks or more we will be able to do a better job in advance of the preliminary meeting.

I also regret that we did not have a better group of white candidates. I believe we need to refine further our definitions of "southerner," "problem distinctive to the South," and "career in the South." Confusion arises unless we are fairly definite that we shall consider only candidates who comply with all three of these requirements. On the other hand, I certainly believe that we should keep a degree of flexibility in our definition of these terms to take care of exceptional cases.

During the past year I have spent most of my time in the field in the northern area with a view toward gaining a better understanding of what is happening to the Negro graduate student in the North. Significant changes are taking place in the attitudes of northern institutions toward Negro students. It is my belief that the number of Negro graduate students is increasing tremendously in these northern institutions, and also that there are many Negroes who are successfully competing with the very top group of white students.