

LESSING J. ROSENWALD  
JENKINTOWN, PA.

January 13, 1948

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

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Dear Edwin:

This morning I had a talk with Mr. Blackwell Smith,  
President of the Liberia Company.

You may know that some of the members of the  
Rosenwald family are making an investment in this project,  
because we believe it holds great possibilities for con-  
structive work in Liberia.

Mr. Smith asked me, as Chairman of the Fund,  
whether I had any objection to an approach being made to you  
to see if you would be amenable to affiliating yourself with  
that organization. I told him on the contrary I would be  
most happy to find a spot for you where your talents could  
continue to be utilized, providing the work was agreeable  
to you and the compensation satisfactory to you. I did not  
go into this matter with Blackwell Smith.

At Mr. Smith's suggestion I am writing this  
letter to you to inform you of our conversation, and I hope  
that this venture might prove to be of interest to you.

As ever,

Yours,

LJR:EW

CC - Mr. Blackwell Smith

*Lessing*  
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January 20, 1948

Dear Lessing: I have had two long talks with Blackwell Smith of the Liberia Company. The things that they are doing and proposing interest me very much and they are most flattering in their pressures on me to join their enterprise. I have agreed to come in for the present in a purely consulting capacity without remuneration and have not given a definite "No" to the possibility of association after June.

I am putting all my energies into trying to conclude the Fund's work as effectively as possible, including the persuasion of others to take up certain features of our work. I am sure that it would be unwise - even unfaithful - for me to let anything interfere with my primary obligation to the Fund during the next few months.

I appreciate your thought of me in this connection. And one of the things that gives me confidence in the Liberia Company is the fact that you are one of its important sponsors.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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# Julius Rosenwald Fund

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Secretary and Comptroller

4901 ELLIS AVENUE

CHICAGO 15, ILLINOIS

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*Calif File*

February 19, 1948

Dear Lessing: We are busily engaged in preparing a history of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. Rather than merely a historical record I want to make this a readable interpretation of this effort to enrich and equalize American opportunities.

We want, of course, to include a sketch of the founder. We have all of us been struggling over this sketch for unfortunately there is no good life of J. R. extant. With all due modesty I think the enclosed sketch catches a good deal of his flavor and significance. I say this with the less embarrassment because Julia Waxman is largely responsible for the sketch as it stands.

Will you be good enough to let us have your comments and criticisms, both in general and in detail? Naturally, we don't want to do any more re-writing that necessary lest the very act of revision kill some of the flavor. But we do want an accurate portrait, both in its individual items and in the general impression it gives.

Very truly yours,

*Edwin*

ERE:NL

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

*I think this is good. The few inaccuracies are too minor to change.*

*Thanks*

*DL  
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January 7, 1948

Dear Lessing: We are working on the preparation of a history of the Fund and its work. I think we can make this an interesting volume as well as an authentic record. I would like to include in it a sketch of the life of our founder - a portrait of around four or five thousand words. I find it difficult to get together interesting and significant material for such a sketch. Werner's biography is dull and lifeless, and very little vivid material appears in any of the records that I have seen.

Do you think it is worthwhile for us to make a special effort to get a good brief sketch of Julius Rosenwald in this book? If so, have you suggestions of sources from which we might get material? For example, have you or others in the family the original notes from which Mr. Werner wrote the biography or other original source material?

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:NL

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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February 20, 1948

Dear Lessing: I have been racking my brains and talking with the gang here about a fitting gift or memento for those who have served as Trustees of the Fund. No one I talked with likes the idea of a desk set or other "practical" gift, since most people are already equipped with what they want. Neither do we like the idea of simply a certificate or wall plaque.

Frank Sulzberger suggests that a book handsomely bound and properly inscribed has been the only gift of this sort that he has ever appreciated. Since the Fund is bringing out a report of its activities, he suggests that thirty copies of this report be bound in leather and have bound in as a frontispiece a beautifully written script thanking the individual for his contribution to the work reported in the volume as represented by his service as Trustee for such and such years, each of these scripts to be signed by the Chairman of the Board. As a further token the leather cover might have the name of the individual stamped in gold leaf.

I have talked with one or two other people who agree that this would be a very fitting memento. What do you think of it? If you do not like this idea, I pass the ball over to you for a counter suggestion.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:NL

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
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LESSING J. ROSENWALD  
JENKINTOWN, PA.

March 3, 1948

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

Dear Mr. Embree:

Mr. Rosenwald asked that I send you the enclosed communication from Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, President of the Union Theological Seminary, concerning Dr. Wilfred Rankin, together with a copy of his reply to Dr. Van Dusen.

Mr. Rosenwald believes you will find this correspondence self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

*E. Wellens*  
E. Wellens, Secretary to  
Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald

Enc.

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LESSING J. ROSENWALD FOUNDATION

March 3, 1948

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen,  
President, Union Theological Seminary,  
Broadway at 120th Street,  
New York 27, New York.

My dear Dr. Van Dusen:

Before leaving the city this morning Mr. Rosenwald asked that I acknowledge your letter of February 13th concerning Dr. Wilfred Rankin.

Mr. Rosenwald had received no previous word about Dr. Rankin, nor has he had any correspondence regarding him since the receipt of your letter. He believes that the proposal you mention may have been addressed to the Julius Rosenwald Fund in Chicago, and for that reason he is referring your communication to Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President of the Fund, for his attention.

Mr. Rosenwald asked, also, that I convey to you his very kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

E. Wellens, Secretary to  
Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald

CC - Mr. Edwin R. Embree ✓

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET

NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

February 13, 1948

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald  
Lessing J. Rosenwald Foundation  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Rosenwald:

I understand that there is soon to come before you a proposal which might make possible the service of Dr. Wilfred Rankin on the Faculty of one of our leading Negro colleges. I have been asked to write you a word in Dr. Rankin's behalf, and I am very happy to do so.

Dr. Rankin's period of study at Union Theological Seminary came just before I joined its faculty, so that my personal knowledge of him is limited. However, I have made a very thorough study of all of the material in his folder, and it is an impressive record. I assume that you know that Dr. Rankin is 46 years of age, a graduate of the College of the City of New York in 1924, with a Master of Arts from Columbia University in 1925. He took the B.D. degree in this Seminary in 1927 magna cum laude, with an academic average <sup>for the</sup> three years of 92.6. His B.D. thesis on the subject, "The rise and development of Caesar worship in Rome in the first century and its significance and import for Christianity," received the grade of "A" with a special commendation of "magna".

These facts sufficiently indicate his distinguished abilities as a scholar and student. He was awarded the Philadelphia Travelling Fellowship by the Seminary, which means almost certainly that he graduated as the first student in his class, and spent the two following years at the University of Aberdeen where he received the Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1929; the subject of his dissertation was "Tertullian the Jurist". His folder contains a notable body of testimonies from some of the foremost theological scholars in Great Britain indicating the very high opinion which they formed of his abilities and character. I should be glad to make this information available to you if desired. I believe Dr. Rankin studied also in Paris, Oxford, and Berlin.

On his return to this country in 1929, Dr. Rankin resumed the position which he had held during his student days here as a teacher in the New York City high schools. At that time, the members of our

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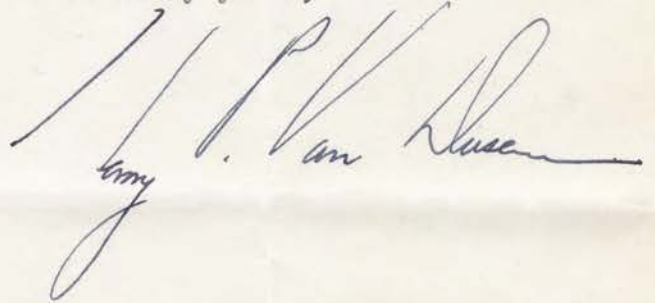


faculty regarded it as a most regrettable that his outstanding scholarly and teaching abilities should not be more fully utilised. My predecessor, President Coffin, wrote "It would seem most wasteful that a man with his special theological training and brilliant record should have to confine himself to such teaching." At that time the Seminary tried to open for him a position in one of the Northern Negro colleges or seminaries. However, a suitable opening did not appear and he remained in the New York Schools until about three years ago when he undertook for a three year period the position of Director of Education of Grenada, one of the British West Indian Islands. On accepting this position, Dr. Rankin was led to believe that it would lead to a professor's appointment in the University of the British West Indies which was then projected. Because of financial difficulties in Great Britain, there seems no likelihood that the university will begin to function before 1949 and then only with a pre-medical staff. It is for this reason that he has returned to the United States.

In summary, Dr. Rankin is a classical student of the highest qualifications, thoroughly equipped in the ancient languages, with distinguished achievement in original and creative scholarship, and with well proven abilities as a teacher. In appointing him, any Negro college or university would be assured of adding notable strength to the scholarly distinction of its faculty. I believe he is eminently qualified for the type of position for which I understand he is to be suggested to you.

With cordial personal regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. P. Van Ruse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "P".

HPVD:ws

March 12, 1948

Dear Lessing: I have just finished reading  
your article in Colliers. It  
is one of the clearest and most reasonable  
statements I have read on this issue. In the  
present state of emotionalism, I suppose reason  
is the last thing that most people are looking  
for. Nevertheless, I think your article will  
do much good. It helped clear up the issues  
at least to this one reader.

Very truly yours,

ERE:NL

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania





LESSING J. ROSENWALD  
JENKINTOWN, PA.

March 15, 1948

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

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Dear Doctor Embree:

Your two letters of March 12th have arrived in Mr. Rosenwald's office during his absence. They will be brought to his attention immediately upon his return from California, about the end of the month.

Meanwhile I know that Mr. Rosenwald would want me to thank you for writing him in commendation of his article in last week's Collier's, and for telling him about your proposed trip to Liberia.

Very truly yours,

*A. G. Fraser*

A. G. Fraser  
Sec'y. to Mr. Rosenwald



LESSING J. ROSENWALD  
JENKINTOWN, PA.

April 15, 1948

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

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Dear Mr. Embree:

Mrs. Rosenwald has asked that I inquire of you if a tuxedo and evening clothes will be needed in connection with the Fund meeting activities next month.

Would you be kind enough to let her know?

Many thanks in advance.

Very truly yours,

*E. Wellens*  
E. Wellens, Secretary to  
Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald

LESSING J. ROSENWALD  
JENKINTOWN, PA.

April 16, 1948

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

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Dear Edwin:

When the final report of the Julius Rosenwald Fund is printed, will you please see that a copy is sent to the following:

Mr. Jay Lavenson  
239 Wyncote Road  
Jenkintown, Pa.

My thanks in advance, and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

*Lessing*



April 20, 1948

Dear Mr. Wellens:      Mr. Embree has asked  
me to reply to your  
note of April 15. He reports that the gentlemen will wear tuxedos and corresponding dress will be appropriate for the ladies for the ceremonies in connection with the closing of the Fund next month.

Sincerely yours,

*ncl*

Secretary to Mr. Embree

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Mr. E. Wellens  
Secretary to Mr. Rosenwald  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

*Leaving*  
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April 21, 1948

Dear Lessing: I am just back from a very exciting trip to Liberia with some side visits to parts of French West Africa. I am much impressed by the proposals of the Liberia Company and by the need of preparing the people of West Africa, especially of Liberia, for the impact of the western world which seems likely to hit them with brutal speed.

Coming back to problems nearer home; we are considering proper means of closing out the Fund as of June 30 and yet providing for certain payments that will need to be made for several months following that closing date. I have talked with Leonard Rieser and Nathan Levin. Our joint wisdom is that the best thing to do would be to turn over to some other foundation these remaining funds with the understanding that that foundation would dispense the funds from month to month in accordance with explicit instructions from us and with the further provision that any small balances remaining should become the property of the custodian foundation to be expended in accordance with the general interests of the Fund. I think this would not involve any great amount of money but certain payments should not be made until conditions have been met and there will almost certainly be a number of little bills coming in from various sources that will need to be paid. Yet if we are to close our books on June 30 we must have paid the last penny of our assets to some agency. The most appropriate organization to handle these remaining payments seems to us to be the Lessing J. Rosenwald Foundation. Would you be willing for your foundation to serve in this capacity? If so, Leonard and Nathan and I will work out the details. Nathan assures me it will be a very simple operation as far as his office is concerned.

Very truly yours,

ERE:NL

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

cc: Leonard Rieser  
Nathan Levin

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April 27, 1948

Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
Julius Rosenwald Fund

WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO LEAVE CHICAGO FOR NEW ORLEANS SATURDAY MAY 29 ABOUT 5:00 PM IF IT WILL NOT INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH FUND ACTIVITIES FOR THAT DAY. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT THIS WILL BE SATISFACTORY. REGARDS.

(Lessing J. Rosenwald)

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Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

April 27, 1948

FAREWELL DINNER FOR FUND FAMILY SATURDAY NIGHT, MAY 29. WHILE THIS IS OUTSIDE FORMAL OBLIGATIONS WE HOPE YOU AND EDITH WILL GRACE THIS GALA FEAST. I STRONGLY FAVOR YOUR DEDICATING DILLARD BUILDING IN NEW ORLEANS BUT HOPE YOU CAN TAKE A LATER PLANE. DECISION ENTIRELY OPTIONAL WITH YOU.

Edwin Embree

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LESSING J ROSENWALD.

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LESSING J. ROSENWALD  
JENKINTOWN, PA.

May 1, 1948

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

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Dear Edwin:

Would you be kind enough to send me galley proofs of the Julius Rosenwald Fund statement. I have to give a talk at Washington and Lee University about the middle of this month and would like to use that as a basis.

My thanks in advance, and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

*Lessing*



May 3, 1948

Dear Lessing:      The big report of the Fund  
                         is far from the proof stage.  
Enclosed is a release which I recently sent to  
the papers. Does this give you what you need?  
If you desire further details we shall be glad  
to fill out this statement with any other  
material you specially want.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:NL

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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May 7, 1948

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: In addition to the three latest biennial reviews, I have included an earlier one covering the period from 1917 to 1936, chiefly because of the information given there on the early school building program.

By the time we close in June, our total payments will exceed \$22 million. A breakdown between the various programs is attached. Before closing, these figures will be increased by approximately \$150,000, the amount which is available for appropriation at the coming meeting.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:lm  
Attach and Enc.

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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APPROPRIATION PAYMENTS

1917 - 1948

Rural Education	\$ 1,726,700
Fellowships	1,661,500
Negro Health	1,702,000
Race Relations	2,355,800
Church and Labor Programs	293,500
School Building Program	5,805,000
Negro University Centers	2,687,000
Negro Private Colleges	958,000
Other Negro Activities	292,000
Library Service	675,000
Medical Services	1,315,500
General Education	927,000
General Social Studies	285,000
Administration	<u>1,404,000</u>
	<u>\$22,088,000</u>



May 13, 1948

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: Before Dr. Alexander left the city, he instructed me to get reservations on the 8:30 plane from Chicago to New Orleans, leaving Sunday, May 30, for you, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stern, and himself. A wire received from Mr. Stern today states that you and he consider this early flight too strenuous. Mr. Stern further states that accommodations should be obtained for himself and Mrs. Stern on the Panama Limited, leaving Saturday afternoon, May 29. I assume that I should also secure accommodation for you on that train. Am I correct in this?

Respectfully yours,

ELIZABETH SHANE

Secretary to  
Dr. Alexander

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Mr. Lessing Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Galleries  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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# Julius Rosenwald Fund

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CHICAGO 15, ILLINOIS

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Respectfully yours,

*Elizabeth Buchanan*

Secretary to  
Dr. Alexander

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Mr. Lessing Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Galleries  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

*Many thanks but  
I already have my  
space on the Panama Ltd*

*JR  
5/17/48*

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May 26, 1948

Dear Edith: Robert Taylor, manager of the Rosenwald housing project and Chairman of the Chicago Housing Authority, will be delighted to show you and Janet about the Rosenwald Apartments and carry you on to such public housing projects as you may be interested in seeing. He suggests you stop by his office at ten o'clock Saturday morning. He will have some one on the lookout for your car. The address of the office is 54 East 47th Street.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:NL

Mrs. Lessing J. Rosenwald  
The Drake Hotel  
Chicago, Illinois

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June 1, 1948

Dear Lessing: I was moved and touched by the gift from the Rosenwald Family. We have all worked together in so forthright a fashion that when any sentiment does appear it is doubly affecting.

The twenty years of my affiliation with Julius Rosenwald and with his five children have been a satisfaction and a joy. I can not imagine a happier association. (You especially have always been generous far beyond the calls of official duty.)

One thing has especially impressed me: while there have often been honest differences of opinion, no member of the Rosenwald family has ever attempted to exert any pressure because of his membership in the family. Each of you has fought vigorously in every controversy but you have never posed as anything but a personal advocate of any given line of action. While this attitude is such a matter of course to you that you probably have never thought of it, it is a rare and fine quality.

I think all of us working together have accomplished some of the things that Julius Rosenwald so deeply desired. As our official association ceases, I hope we may find ourselves working together on common causes for many years to come. Affection vies with admiration in my feeling for you all.

Very truly yours,

ERE:NL

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

EDWIN R. EMBREE



June 18, 1948

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: I am enclosing for your signature and for mailing from your office copies of the letters you wanted to send on June 30 to the trustees and officers who have served the Rosenwald Fund through the years. Not knowing how you would prefer to address the members of your family, we have used the formal address in every case. Since, however, you might want to change this formal salutation in some of the letters, we are sending along an additional supply of stationery for your secretary's use.


Very truly yours,

*Julia Wayman*

JW:NL

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

P.S. We have just learned that Mrs. George Arthur is no longer living and have therefore addressed the letter to his sister, Mrs. Gladys Hall.

  
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LESSING J. ROSENWALD  
JENKINTOWN, PA.

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June 21, 1948

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,  
The Shoreland Hotel,  
5454 South Shore Drive,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Edwin:

Will you let me know up  
to just what date Will Alexander was  
paid by the Julius Rosenwald Fund?  
Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

*Lessing*

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From the desk of--  
LESSING ROSENWALD

Miss Waxman:

Would you be kind enough to send on about 10 or 15 additional sheets of the Julius Rosenwald Fund stationery? There were 15 sheets enclosed with your package to Mr. Rosenwald, and there are more than 20 letters to be re-written because of changes in the salutation.

Thanks ever so much.

E. Wellens, Secretary  
6/21/48

*to Mr. T.  
Albright & Wellens  
Jenkintown, Pa.*

June 23, 1948

Dear Miss Wellens: Unfortunately, we cannot send additional Julius Rosenwald Fund stationery, for our supply is exhausted. Since the Fund is to close in a few days we did not want to re-order, and we are writing our own final letters on this kind of stationery. Perhaps the best you can do is type the additional letters on Mr. Rosenwald's own stationery simply adding under "Chairman of the Board" the words "Julius Rosenwald Fund".

I am returning the enclosed letter with Mr. Rosenwald's notation. The Armand S. Deutsch who was a trustee of the Rosenwald Fund, is not Mrs. Levy's son but her former husband. Mr. Rosenwald has probably forgotten his services but his name appears as a trustee in the original charter and by-laws filed with the State when the Fund was established in 1917 and in the minutes of the early meetings of the Board. Perhaps I have used the address of the son rather than of the father, but Mr. Rosenwald would be able to check this. Would you please let me know whether or not a letter is finally sent to Mr. Deutsch. If not, I shall want to remove his name from the list of those who are to receive inscribed copies of the Fund history.

Sincerely yours,

Julia Waxman

JW:MM

Miss E. Wellens  
Secretary to Mr. Lessing Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania



June 25, 1948

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:      Mr. Rieser has suggested that I  
mail you the attached certified  
copies of the resolutions approved by the Members and  
Trustees at the meeting held May 29.

Very truly yours,  
DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:lm  
Enc.

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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Same letter to  
Adele Levy  
Edith Stern  
Mario Ascoli  
Wm. Rosenwald

June 29, 1948

Dear Lessing: I received so nice a letter  
from Mrs. Roosevelt that I  
am taking pleasure in enclosing a copy. I am  
sending a copy to the other four members of  
Mr. Rosenwald's family.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Enclosure

Mr. (Lessing J.) Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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HYDE PARK DUTCHESS COUNTY NEW YORK

June 23, 1948

Dear Mr. Embree:

I was very sorry I could not be at the last meeting of the Rosenwald Board of Trustees. Only the absolute necessity of my being present at the Human Rights Commission meetings because I was the chairman, kept me away.

My association with you and with the Board can not be finished without a word of thanks for the opportunity it has been to serve, and the great appreciation I have of the good which has been done through the Fund. Will you send to Mr. Rosenwald and the members of the family, my sincerest thanks for the opportunity given me and my deep appreciation for all that they and their family have done for the good of the country?

With every good wish to you, I am

Very cordially yours,

s/s Eleanor Roosevelt



June 29, 1948

Dear Lessing: In response to your note of  
June 21: Will Alexander was  
paid for service at the Fund up to June 30, 1948  
plus check for one month in lieu of vacation,  
which would in effect carry his service with us  
to July 31, 1948.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

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4901 ELLIS AVENUE  
CHICAGO

June 28, 1948

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: You will notice from the attached material that a check for \$184,770.38 has been forwarded to Mr. Levin. Would you kindly sign and return to this address two copies of the enclosed receipt. Miss Waxman will be here to handle Fund mail, and will see that the receipt eventually gets into the Fund records at Fisk.

Attached to the copy of my letter to Mr. Levin is information on the various grants being turned over to him for administration. Some of the supporting data, such as the individual fellowship forms and letters, has been attached only to the copy which I have forwarded to Mr. Levin.

Very truly yours,

*Dorothy A. Edwidge*

DAE:lm  
Attach.

*Signatures.*

*DR*

*7/1/48*

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*Kindred regards +  
brost of luck*

*DR*

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DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

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## R E C E I P T

The undersigned, acting as Agents of the JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND pursuant to resolutions of the Board of Trustees and the Members of the Fund adopted on May 29, 1948, hereby acknowledge the receipt from the Fund of \$ 184,770.38, and agree to dispose of that amount as follows:

(1) To pay all debts, obligations and liabilities of the Fund in accordance with the terms thereof;

(2) To pay the unpaid balance of the following grants:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Georgia Workers Education Service	\$50,000.00
Fellowship awards	81,228.34
National Committee on Segregation in the Nation's Capital	38,615.13
For History of the Fund and other Publications	9,477.33

(3) If by July 1, 1949, any part of these grants or any of them should lapse or for any reason, in the sole discretion of the Agents, should not be paid, or if for any reason there shall be any balance remaining, it shall be distributed by the Agents equally between FISK UNIVERSITY and DILLARD UNIVERSITY.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_.

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(Lessing J. Rosenwald) (SEAL)

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(Edwin R. Embree) (SEAL)

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