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May 30, 1936

Dear Mr. Lambert: In keeping with my promise, when I was with you last Wednesday, I am giving you a tentative set-up for a county demonstration in school plant rehabilitation, in which the School Plant Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund would be willing to cooperate over a period of three or four years, whichever may seem most feasible. I think you and Dr. Patterson would be in position to determine whether it would be better to include both Macon and Lee counties. If Lee County is not included, I very much hope that arrangements can be made in the plan to rehabilitate the Loachopoka School, which is considered the first of the six experimental Rosenwald schools built in 1914.

Our committee would consider allocating \$2,400, preferably for a three-year period, on the following conditions: Not more than one-half the total cost of the operating expenses the first year, including (1) the salary of a trained school plant mechanic, (2) the cost of a satisfactory school plant truck and equipment, and (3) the operating expenses of the truck, the Fund's share not to exceed \$1,000; not more than one-half the total cost of the salary of the school plant mechanic and the operating expenses of the truck the second year, the Fund's share not to exceed \$800; and not more than two-fifths the cost of the salary of the mechanic and operating expenses the third year, the Fund's share not to exceed \$600. The counties or county would be expected to provide at least one-half the total cost of operating expenses, including the bus the first and second year, and three-fifths the third year, and in addition furnish the necessary material for rehabilitating the schools, which is very essential for a successful demonstration.

Tuskegee might have on hand a good motor and chassis which could be reconditioned and a satisfactory body built by the auto mechanics department. The Institute might also furnish the shop facilities for the school plant mechanic, which would be necessary in the repairs of desks and certain other equipment. They might also make the needed repairs on the truck from time to time. Such service by the Institute might be considered as a part of the local matching.

If in this plan you could have the trained mechanic and in addition a full-time or part-time assistant to go with him it would be very helpful, but this is left entirely for the local group to decide.

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Mr. J. S. Lambert: - - 2 -

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If you, Dr. Patterson and the superintendents should prefer to extend this over a four-year period, you might work out a schedule on somewhat the same basis as mentioned for the three-year period, so long as the total amount of the Fund's aid does not exceed the total amount of \$2,400 for the four-year period.

I am sure you understand that we have no cut and dried plan, I am simply giving you these suggestions to enable you and Dr. Patterson to evolve a workable plan, which you may submit to us as soon as it is ready. The hope of the committee in extending this aid would be (1) to rehabilitate all the Rosenwald schools in Macon and Lee counties (if both counties are included) first, and (2) to rehabilitate any other satisfactory Negro schools in these counties and probably erect some new buildings. To be successful it will be most necessary to have community organization and participation at every school where this work is done, with the ultimate hope of evolving a plan for a continuous upkeep and beautification of these plants in every community.

Sincerely yours,

SLS:MT

Mr. J. S. Lambert
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

CC: Dr. F. D. Patterson

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

June 2, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
South Office
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Smith:

I thank you very much for the copy of your letter to Mr. Lambert. I shall contact him and the Superintendent of Schools of Macon County with the hope that we can get this work started at an early date. I am sure that great good can come out of this program and that these schools will receive a much needed help.

Again thanking you for the privilege of cooperating in this program, I am

Very truly yours,

F. H. Follen

President

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
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June 4, 1936

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Dear Mr. Smith: I approve and have entered on our lists a grant of not to exceed \$2400 for a demonstration of county-wide school repairs and beautification in Macon and Lee Counties, Alabama.

I have some hesitation about extending these county demonstrations more widely than is covered by the present commitments. After all we have a good many of these under way. If they are to be really demonstrations rather than simply routine aid to counties, we will do well to hold the number to those units which represent some very distinctive feature.

I can understand the interest of Mr. Favrot in cooperation in Greenville County, South Carolina. And he and his board have been so helpful in all these matters that I should be a good deal influenced by Mr. Favrot's personal desires in the matter.

If possible, I should like to postpone any commitment or further exploration of this additional county until you and I can discuss the matter pretty thoroughly in the early autumn.

Very truly yours,

Edwin R. Embree

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Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

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Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Referring to your letter of May 30 relative to a county demonstration in school plant rehabilitation in Lee and Macon counties - or in either of them - let me say that I have been quite busy since you saw me, but I shall be able to confer with the superintendents and Dr. Patterson, I hope, the latter part of this week, or early next week, after which I shall write you further regarding the prospects of putting on such a demonstration.

Your proposal is very clear and understandable and certainly as liberal as any superintendent could expect for putting on such a demonstration over a period of three or four years.

With cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours,

J. S. Lambert

J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

July 18, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Smith:

Just a line to let you know our failure to get started with the work here was by no means an indication of Tuskegee Institute's lack of interest in the program, but because of our inability to obtain at present the cooperation of the superintendent of Macon County. Mr. Riley has been ill for some time and I was advised on yesterday by Mr. Lambert that when he approached him he was not favorable to the idea.

However, a superintendent in an adjoining county is highly favorable and it may be possible to start the work without Macon County.

Mr. Lambert feels, however, that with a little more effort on his part, he will be able to get Mr. Riley's cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

F. D. Patterson

President

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July 21, 1936

Dear Dr. Patterson: Thank you for your letter of July 18, relative to the county demonstration in school plant rehabilitation. Mr. Lambert wrote me that due to Mr. Riley's illness he had been unable to get him to agree so far to cooperate in putting on a school plant mechanic in a county demonstration. He did, however, talk favorably when Mr. Lambert and I were in his office the day I was in Tuskegee. We went to Opelika to see the superintendent who seemed most interested and indicated that he would be willing to cooperate with Macon County, or to put on the project for Lee County even if Macon County should not participate.

As the project was set up on our records for Macon and Lee counties, I hope that by taking a little more time Mr. Lambert and you may be able to get Macon to come into it, at least on half time or fourth time basis. They could divide the time in proportion to the amount each county puts up.

If you and Mr. Lambert are to attend the Conferences of the N. A. T. C. S. in Atlanta, I hope we may find time to talk over this matter together. It would be well to get the work started by September 1, if possible.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

SLS:MT

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

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W. S. (Rehab -
Tusk - Macon - (Lambert))

July 23, 1936

Dear Mr. Lambert: I had a very interesting letter recently from Dr. Patterson of Tuskegee relative to the county demonstration in school plant rehabilitation. He still hopes that you may be able to get Macon County to cooperate. If he and you are to be in Atlanta attending the Conferences of the N. A. T. C. S. next week I hope we can get together to talk over the matter. Tuskegee might assume some of the county responsibility for Macon until the Superintendent is able to give attention to it and to get an appropriation.

I am expecting to be in Atlanta on Wednesday, but I am not sure yet that I can remain over on Thursday. Would some time Wednesday be satisfactory for a conference with you and Dr. Patterson?

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

SLS:MT

Mr. J. S. Lambert
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

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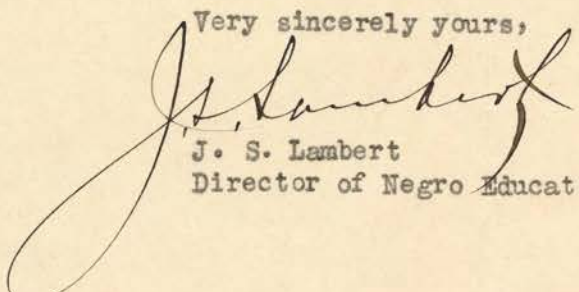
Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Since our conversation in Atlanta this week, I deem it hardly necessary to reply to your letter of July 23, except to say that I shall continue my offices in the attempt to get Macon County in line for the demonstration in school building and repair, feeling in such attempt I shall try to put it on in Lee County anyway, with the cooperation of Tuskegee Institute.

Dr. Patterson's attitude toward the project is very satisfactory, and if Tuskegee Institute is willing to assume responsibility for Macon County's share in the project as such, and the county board of education is willing to cooperate, I shall undertake to establish it on that basis.

Very sincerely yours,


J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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NRS (Rehab -
Tusk-Macon-Lee)

August 10, 1936

Dear Supt. Riley: I have often wondered since I visited you in June just how you have been getting along. I hope by this time you have recovered from your illness.

I hope that you and Mr. Lambert and Dr. Patterson have been able to work out a plan whereby we may carry on the county demonstration in school plant rehabilitation which we discussed briefly with you in your office when I was there. Since Macon County and Tuskegee built most of the Rosenwald schools at the beginning, with you and Dr. Booker T. Washington cooperating, it would be very fine to see Macon County take part in this program of improvement and beautification of the schools and grounds. This could be done through the cooperative arrangement at a comparatively small cost to the county. I have given Mr. Lambert full details of the plan, which no doubt he has discussed with you, and I certainly hope that the plan may get started the present school term.

It has been my privilege to keep in touch with the fine work you have been doing for more than two decades.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

SLB:MT

Supt. W. B. Riley
Tuskegee, Alabama

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OFFICE OF
Superintendent of Education
MACON COUNTY
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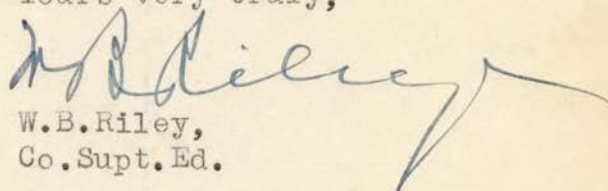
Dear Mr. Smith:

I greatly appreciate your kind expressions relative to my health and am glad to report that I have made much progress toward recovery since you were here. I hope and believe that I shall be able to again to do my work this fall in a regular way.

I am sorry that our Board will be unable to participate in the improvement of the Roserwald Schools in the County for a lack of funds. Doubtless all of the buildings are in need of repairs and when the Board shall have received funds sufficient to authorize it they will first try to render some aid to this end.

Hope you will be able to come this way oftener as I always love to see you and talk with you.

Yours very truly,


W.B. Riley,
Co. Supt. Ed.

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STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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September
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Mr. S. L. Smith, Director
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

In reference to the proposed school plant repair demonstration in Macon and Lee counties, let me say that Dr. F. D. Patterson, President of Tuskegee Institute, and I have agreed on a conference with the superintendents at any time that suits their convenience.

A day or two after you went with me to Opelika and Tuskegee, I wrote Mr. Martin C. Whitten, Opelika, and asked him to name a date when he could meet me at Dr. Patterson's office or some other conference place, to be named by him, for a conference with us on the proposal in order that we might let you know at the earliest possible date what to expect. However, Mr. Whitten has not seen fit to designate a date nor place for such a conference. I am still hoping that he may within the next few days.

I shall keep you advised on the progress of the proposal.

Very sincerely yours,

J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

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Mr. S. L. Smith, Director
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Once again I tackled Superintendent W. B. Riley of Macon County yesterday relative to the proposed demonstration project in school plant repair and maintenance - once again, he declined.

Superintendent Martin A. Whitten of Lee County is very enthusiastic about it - thinks it a business proposition and is perfectly willing to go ahead with it, provided he can get Russell or Chambers County to cooperate with him in lieu of Macon County.

I am writing Superintendent G. M. Barnett of Chambers County today, outlining the proposal and asking him to let me know forthwith if he is willing to cooperate with Superintendent Whitten and Tuskegee Institute in putting on the demonstration.

As soon as I hear from Superintendent Barnett, I shall write you further.

Sincerely yours,

J. S. Lambert
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Director of Negro Education

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Tuskegee, Macon, & Lee
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November 28, 1936

Dear Mr. Favrot: I am very sorry indeed that I will not be able to get to Richmond on the 30th. It was a great temptation to break away from some rather pressing office duties at the moment and go, but we are now in the midst of printing forms, application blanks and bulletins for the improvement and beautification contest, which requires every moment of my time.

Acting on your suggestions at our committee meeting in Austin, Texas, I had a conference last Monday with Mr. Lambert, Dr. Patterson and the two county officials and made arrangements to put on the school plant mechanic in Macon and Lee Counties beginning January 1.

Under the preliminary plan we will pay the full salary of the skilled mechanic for the six months period at \$75.00 a month. Dr. Patterson will furnish and service the truck for transporting materials to the various schools of the two counties and give all the shrubs from the Tuskegee nursery needed for landscaping. He will organize certain faculty members, including Miss Rebecca Davis and Mr. Williston to help in guiding this program. The county superintendents will organize their communities through their Jeanes teachers and furnish as much material for repairs as they can under their limited budgets this year. The first two Rosenwald schools erected in 1913-14 will be included for rehabilitation during this six months period. In the meantime plans will be worked out for a long range program with substantial support from the two counties.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

SLS:MT

Mr. Leo M. Favrot
804 Grace-American Building
Richmond, Virginia

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Copy sent to Dr. Patterson of Tuskegee

Macon Co

December 22, 1936

Dear Mr. Lambert: You will find attached copies of three forms used by the School Plant Mechanics in the three county demonstrations in school plant rehabilitation which we have going on. These were developed by the three county superintendents and the state supervisors of buildings in these states and are found to be very satisfactory. We shall be glad to furnish a supply of these to the school plant mechanic in Macon and Lee Counties when he begins work there January 1, 1937.

Please notify us the date the school plant mechanic for Lee and Macon Counties will begin work, giving his name. The following is my understanding of the general agreement made in our conference at Tuskegee with Dr. Patterson and the Superintendent of Lee County:

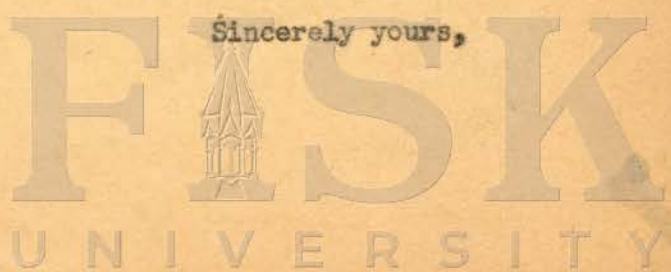
1. The School Plant Committee is to pay \$75.00 a month from January 1 to June 30, toward the salary and expenses of the school plant mechanic.
2. The county superintendents will have the Jeanes teachers assist in organizing the school communities and will furnish materials for repairs so far as their limited budgets will permit.
3. Tuskegee will cooperate by furnishing the advise and counsel of various departments and will furnish a truck for hauling materials to the schools, keeping it serviced through their auto mechanics department. The Institute agrees to furnish shrubs from the nursery to supplement native shrubs to the various schools to be improved.

It was my understanding that in the meantime a definite cooperative plan will be arranged in which the two counties and Tuskegee will carry on the demonstration, furnishing a substantial part of the cost after July 1, 1937.

SLS:MT

Mr. J. S. Lambert
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

Sincerely yours,



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

January 18, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

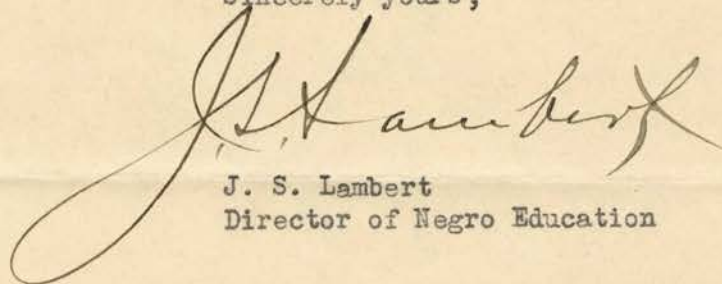
Dear Mr. Smith:

This is to advise you that the Tuskegee Institute-Macon-Lee county demonstration was put into effect the first week in January and I am very hopeful of good results.

I saw Superintendent Whitten a few days ago and he told me that he had work piling up for the project.

Will you please be good enough to send me some of the blank report forms for the use of the Superintendents of Lee and Macon counties and Tuskegee Institute.

Sincerely yours,



J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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January 20, 1937

Dear Mr. Favrot: You will be interested to know that the Tuskegee-Lee-Macon County demonstration started January 1, as a six months experiment.

The Fund is to pay \$75.00 a month, or a total of \$450.00. Tuskegee is to furnish the truck and keep it serviced, supply an abundance of shrubs from their nursery and have certain faculty members, including Rebecca Davis, give as much counsel and guidance as they have time to do. The counties will furnish the materials for repairs, etc.

Sincerely yours,

SLS:MT

Mr. Leo M. Favrot
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York, New York



NRS (Rehabilitation)

Julius Rosenwald Fund

Southern Office
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

S. L. Smith
Director for Southern Office

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January 20, 1937

Dear Miss Elvidge: Please issue check to the Alabama State Department of Education for \$450.00, to pay toward the salary of the school plant mechanic in the Tuskegee-Macon-Lee County demonstration in school plant rehabilitation for the six months period from January 1 to June 30, 1937. The work was started there on January 1.

Because the budgets of these counties had been made up and approved by the state auditor last spring, before this matter was taken up with the counties, they were unable to allocate from their budgets any funds to pay toward the salary of the school plant mechanic during this six months period, but expect to put this item into their budgets beginning with July 1, 1937. In order to get the work started immediately Mr. Favrot suggested to the committee, which met with unanimous approval, that the Fund pay the entire salary for the six months period, with the understanding that the counties would undertake to provide financial support beginning July 1, 1937.

Dr. Patterson has agreed to furnish a school plant truck and keep it in repair through his auto mechanics department for the six months period and will provide an abundance of shrubs from the Tuskegee nursery to supplement native shrubs in the landscaping. He also agrees to have Miss Rebecca Davis, who is paid by the General Education Board, and his landscape gardener and other member of his faculty give counsel and service during the experimental program. The county superintendents will furnish materials for repairs of school plants, and through the Jeanes teachers organize aggressively each community in which the work is started. It is the plan to begin improvements on the first Rosenwald schools built.

At the end of the six months period we will file a complete report of the experiment and will set up the financial basis of cooperation for the demonstration.

Sincerely yours,

SLS:MT

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

S. L. Smith
P.S. I talked this over briefly with Mr. Embree when I was in Chicago, the last of Dec.
S. L. S.

Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue

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To Alabama State Department of Education
c/o Mr. S. L. Smith
502 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Payment Voucher No. 4689

Date January 22, 1937

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Payment in full of allocation for salary of a school plant
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in school plant rehabilitation for the period from January 1,
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Remarks:

Please note Mr Smith's letter
attached. Do you approve of
this payment?

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Yes approved
though with little enthusiasm
Frederick E. [Signature]

WRS (Belah)

Macon Co
Lee

January 26, 1937

Dear Supt. Keller: You will find attached Julius
Rosenwald Fund Check No. 17201,
to the order of the Alabama State Department of Educa-
tion, in full for the Fund's allocation for the salary
and expenses of the school plant mechanic in the
Tuskegee-Macon-Lee Counties demonstration in school
plant rehabilitation from January 1 to June 30, 1937.

I believe it was agreed, in
conference with Mr. Lambert, Dr. Patterson and Mr.
Whitten, Superintendent of Lee County, that the State
Department would issue a check for \$75.00 near the
end of each month to Dr. Patterson of Tuskegee, who
would make payments of salary and expenses. However,
I suggest that you confer with Mr. Lambert as to how
and to whom the check is to be issued.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Supt. J. A. Keller
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

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January 27, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Smith:

I regret to advise that we haven't made the progress we had hoped to in connection with the rural school development program. We assigned the man I had in mind and he has made tours over the county. His statement was that Mr. Whitten offered no materials, stating that they had no funds and that they would have to raise whatever materials are received in the local community. He also complained of not having skilled helpers. I explained to him in the beginning that no skilled labor would be possible. He was also spending too much money for transportation simply going around looking at the various schools in the county without repairing any. I have had him discontinue for the present.

I have talked to the head of our School of Mechanical Industries and he feels that if the same \$75.00 per month voted as salary can be turned over to his department for use, he will use one or more students on these jobs getting the repairs done, and the money will be divided in the wisest way to reimburse the students and to cover the cost of transportation. This seems to me a good plan, as in some cases we can have two students on a single job and also in this way Tuskegee Institute will have a rather active interest in this repair program. I can assure you that the effort expended will more than exceed the \$75.00 allowance, for I should like to see landscaping as well as repair work done around these schools.

Very truly yours,

F. D. Patterson

President

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STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

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January 29, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

I thank you for a copy of your letter of January 26 to Superintendent J. A. Keller with reference to Julius Rosenwald Fund check No. 17201 "in full for the Fund's allocation for the salary and expenses of the school plant mechanic in the Tuskegee-Macon-Lee counties demonstration in school plant rehabilitation."

Immediately on receipt of your communication, I drove up to Tuskegee Institute to talk over the situation with Dr. F. D. Patterson, President, only to learn that the demonstration had completely collapsed for lack of co-operation on the part of county superintendents in Macon and Lee counties.

At the last moment, it appears that Mr. Martin C. Whitten, Superintendent of Lee county, decided that he could not finance the project this year. Moreover, the man who was employed by Tuskegee Institute to conduct the demonstration proved to be a most colossal failure. He spent practically the entire month of January just riding around over the field viewing the situation in the two counties, and then returned to Tuskegee Institute and asked for skilled workmen to do the work that he found necessary to be done -- from the building of a set of steps to the replacement of school buildings.

Dr. Patterson is of the opinion that, so far as the work is concerned, it might be transferred to the mechanical industries department of Tuskegee Institute and done through the students of that department -- provided, that the co-operation of the superintendents could be secured to the extent of furnishing materials necessary for repairs. But the latter seems to be the obstacle in the way of the prosecution of the project.

Please advise me also with reference to paying the man who was employed by Tuskegee Institute to conduct the demonstration at \$50.00 a month. The salary was \$50.00 a month, with a nominal allowance of about \$25.00 for expenses. Will Tuskegee Institute have to take care of that expense, or can it be paid out of the Julius Rosenwald Fund? The repair man's services have been discontinued.

Sincerely yours,

J. S. Lambert

J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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January 30, 1937

Dear Dr. Patterson: On receipt of your letter this morning, relative to the school plant mechanic, I talked with Mr. Lambert in regard to this to get his reactions. He seems entirely favorable to your plan of having the head of the Auto Mechanics Department direct the work, using mature students of the Industrial Department to do the improvement and beautification. He will probably get in touch with you immediately.

It has been my hope and, I think, the hope of the Rosenwald family that the first two Rosenwald schools be improved and beautified. I hope under the plan you have in mind that these can be included among the first projects. We might be able to get some W. P. A. labor in this type of service and probably some N. Y. A. service because the N. Y. A. administrator and Dr. Akridge, the Supervisor, are both very much interested in this type of service.

I am trying to make my plans to drop by Tuskegee Wednesday afternoon, February 3. I expect to have with me Dr. Mason of Peabody College and hope that we might have time to see the first two Rosenwald schools so that the group of us might determine what would be necessary for the improvement of each.

Sincerely yours,

SLS:WT

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

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Tuskegee - Macon, Ala)*

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

February 3, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have your telegram advising me that you cannot reach Tuskegee before Friday afternoon of this week.

It may not be possible for me to go to Tuskegee with you on that day as I shall have duties in other parts of the state. However, I do have an engagement at Tuskegee on Saturday following, if you could arrange to postpone your visit one day.

I have had an interview with Mr. Whitten, who states that he is willing to co-operate with Tuskegee Institute under the new plan if satisfactory to all concerned. I could not commit him, however, to a proposal to furnish, at the expense of the county board of education, material for repair work on his Negro schools. He is depending on the local communities to furnish the material. I mention this simply for your information in view of the approaching interview with Dr. Patterson, and possibly Mr. Whitten.

Sincerely yours,

J. S. Lambert

J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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April 8, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Smith:

I am pleased to enclose the progress report on the school repair program sponsored by the Rosenwald Fund. This would indicate now that most of the preliminary work being out of the way, some actual repairs will be completed in a short time.

Very truly yours,

F. D. Patterson

President

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Report on School at Loachapoka in Lee County

1. The building needs a roof - it rains in the building.
2. The weather boarding or siding should be replaced.
3. The house must be plastered inside or ceiled.
4. The building doors are no good.
5. The steps have decayed and are dangerous.
6. The chimney should be extended to the ground and a partition provided to separate the rooms. At present canvas is used.
7. The building should be underpinned - this will require 5000 bricks, 6 cubic yards of sand, 35 bags of lime, 20 bags of cement.
8. This school will have to be rebuilt. Any temporary repairs will be useless with the exception of steps to the building, which should have immediate attention because of danger to the school's children.
9. We have promises for materials, but thus far no tangible results.
10. This school is dilapidated and insecure, and immediate attention should be given to the repairs if the building is to be continued in service.

Report on School at Notasulga in Macon County

1. The school should be turned to face the public road.
2. The electric wiring should be made safe; a previous inspection condemned the system and it is not in use.
3. The front porch and shed roof should be replaced. (This has already been done)
4. The front and back steps should be replaced. At present they are dangerous.
5. The building should be underpinned. Materials needed-
 - 4500 bricks (common)
 - 4.5 cubic yards of sand
 - 30 bags of lime
 - 15 bags of cement



Report on School at Notasulga in Macon County (continued)

6. The schoolhouse should be painted inside and outside-
6 gals. of paint for inside
9 " " " " outside
7. We have an extension student ready to do the work if he can get materials to work with. The school promises unskilled help.
8. Mr. Jones the Supervisor says "The patrons of the school do not have any cash to contribute, but all are willing to do what they can."
9. Macon County has a repair budget of \$700 per year for all the schools. This sum has been pledged for three years to the white school building program of Notasulga, and no money can be secured from the county.
10. Grading and planting the school's yard and playground.
11. We think that we can proceed with items number 2, 3, 4, 6, followed by #10 if we can be assured of materials.

Mr. Jones the Supervisor of Macon County and Mr. A. P. Mack called on the Mayor of Notasulga and asked his support of the Negro school. He readily consented to do whatever he could in the situation. The town had previously given \$20 on the roof which has been repaired.

The Mayor invited us to present our request to the town Council. This was done by Mr. Jones, the Supervisor together with the local Chairman of the Board of Trustees (colored). Forty-five dollars was asked for from the town, and this amount was granted. This will enable us to repair the steps, porch shed, and paint the school. The community promises some local help so far as labor is concerned.

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

April 13, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Mr. Martin C. Whitten, Superintendent of Lee County, had an extended interview with me this morning regarding the repair and improvement project sponsored by Julius Rosenwald Fund in Lee and Macon counties.

Frankly, Mr. Whitten is not very enthusiastic over the prospect of the enterprise. He told me that practically nothing is being done in Lee county, and I feel quite sure that the same is true of Macon county.

I have no doubt that Dr. F. D. Patterson is doing his best from the Tuskegee Institute end of the line. But it is impracticable for him to give his individual attention to the work and I fear his agents at Tuskegee Institute do not fully realize the significance of the demonstration.

Mr. Whitten and I have agreed to make you a proposal which appears to both of us to be a businesslike one. It is this: if you will place at the disposal of Mr. Martin C. Whitten, through the State Department of Education, one-half of the sum you propose to spend on this project, Mr. Whitten obligates himself to put in good condition not only Loachapoka but eight or ten other Negro schools in Lee county this year.

He says he is sure that by offering individual schools from one to two hundred dollars each as a stimulus, together with a little aid from the county board of education, he can stimulate the people of the local communities to co-operate to the extent of not only aiding in providing material, but of doing the work of improving the school buildings and grounds under the*direction of a competent skilled workman to be selected by himself. I believe this can be done in such a way that you would be pleased with it.

If this proposal strikes you favorably as a business proposition, please let me hear from you at an early date so that we may get things going in Lee county.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. S. Lambert
J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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*This - can feel - would demonstrate the possibility of the success of the program if you plan in writing, & would probably result in its permanent.

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NRS (Rehab-
Jusk-Macon-Lee)

April 15, 1937

Dear Mr. Lambert: On receipt of your letter this morning
I called for you but found that you
would be out of the office until Saturday.

Since it was generally agreed that Dr. Patterson would have his trades department set up the Loachapoka and Notaulga schools as projects and the work to be directed by this department, it would probably not be feasible to make a change in the plan at the present time. However, we have left the matter largely in the hands of the state department, Tuskegee and the county officials with the hope that at least these two schools might be rehabilitated and beautified by the end of June. If you think it would be advisable I can drop down to visit the schools with you and talk it over with the officials sometime soon. Owing to engagements next week I feel that it would have to be the following week.

If it seems absolutely necessary to have \$100.00 in cash from some outside source to help in purchasing materials we might attempt to find this somewhere, but I am not sure at the moment that we could allocate this from our budget. It would be much better if this could be done by local effort together with the \$450.00 which we have sent. It is important for the communities to take part in this type of service.

As I wrote you yesterday, it might be possible to get a project set up at each of these schools under the PWA program, provided there is available labor.

Sincerely yours,

SLS:MT

Mr. J. S. Lambert
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

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NPS (Rehab.)

April 15, 1937

Dear Dr. Patterson: I note from your letter of April 9, that the work is progressing looking to repairs and beautification of the first two Rosenwald schools. I have looked over the detailed report of the need and work to be done at the Loachapoka school in Lee County and Notasulga in Macon County.

It seems that the brick for underpinning is quite an item at each place. If considerable grading could be done at Loachapoka, it might bring the surface up nearer the sills. Or would it be possible to jack up the building and make the foundation about ten inches lower. A wall four inches thick, either of brick or stone, would be sufficient. In preserving and repairing the buildings it might be well to retain all the outside weather boarding that is sound, keeping as much of the original material as possible. I am assuming that you or your trades head is keeping in close touch with the county superintendents for suggestions and full approval.

I feel that you, Mr. Lambert, and the two county superintendents will find a way to carry these two schools through to completion between now and June 30, using the \$450.00, which the Fund has already sent to the state department of education, in whatever way will best promote the ends toward which we are working.

If possible I shall visit Tuskegee and these two schools within the next two or three weeks.

Sincerely yours,

SLS:MT

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

April 17, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

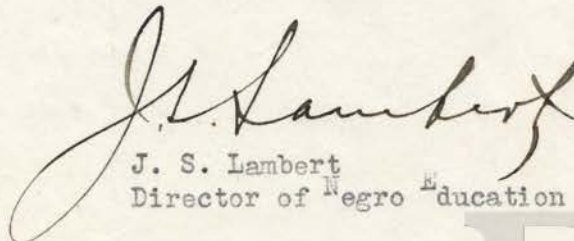
I thank you for your letter of April 15 relative to the demonstration project in Lee and Macon counties, also for a copy of your letter of even date to Dr. F. D. Patterson, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

My recent proposal to you, at the suggestion of Mr. Martin C. Whitten, Superintendent of Lee County, did not contemplate the use of Rosenwald Fund aid in the purchasing of material. It was Mr. Whitten's thought to use the Rosenwald part of the money to have the work done -- the people and the county to furnish the material.

It is generous of you to offer to find "\$100.00 in cash from some outside source to help in purchasing materials" for the rehabilitation of Loachapoka and Notasulga. I am communicating this information to Mr. Martin C. Whitten to-day and sending a copy of my communication to Dr. Patterson. Such generosity on your part ought to stimulate greater effort on the part of Lee and Macon county authorities in the completion of these two projects.

The next two weeks are going to be busy ones with me and I am not prepared to say at this writing just when I could visit the counties named with you. If you will let me know in time, I shall be glad to try to arrange a date.

Sincerely yours,


J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

April 20, 1937

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Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

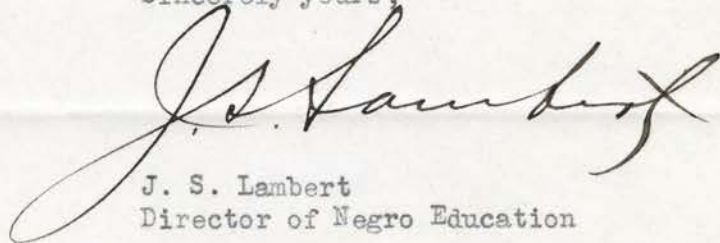
Yesterday, I make it my special duty to drive up to Notasulga and Loachapoka to see what, if anything, is being done toward the improvement of those two school buildings.

I was very disappointed to find that nothing has been done to date. Loachapoka school was closed but the teacher at Notasulga told me that the white people had agreed to contribute \$45.00 in material or money toward the repair of the Notasulga building.

I did not get to see Dr. Patterson and cannot say just what he has in mind to do in view of the fact that Superintendent Riley is indifferent to the project.

In a few days, I may be able to give you some encouraging information about the movement.

Sincerely yours,


J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

June 18, 1937

NRS (Rehab -
Tuskegee, Miss
+ Lee)

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Day before yesterday, I went to Tuskegee to confer with Mr. Riley and the Tuskegee Institute authorities about the work of rehabilitating Loachapoka and Notasulga schools with the liberal aid which you promised to allow -- \$100.00 to each school -- for material.

Mr. Riley was very enthusiastic and said that he would go by at once to see how the work on Notasulga was progressing and would see that the school was put in first-class condition, using all or so much of the \$100.00 allowed by you for material as might be necessary to accomplish the desired end.

Mr. Whitten of Lee county also told me that he would make it his special duty to look after the Loachapoka project. He was delighted to have the offer of \$100.00 for material.

Frankly, I do not believe the Loachapoka school could be repaired for \$500.00. It is practically a complete wreck -- somewhat like the fellow's gun -- it needed everything but a trigger -- and Loachapoka school needs everything done to it except perhaps to replace a part of the studding, sills, and other frame work. It would be far cheaper to build a new house in the same class than to undertake to repair the old building.

When are you coming down to look into the matter? Let me know a few days in advance so that I can be with you.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

J. S. Lambert

J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

JSL:L

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NRS (Rehab -
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Lee Co)

July 23, 1937

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Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

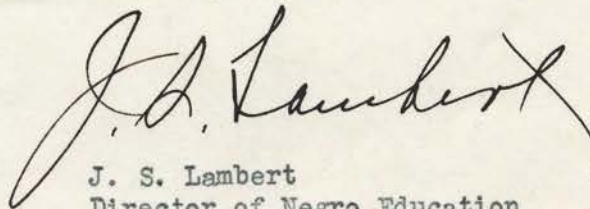
A few days ago I drove up to Opelika to consult with Mr. Martin C. Whitten relative to rehabilitating the Loackapoka Rosenwald school, and offered him all the Rosenwald money remaining from the rehabilitation of Notasulga, plus the additional \$100.00 you proffered on your recent visit for the Loachapoka project.

The enclosed copies of letters from G. L. Washington and Superintendent Martin C. Whitten will show you the status of the project at present. I am wondering what more we can do to insure the accomplishment of the end for which the Rosenwald aid was granted.

Be assured I shall do my best to see that this building is put in good condition, if practicable, with what money we have in view.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,


J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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LEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPELIKA, ALABAMA

July 22, 1937

Mr. J. S. Lambert
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from G. L. Washington in reply to my request for him to make an estimate of the necessary repairs to the Loachapoka school.

When I receive the estimate which he promises to make up, I will send you a copy of it. If I can do anything further about this matter, please inform me and I will do what I can.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Martin C. Whitten
County Superintendent of Education

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TUSKEGEE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

July 20, 1937

Mr. Martin C. Whitten
County Superintendent of Education
Lee County
Opelika, Alabama

Dear Mr. Whitten:

I have your letter of July 15 relative to repairs of Rosenwald schools. I wish to state that the money available for repairs of Rosenwald schools is for only two schools - the one at Notasulga and the one at Loachapoka. It was the desire, or is the desire, of the Rosenwald people that these two original schools be placed in good condition. The money was not for any other schools excepting these two. We have a little money left from the original appropriation, and Mr. Smith of Nashville visited ^{us} about two weeks ago and stated that he was recommending that \$100 additional for each of the two schools be granted, or at least it had been granted.

We have already worked on estimate, and at the time that Mr. Smith was here we stated specifically that at this time of the year we would not be able to do any further work and would hold off until fall when our students have returned to school, and when the people in the community may be able to contribute some labor. However, during the summer we will make an estimate which we will submit to you for your information relative to the Loachapoka school building.

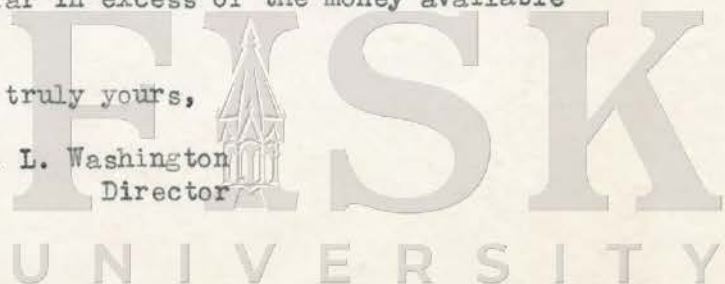
I am sending a copy of your letter to Mr. A. P. Mack of my staff, as well as a copy of my letter to you, inasmuch as Mr. Mack has been carrying out the program of repairs, and we both have been working together on the matter.

We would appreciate any additional money that might be raised to add to what the Rosenwald people are submitting. So far as our time is concerned in going out and making estimate, we have been contributing that free of charge. I am afraid that the cost of fixing up the Loachapoka school is going to be far in excess of the money available from the Rosenwald people.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) G. L. Washington
Director

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CC: Mr. A. P. Mack



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August 5, 1937

Dear Mr. Lambert: I have read with interest
your letter of the 23rd
relative to the rehabilitation of the first two
Rosenwald schools, and a copy of Mr. Washington's
letter to Superintendent Whitten.

It seems that the steps being
taken are in keeping with our agreement, and I hope
you will be able to carry through the project as
planned. We do hope that Tuskegee may be able to
direct the landscaping of a few other Rosenwald
schools along the highway while these two projects
are being carried forward. It can be done at a
very low cost if they will furnish the shrubs to
supplement native shrubs and the communities will
become interested in the program.

Sincerely yours,

SLB:MT

Mr. J. S. Lambert
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

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Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Shortly after your recent visit, I drove up to Opelika and talked with Superintendent Martin C. Whitten about your new proposal with reference to the rehabilitation of Loachapoka Rosenwald school.

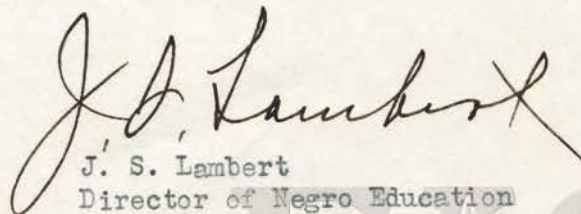
I told Mr. Whitten that you had authorized me to say that he might use the entire balance in the hands of the State Department of Education, after the completion of Notasulga, on the rehabilitation of Loachapoka school. I also told him that, in addition to this balance, you had generously proffered an additional \$100.00 just as you did in the case of Notasulga.

Mr. Whitten seemed to be highly pleased to get this information and said he would make thorough investigation of the matter at once and let me know as soon as he could ascertain the exact cost of renewing the school building. To date, I have had no report from him but I am looking to hear from him almost any time.

We do not know just how much balance there will be until the Notasulga project is completed and paid for.

With best wishes,

Cordially,


J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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MONTGOMERY

August 6, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

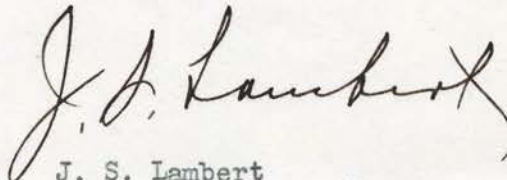
Superintendent W. B. Riley of Macon county desires to know when the additional \$100.00 proffered by you for the rehabilitation of Notasulga Rosenwald school will be available for use on the said project.

The work is nearing completion and the additional \$100.00 is needed, so he states.

Will you be good enough to let me hear from you promptly so that I may advise him what to expect.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,



J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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August 7, 1937

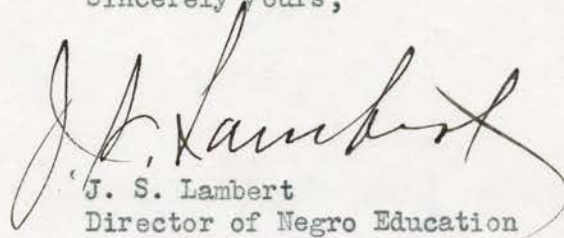
Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have your letter of August 5 and consider that it has been answered in my letter of even date to you relative to the situations in Macon and Lee counties.

Be assured that we shall do everything in our power to use the money at our command to the best advantage in the rehabilitation of Notasulga and Loachapoka and other schools in that vicinity.

Sincerely yours,


J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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August 9, 1937

Dear Mr. Smith: Will you please see if you
can get us a statement of ex-
penditures made from the \$450 allocation for the
salary of a school plant mechanic in the Tuskegee
Macon-Lee County demonstration in school plant re-
habilitation? The auditors will be here shortly after
Miss Elvidge returns, and I know she would like to
have such a statement on hand for them to see.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. S. L. Smith
502 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

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S. L. Smith
Director for Southern Office

Julius Rosenwald Fund

Southern Office
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

MRS (Rehab - Tuskegee)

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August 11, 1937

Dear Mrs. Merrill: Please issue check to the Alabama State Department of Education for \$200. additional money for rehabilitating the first two Rosenwald schools built near Tuskegee (\$100. each), and charge to the account of school plant rehabilitation. Mr. Lambert writes that they will need this at an early date for purchasing materials.

I wrote Miss Elvidge on June 16 that we would make a complete report on the Tuskegee-Macon-Lee County demonstration just as soon as they complete the program. We had a larger amount set up for these two counties but due to a change in the program we shall not call for any additional money, and the entire program will close as soon as the first two Rosenwald schools are rehabilitated.

Sincerely yours,

S. L. Smith

SLS:MT

Mrs. Alice Merrill
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

*P. S. It will probably
be some time
in October before
the program is
completed. S. L. S.*

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue

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To

Alabama State Department of Education

c/o Mr. S. L. Smith

502 Cotton States Building

Nashville, Tennessee

Payment Voucher No. 8377

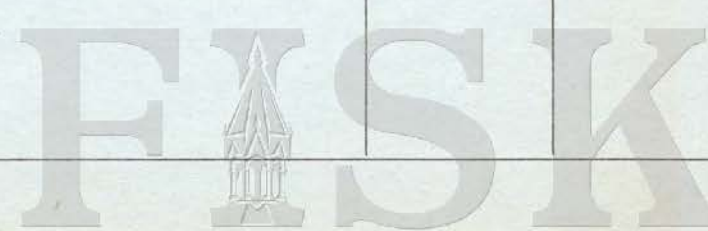
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Tuskegee - Negro
Lee Co.

Payment in full for the rehabilitation of the first two Rosenwald

Schools built near Tuskegee (\$100. each) - - - - - \$200.00

Ch. #8377

Accounts		Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
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School Rehabilitation		35-22B	\$200.00	
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Macon - Lee Co)*

August 16, 1937

Dear Superintendent Keller: You will find attached
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Check No. 8377, to the order of the Alabama State
Department of Education for \$200.00, to pay toward the
rehabilitation of the first two Rosenwald schools built
near Tuskegee (\$100.00 each for Loachapoka in Lee County
and Notasulga in Macon County).

Mr. Lambert will draw
requisition on you for this money as needed.

Sincerely yours,

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Supt. J. A. Keller
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

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Macon - Lee Co)*

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

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August 21, 1937.

Mr. S. L. Smith,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of August 16th with attached copy of your letter of even date to Supt. J. A. Keller concerning the check for \$200.00 for the rehabilitation of Notasulga and Loachapoka Rosenwald schools in Macon and Lee Counties.

Since we started out, as agreed, to handle the funds through Tuskegee Institute, I think it best to pursue that policy to the end.

The State Department of Education will be glad to make a complete accounting of the funds placed at its disposal when the projects will have been completed.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature of J. S. Lambert]
J. S. Lambert,
Director of Negro Education.

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October 7, 1937

Dear Mr. Smith: In January of 1937, we paid
\$450 toward the salary of a
mechanic in Tuskegee, Macon and Lee Counties in
Alabama. Have you been able to get any statements
from them showing payments made on this project dur-
ing the six months ending June 30, 1937?

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DE:AM

Mr. S. L. Smith
502 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

Southern Office
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

S. L. Smith
Director for Southern Office

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October 13, 1937

Dear Miss Elvidge: While in Chicago I spoke to you about the \$450 appropriation for the mechanic at Tuskegee for Macon and Lee Counties, Alabama. They plan to make a complete report on this together with the special grant sent for the first two Rosenwald schools as soon as the projects are completed. You will not be called upon for an additional allocation in these two counties, and the projects will end just as soon as the final report is made, probably the first of December.

Sincerely yours,

S. L. Smith

SLS:MT

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

November 10, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Let me thank you for your letter of November 8 in reference to the large framed pictures of Mr. Julius Rosenwald.

I hope I shall be able to get to Nashville to the celebration on the sixteenth but if not, Mr. E. G. McGehee will be there to represent our division of the Alabama State Department of Education and I shall thank you to have him bring back in his car the four or five pictures that you are so kind as to offer to furnish us without cost. We can use them to good advantage in the way of prizes for different activities among the schools of the state.

Should I not have the privilege of attending the dinner in your honor next Tuesday evening, I want you to know that I shall be with you in spirit and felicitate with you on this festive occasion and wish for you as you retire from active service as Southern Agent of Julius Rosenwald Fund all the good things that can come to you through the years.

(We have never yet been able to finish the work at Loachapoka, in Lee county, but I am still hoping that we can -- with the generous aid you have offered -- put the Loachapoka school in fairly good condition in memory of our great benefactor, Mr. Julius Rosenwald.

(Notasulga was completed sometime ago but the transaction has not yet been closed because Tuskegee Institute has never rendered us an exact accounting. I am writing Dr. Patterson to-day for a final statement regarding the expenses. As soon as it is received, we shall close that transaction, which will leave only the Loachapoka project to be completed

With all good wishes for you and your family,

Cordially,

J. S. Lambert
J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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January 28, 1938

Dear Mr. Lambert: In January, 1937, a check for \$450 was sent to the State Department of Education of Alabama for school rehabilitation work in (Loachapoka-
Macon and Lee Counties.) In August, another \$200 was paid toward the costs of rehabilitating the Loachapoka School in Lee County, and the Notasulga School in Macon County. May I have a brief summary of what has been accomplished in this program, including a financial statement of expenditures made to date?

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DE:AM

Mr. J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education
Montgomery, Alabama

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

January 31, 1938

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Tuskegee Macon +
Lee Co)

Miss Dorothy A. Eldridge
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Chicago, Illinois

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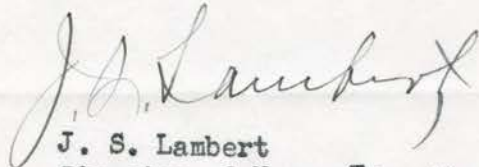
Dear Miss Eldridge:

In compliance with your request of January 28, we herewith hand you a statement showing the receipts and expenditures on account of the grants of Julius Rosenwald Fund for the rehabilitation of Notasulga and Loachapoka Rosenwald Schools in Macon and Lee Counties, respectively.

The direction of this rehabilitation program was placed in the hands of Tuskegee Institute by Mr. S. L. Smith of The Fund and is still in progress. As soon as the work of rehabilitating these schools is complete, we shall be glad to make you a final report on expenditures.

If there be any limit of time for the use of the \$650.00 involved, please let us know at an early date.

Yours very truly,



J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF GRANT FROM JULIUS ROSENWALD
FUND FOR SCHOOL REHABILITATION WORK IN MACON AND LEE COUNTIES

RECEIPTS:

Feb. 2, 1937 - Julius Rosenwald Fund check #17201
for Tuskegee-Macon-Lee Counties
demonstration in school plant re-
habilitation \$ 450.00

Aug. 13, 1937- Julius Rosenwald Fund check #8977
for rehabilitation of Notasulga
and Loachapoka Rosenwald Schools
in Macon and Lee Counties, re-
spectively 200.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 650.00

EXPENDITURES:

Feb. 3, 1937 - Check #467 to F. D. Patterson, Pres-
Tuskegee Institute for salary of
mechanic for the month of February,
1937 \$ 75.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

75.00

BALANCE ON HAND

\$ 575.00

January 31, 1938

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February 4, 1938

Dear Mr. Lambert:

Thank you for the state-
ment enclosed in your

letter of January 31 showing payments made to date
for the rehabilitation of the Notasulga and Loacha-
poka Rosenwald Schools in Macon and Lee Counties.

Any unexpended balance in
this fund on June 30, 1938, the end of our fiscal
year, will have to be refunded.

Very truly yours,

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DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

Mr. J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

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May 10, 1938

Dear Mr. Lambert: I am wondering what progress has been made since your last report on the rehabilitation of the Notasulga and Loachapoka Rosenwald Schools in Macon and Lee Counties. You will remember that any unexpended balance in this fund must be refunded on June 30 of this year.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DE:AM

Mr. J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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May 16, 1938

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Miss Dorothy A. Elvidge, Comptroller
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Elvidge:

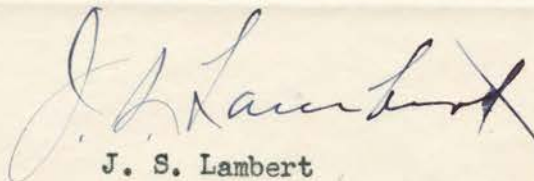
Referring to your letter of May 10, please pardon me for not having made final report on the rehabilitation of the two original Rosenwald aid schools involved in the grant. The Fund was so good as to make last year for such rehabilitation. In my judgment, the money was well spent.

Herewith I hand you a complete statement of receipts and disbursements on account of the Fund's grants for this specific purpose. I hope you will find the statement satisfactory.

I am pleased also to hand you snapshots of the two rehabilitated buildings. They look like new buildings -- the work was so well done by Tuskegee Institute.

The grounds around each building were nicely landscaped by Tuskegee Institute workers but the flowers and shrubbery were so recently planted at the time these pictures were made that they do not show up in the pictures as they will show up next year, after they get a good start.

Sincerely yours,



J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF GRANTS FROM JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND FOR SCHOOL REHABILITATION WORK IN MACON AND LEE COUNTIES

1937 - 1938

RECEIPTS:

Feb. 2, 1937 -- Julius Rosenwald Fund check #17201
for Tuskegee-Macon-Lee Counties
demonstration in school plant re-
habilitation \$ 450.00

Aug. 13, 1937 -- Julius Rosenwald Fund check #3977
for rehabilitation of Notasulga and
Loachapoka Rosenwald Schools in
Macon and Lee Counties, respective-
ly 200.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 650.00

EXPENDITURES:

Feb. 3, 1937 -- Check #467 to F. D. Patterson,
President of Tuskegee Institute
for salary of mechanic for the
month of February, 1937 \$ 75.00

Apr. 11, 1937 -- Checks #471 and 472 to Lloyd
Isaacs, Treasurer, Tuskegee In-
stitute, for rehabilitation of
Notasulga and Loachapoka Schools
in Macon and Lee Counties, Ala-
bama 575.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 650.00

May 16, 1938

APPROVED:

W. H. Collins
State Superintendent of Education

J. A. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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May 18, 1938

Dear Mr. Isaacs: Sometime within the next few
 weeks, I should appreciate
receiving a certified statement showing the expendi-
tures made by Tuskegee for the rehabilitation of
the Notasulga and Loachapoka Rosenwald schools in
Macon and Lee Counties. A total of \$650 has been
paid to you for this work by Mr. Lambert in the
State Department of Education.

I presume Mr. Lambert has told
you that any unexpended balance on June 30, 1938,
will have to be refunded.

Very truly yours,

DE:AM

Mr. Lloyd Isaacs, Treasurer
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

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June 13, 1938

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

Dear Miss Elvidge:

Enclosed you will find a certified statement of the expenditures in connection with the rehabilitation of the Notasulga and Loachapoka Rosenwald Schools.

The original plan for the completion of this work was to have the patrons of the schools contribute their labor free of charge. It did not prove practical to follow this plan because of the lack of skill among the patrons and also the lack of interest on the part of the patrons that were able to do the work. It was therefore necessary to pay for the greater part of the labor, thus creating a much larger expenditure than was originally anticipated. This excess expenditure has been absorbed by Tuskegee Institute as Mr. Lambert advised that there were no additional funds available for this work.

Very truly yours

Lloyd Isaacs
Lloyd Isaacs
Treasurer

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
EXPENDITURES MADE BY TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
FOR REHABILITATION OF THE
NOTASULGA AND LOACHAPOKA ROSENWALD SCHOOLS
AS OF MAY 31, 1938

Appropriation for Work \$650.00


Received as follows:

February 11, 1937	\$ 75.00
April 13, 1938	<u>575.00</u>

Expenditures as per statement furnished Mr. Lambert 772.26

Excess expenditures \$122.26

"I certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the expenditures made under the appropriation from the Julius Rosenwald Fund for the rehabilitation of the Notasulga and Loachapoka Rosenwald Schools."


Lloyd Isaacs, Treasurer

TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY