

Fellowship Committee

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Dear Doctor Johnson: Owen Dodson, who was awarded a fellowship grant of \$1650 to write a series of plays depicting the history of the American Negro, entered the Navy before being able to begin work on his project.

He has now received a medical discharge from the Navy and has applied for permission to use the grant. Although funds have not been reserved for Mr. Dodson, if the members of the Fellowship Committee approve, they could be restored from the unallocated funds in the fellowship budget. If this does not meet with committee approval, Mr. Dodson would be required to make a new application and come before the Committee in the usual way next spring.

Action on this case will, of course set a precedent for dealing with similar requests. There are four other fellows whose funds have not been held for them, since they entered the armed forces before they had started work on their projects.

In discussion with Doctor Alexander and Mr. Embree, it has been suggested that the Committee could well act on these cases immediately rather than at the spring meeting, when the project is the same as that voted upon in regular session.

There is adequate money in the unallocated funds of the fellowship budget to take care of these cases as they arise.



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Will you give me your opinion on what action should be taken in regard to Mr. Dodson's fellowship?

Sincerely yours,

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