

There is scarcely a more vital problem in the entire study of government than that of colonial administration and policy. At the present time it is estimated that 283,000,000 Christian whites directly or indirectly control, partially at least, the government and lives of 920,000,000 "backward peoples", whether Chinese, Indians, Polynesians, Persians, Arabs, Turks, Kurds or Negroes. (1) It can scarce be denied that many of the most serious problems in the world's history have arisen out of the contact of the white with the dark races through the medium of this political relationship.

Some people in seeking a solution to these problems can conceive of a sentiment of humanitarianism sufficiently strong to furnish the foundation for a single universal commonwealth. But little evidence of this sentiment is to be found in the world about us today. It is necessary then, for those who would see things better ordered, to face reality and attack the problem in a more practical way. I propose to make a comparative analysis of the administration of Dahomey and French Togoland, a West African protectorate and mandate, respectively. In making this study two beliefs of a more or less practical nature govern my approach, viz: (1) that racial consciousness and the sentiment of nationality will remain for a long time to come powerful factors in the politics of civilized states; (2) that European withdrawal from Africa is neither possible nor desirable within a long period of years to come; at present it could only result in hopeless chaos.

On these assumptions this project justifies itself, since any study which aims at the determination of the best possible system of colonial administration must be important not only to Africa, but also to the 283,000,000 Christian whites and the 920,000,000 "backward peoples" involved in this type of relationship.

Especially important to the Negro is a study of this nature. There are some 150,000,000 Negroes in the world, practically all of whom are governed by white powers. (2) The Negro, like the Jew, is practically without a real national home,

with the exceptions of Liberia, Haiti and Abyssinia. Destined then, to continue  
(1) Sir Harry Johnston, "The Backward Peoples and our Relation With Them", 1920, p. 10.  
(2) Buell, R. L., Int. Rel., 1929, p. 85.

his existence as a subject race under white powers, he must perforce interest himself in the methods of government and administration applied to him by these powers.

It seems to me deplorable that the American Negro has seen fit to ignore these questions of international portent, and ostrich-like, to bury his head entirely in the sands of relatively petty local problems. It is difficult to explain away the fact that Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell, a young American scholar and not a Negro, has written the best and most comprehensive work on the problem of colonial policy in Africa. Not so difficult is it to explain why our Negro colleges do not include broad courses in colonial administration and policy in their curricula. Should they attempt to do so there would be few Negroes competent to teach them. That is our situation at Howard, and the introduction of such courses here is one of the ends which impels me to undertake this difficult project. The African and West Indian, as well as many of the native American students in the department of Political Science here have expressed an interest in courses on this subject. Having made the study proposed I will feel much better qualified to do justice to this most difficult of all branches of the study of government.

Furthermore, the U. S. itself is not without its colonial problems. Almost without exception, the colonial policy of the U. S. is one affecting peoples of the darker races. This is true of our political relations with the Philippines, Hawaii, Porto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Panama Canal Zone, the Pacific Islands, and our recent assumption of guardianship over areas in the Carribean. Moreover, the U. S., like the European powers, since the war has cast about rather anxiously in an effort to discover the most satisfactory methods of controlling these extra-territorial peoples. The 19th century method of ruthless economic exploitation seems now to be thoroughly abandoned. It would appear that the worst features of European rule in Africa, for example, have been relegated to the past. This is chiefly due to two developments, viz: (1) The growth of a civilized conscience, beginning with the conception of European trusteeship in Africa in the Berlin Act of 1885, and furthered by the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations. Today extensive

and expensive improvements are being carried into the administrations of the colonies of most of the African Powers without proportionate increases in the revenues derived from them. (2) The increasing realization that much of Africa is unsuited permanently to white occupation and therefore its future depends upon the native and the manner of his treatment. The best type of administration now necessarily considers seriously the welfare of the native population also. The mandate system developing alongside the systems of protectorates, colonies and dependencies, has set up the mechanism of a true international trusteeship for certain of these "backward" areas. Which system deserves to survive? It is in an attempt to approach an answer to this question that I desire to make this study. Dr. Buell and Professor Holcombe believe that a significant contribution can be made by a critical comparison of Dahomey, one of the better administered French protectorates of West Africa, on the one hand, and French Togoland, a better administered mandate, on the other. The study is to be as objective and scientific as possible. Any other course would render it worthless.

The investigation proposed involves a comparison of these two areas in the following respects: governmental organization; administration of justice; governmental subsidy policy; educational administration; taxation systems; prestations; language policy; requisitions; land policy; military policy; tariff policy; public health policy; etc.

Dr. Buell has assured me that source materials in abundance are available and virgin. A reading knowledge of French is necessary, of course, but I have met that qualification in my language examinations at Harvard and in my research projects there. It is Prof. Holcombe's expressed desire that I work on this project under the close supervision of Dr. Rappard, a member of the Permanent Mandates Commission and Director of the Graduate School of International Study at Geneva, to whom he will refer me.

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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The Julius Rosenwald Fund is making a review of the Negro fellowships which it has granted during the past seven years. Since an appraisal of our activity thus far in this field will naturally have some effect on future policy, it is requested that all persons who have received fellowship grants from the Fund cooperate by filling in carefully the brief information asked for on the following blank and returning the information promptly to the Fund.

*Pol. Sci.*  
Name Ralph J. Bunche

Position at time grant was made Assistant Professor, Howard University

Specific purpose of the fellowship study Doctoral dissertation in Political Science

Subject studied under the fellowship (or special work accomplished) The title of the thesis: "French Administration in Togoland and Dahomey"

Institution at which fellowship study was carried on (or, if no specific institution was attended, state nature and place of the work carried out under the grant)

Harvard University; Paris, London, Geneva and West Africa (research)

Present position or occupation Associate Professor, Head of Dept. of Political Science, Howard University.

Your opinion of benefits received from the fellowship (Enabled me to make the trip abroad and thus complete the requirements for the Ph.D. at Harvard, which I now hold. The degree was awarded in February, 1934. (The dissertation was awarded the Toppan Prize of \$200 by Harvard University, for the "best essay or dissertation on a subject in Political Science.") Though in manuscript form, ready for publication, the thesis has never been published, due to lack of funds. (Harvard does not require publication of doctoral theses).

Other reports or comments may be written on the back of this sheet

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April 8, 1931.

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Mr. Edwin R. Embree,  
The Rosenwald Fund,  
Homans Street and Arlington Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Embree:

On the suggestion of Professor Arthur N. Holcombe of Harvard University and Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell, I am applying to the Julius Rosenwald Fund for a special fellowship grant for advanced study during the academic year 1931-32. The project for which this grant is solicited has met with hearty approval from Professor Holcombe, Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell, Dr. John F. Sly of the University of West Virginia, and Dr. M. W. Johnson.

It is my desire to make a comparative analysis of the administration of Dahomey and French Togoland. I have determined upon this subject as the vehicle for my doctoral dissertation at Harvard University. It is my belief that experiments in colonial administration are still vital to the entire world; certainly they have contributed much to the solution of problems in political theory.

I have justified the project to myself on my sincere belief that European withdrawal from Africa is neither possible nor desirable within a long period of years to come - it could only result in chaos and anarchy. Hence the study of the best possible system of administration is important not only to Africa, but to the world at large which will share in the fair and proper use of Africa's vast resources.

I feel that a significant contribution can be made to this problem by a comparison of Dahomey, one of the better administered French protectorates of West Africa, on the one hand, and French Togoland, a better administered mandate, on the other. I propose to make the study as objective and scientific as humanly possible, for only in this sense will the results be of value.

This proposed investigation would embrace roughly, comparisons of these two areas in respect to the following: governmental organization; administration of justice; governmental subsidy policy; educational administration; taxation systems; prestations; language policy; requisitions; land policy; military policy; tariff policy; public health, etc.

I am at present assistant professor and acting head of the department of Political Science of Howard University. I received my A. B. de-

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gree, with highest honors and as class valedictorian, from the University of California at Los Angeles in June, 1927; the A. M. from Harvard in June, 1928; and during the academic year 1929-30, completed all requirements for the Ph.D. at Harvard, including the general examinations, except the dissertation. At Harvard I was awarded the Ozias Goodwin Memorial Fellowship for the year 1929-30.

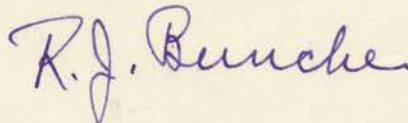
I wish to pursue this project during the academic year 1931-32 and have been assured of a leave of absence for that purpose, providing I can obtain the necessary financial support. In regard to my academic fitness, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, President, and Dean E. P. Davis of the College of Liberal Arts of Howard University have given me sanction to submit their names for recommendation.

With the aid of Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell and Dr. Alain Locke I have compiled the following rough estimate of expenses necessary for the study which will entail visits to Dahomey, French Togoland, Geneva and Paris. I also enclose a communication from Dr. Buell in respect to his view of the amount necessary.

Transportation expenses . . . . .	\$ 650.00
Living expenses per day for nine (9) months: (four months in Africa; three in Geneva; two in Paris) - @ \$5.00 per day . . . . .	1350.00
	<u>\$2000.00</u>

I therefore make application for this amount, and will submit any further information or recommendations on request.

Sincerely yours,



R. J. Bunche.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

Cambridge, Massachusetts

February 17, 1931

Professor Ralph J. Bunche  
Department of Political Science  
Howard University  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bunche:

. . . The problem of finance will exist, I suppose, in either case. On September 15th last, I wrote to you inclosing a copy of a letter I had just received from Mr. Edwin R. Embree, the president of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. You will recollect that he expressed interest in the proposed Brazilian investigation and I have no doubt that he would also be interested in an investigation of Dahomey and French Togoland if you should prefer that. I want to recall particularly to your attention his remark that "The interracial conditions in Brazil are so different from those in this country that I wonder if much can be carried over from the experience in one country to that in the other. As I understand it, there is practically no racial discrimination as among the three bloods that comprise the population: Indian, Negro and Latin. Might there also be some danger that an American student would really be led astray by the position of Negroes in public affairs in Brazil? Indiscreet utterances and reports on the basis of Brazilian experience might really do harm in this country . . ."

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR N. HOLCOMBE

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*Bunche - Ralph*

My dear Mr. Embree:

I wish to inform you of the very pleasant meeting which I had last week with Professor Faris of the University of Chicago. I looked Professor Faris up at the Willard Hotel and we had quite a long and enjoyable conversation. We discussed our mutual projects and interests in African study and came to the conclusion that in certain definite respects we could find much in common. I found Professor Faris to be a stimulating character and I feel that I have benefitted a great deal through my meeting with him, for which I owe you all credit. I had little to offer him, but I felt gratified that one with his wide experience would be willing to discuss seriously his project with me, and patiently listen to me outline mine.

We came to certain tentative decisions. He does not anticipate reaching Africa before the fall, before which time he plans to be in Europe for a short while. Since it will be necessary for me to spend some time at the Mandates Office in Geneva and at the Colonial Office in Paris, ( at which places I expect to receive much help from Dr. William Rappard, of the Mandates Commission, and Dr. Le Neveu, Director of the French Colonial Union, respectively), Professor Faris



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and I have thought it possible that we might leave Brussels for Africa together. How closely we will be able to stick together in Africa is yet undetermined. He seems particularly interested in the Belgian Congo and shares my doubt that I would have much to gain in expanding my study to include that region. I plan to go directly to Dahomey and French Togoland.

I have no doubt that Professor Faris, through his long experience in Africa, will be of great help to me over there. I do not see that I can offer him much in return, except possibly through the impressions of one who observes conditions there with new eyes.

Professor Faris and I have agreed to keep in constant communication with each other and expect to be able to meet again some time within the next few months in order to lay our plans more definitely.

May I again express to you my deep gratitude for your kindly interest in making this splendid opportunity available to me.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ralph J. Bunche*  
Ralph J. Bunche

Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President  
The Julius Rosenwald Fund  
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Chicago, Illinois

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April 9, 1931

Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
The Rosenwald Fund  
Homans Street and Arlington Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Embree:

On September 3rd last, I wrote you concerning the plans of Mr. Ralph J. Bunche, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Howard University. Mr. Bunche is also a candidate for the doctor's degree at Harvard and has completed all the requirements except the writing of his thesis. He wishes to select a subject relating to the political experience of negroes, the study of which will not only be suitable for the doctor's degree but also will help to qualify him for his life work, the study of the political status of the negro particularly in America. After some hesitation between the negro in Brazil and the negro in Africa, Mr. Bunche has chosen the latter and now wishes to visit Dahomey and French Togoland and also Paris and Geneva in order to make a comparative study of French colonial administration of the ordinary type and administration under the supervision of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations. Mr. Bunche has conferred with my former colleague, Raymond L. Buell, and others before coming to his decision, and we are all confident that he has chosen wisely. We also have complete confidence in his ability to carry out his plan in an intelligent and efficient manner.

I understand that he has applied for a grant in aid from the Rosenwald Fund. In deciding to do so, he was partly influenced by your

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reply of September 11th to my letter of September 3rd, and I think he was very considerably influenced by your comments upon the choice of subject to decide upon the African study rather than the Brazilian. I explained to him that your expression of interest in his work and offer of advice would not commit you in any way to the support of his enterprise, but I did venture to say to him that I believed your interest was of such a character to warrant him in applying for financial assistance. I was careful to point out, however, that the demands upon you were so numerous and extensive that he must not be disappointed if you were unable to help him. We all hope, however, that you will be able to give him help because of our conviction that he is a man of very exceptional character and ability. We believe that he gives promise of becoming one of the outstanding leaders of his race and that the experience of making such a study as he proposes at this time will be of great benefit to him throughout his life.

Sincerely yours,

*Arthur N. Holcombe*

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Bunches - Ralph

Dear Mr. Arthur:

I wish to thank you for your kind and helpful letter of May 14. In view of the fact that the date of my departure is June 15 and I am already incurring many expenditures connected therewith, I should be very happy if I could receive the first check for eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) on my scholarship award as early as possible, and at the latest by June 1. I would prefer to have this initial check addressed to me at Howard University. I cannot say as yet just where the remaining installments are to be mailed and I rather imagine that I could best arrange that after arriving abroad. I will, therefore, get early word to you on this matter. In accordance with your suggestion that the remainder of the money be paid in quarterly installments I am proposing that the first three of these quarterly installments be in the amount of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) each, to be forwarded to me, at the address which I shall designate, on August 1, October 1 and December 1 respectively. The final installment would thus be for one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars, and would be payable on February 1. I trust this arrangement will prove acceptable to you. I will be very happy to receive the general letter of introduction

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which Mr. Embree is to write for me and which I feel will serve all necessary purposes. I have had it emphasized to me from many sources that it will be very essential to impress upon the colonial officials the purely scholarly nature of my mission and the fact that I am in no sense interested in journalism or propaganda. Professor Holcombe of Harvard has given me such a letter and also Dr. Buell is helping me get a letter of introduction to Ambassador Edge through the State Department.

I am in the process of taking various inoculations and will continue to be doing so almost up to the date of sailing. I feel, however, that it is best to get all such matters over before getting on the field as I do not wish to be hindered in my work.

I have received this week a letter from Professor Faris and have answered it with the hope that we will be able to make contact on the continent before either of us goes to the colonies. I am eagerly awaiting his reply.

May I again express to you and to Mr. Embree my deep appreciation for your helpful interest in my project.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ralph J. Bunche

Mr. George R. Arthur  
Chicago, Illinois

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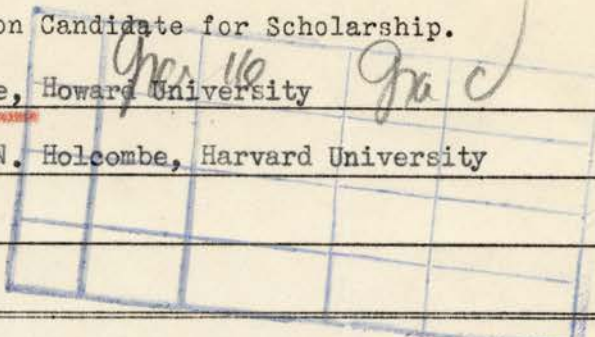
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Chicago, Illinois.

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Scholarship.

Name of Candidate Mr. Ralph J. Bunche, Howard University

Report Requested of Professor Arthur N. Holcombe, Harvard University



The above-named candidate has applied to this foundation for a scholarship to enable him to secure further training in Political Science, and has given your name as a reference.

We should appreciate a frank statement of your opinion of this candidate's abilities and personal characteristics. In what way and when have you known the candidate and his work?

Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

*George R. Arthur*  
Associate for Negro Welfare

REPORT:

Mr. Bunche has been a graduate student in Political Science at Harvard University for the last four years. Two of these years he has spent in residence at Harvard, and two years he has been pursuing researches under our direction while teaching at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Bunche is a student of first class ability. He is much the best student of his race we have ever had and ranks easily among the best, regardless of race. In fact, I suppose that from an ethnological standpoint, Mr. Bunche would be classified as more white than negro, though under the census classification, he rates as a mulatto without further discrimination.

On the strength of his first year's work here, we gave him our best graduate fellowship and he proved thoroughly worthy of our confidence. He is not only a man of fine intellect but also one with straightforward manly manner and strong character. We helped to secure for him his present position as head of the Department of Political Science at Howard University, believing him capable of becoming one of the educational leaders of his race. We earnestly hope that it will be possible for him to receive the financial support he needs in order to complete his proposed program of research.

Sincerely yours,  
*Arthur N. Holcombe*  
Arthur N. Holcombe

May 14, 1931

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July 1, 1931

My dear Mr. Bunche: I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Committee on Fellowships of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, you were awarded a grant of \$2,000 to study political science during the year 1931-1932.

The award is made subject to approval of your proposed course of study by the Officers of this Fund and your acceptance for the course with proper credits by the university in which you propose to enroll.

It is our understanding that you plan to study political science at Harvard University. We suggest that you make application promptly for enrollment and obtain the assurance of the authorities of the university that on the basis of your present credits, you will be eligible for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the end of one year of study.

Further correspondence concerning your work, the procedure in payments on the fellowship, and other details should be carried on with Mr. George R. Arthur of this office.

The Trustees and Officers of the Fund take much satisfaction in being able to cooperate with you in your plans for further study.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mr. Ralph J. Bunche  
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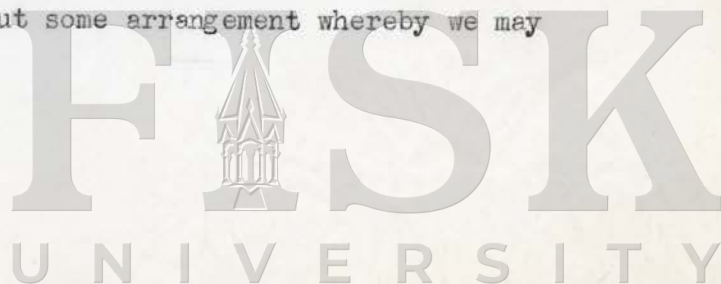
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Dear Mr. Embree:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your encouraging letter of December 4 and to thank you for the splendid opportunity which you have afforded me of making contact with Professor Ellsworth Faris of the Department of Sociology of the University of Chicago. I do not know Mr. Faris personally, but I have heard of him, and I am delighted to learn that he has a common interest with me in African study, and that he is willing to talk over plans with me concerning our contemplated projects. I will be in Washington during the entire period of the Christmas holiday as I plan to attend the sessions of the American Political Science Association which will meet simultaneously with the sessions of the Sociological Congress. I will, therefore, look forward eagerly to this meeting with Professor Faris, as I feel that there will be much that I can gain from one who has a long continued interest in Africa and who, himself, contemplates a trip there in the near future.

The possibility of making the journey in company with another whose interests are similar is one which has great appeal to me and which would, undoubtedly, be of great benefit. I hope that it will be possible for us to work out some arrangement whereby we may derive mutual advantage.



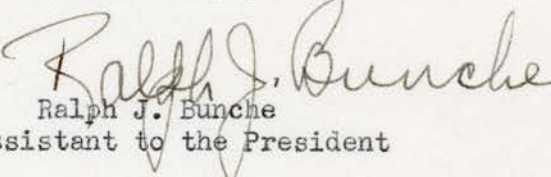
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On the basis of your thoughtful letter I am taking the liberty of writing to Professor Faris concerning the matter and will inform you of any new developments pertaining thereto.

May I again express my appreciation to you for your earnest interest in my behalf. If I do not presume too much, I should also like to compliment you upon your recent book - "Brown America", which I have read enthusiastically and which I consider to be the most calmly rational and well-poised treatment of this interesting problem yet made.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Ralph J. Bunche  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
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them over the period of the study. I will have exact figures for the initial voyage available within the next fortnight. I am not familiar with your general policy in respect to making payments and so would welcome your views on the matter.

I trust that the opportunity will present itself for me to have another talk with you, if ever so brief, before time for me to embark. I have recently had the opportunity of talking to Dr. Buell and he is very happy to know that I am going through with the study as originally planned. He is giving me some very helpful letters. I wish to remind you that in our last discussion at Dean Miller's home you promised me an official letter from the Foundation which would set forth the strictly scholarly character of my mission and announce its sponsorship by the Rosenwald Foundation. This letter I am to carry with me, of course, as a form of protection in the colonies against any undue suspicion which might arise. Any personal letters which you might obtain for me and which you think would be helpful will be deeply appreciated. I am anxious to make use of every possible opportunity which will have any bearing upon the success of my project.

We are much encouraged over the situation here although the Congress continues to play "hide and seek" with our 1932-33 appropriation. We are hoping for the best though expecting the worst.

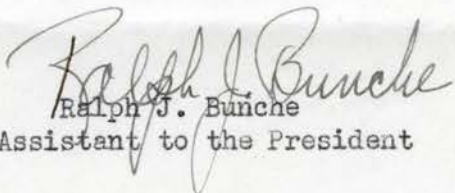


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I need not tell you again, I presume, of my deep gratitude to you personally for your unflagging interest and helpfulness.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Ralph J. Bunche  
Assistant to the President

Mr. George R. Arthur  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
900 South Homan Avenue  
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March 30, 1932

My dear Mr. Bunche: In answer to your letter of March twenty-fourth, with regard to the manner of making payments of your award and the distribution of them over the period of study, it would be best, I think, for you to estimate as closely as possible the amount of money you will need for the first payment as well as the subsequent ones. In order to do this a rather close estimate should be made on the outlay for transportation, etc. and the amount needed to enable you to live in Europe until the time the second payment is due. For a trip such as yours it would be rather difficult to prepare a budget covering the number of months you expect to be away. Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University would no doubt be of considerable service to you in the matter of advice along the lines of budget making under such extraordinary conditions. I might add, however, that we have found it advisable to tell persons traveling in foreign countries on fellowships to leave almost as much money for the last month and the return trip as they would for the first month.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE R. ARTHUR

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Washington, D. C.

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May 14, 1932

My dear Mr. Bunche: In answer to your letter of May fourth, if you will give me the date you expect a check for \$800 as the first payment of your award from the Julius Rosenwald Fund, I shall be pleased to have our Comptroller forward your check to reach you at that time. It has been our experience that it will be better to pay the remainder of the money in quarterly instalments. If you will give us the amount you will need each quarter, after receiving the initial payment, and the address to which we shall forward the money, the Comptroller will take careful pains to have you receive it at the proper time.

Mr. Embree will write a general letter of introduction which you may use whenever desirable. It might also be handy as a matter of protection. It is his intention to combine the letter of introduction with the letter stating the particular scholarship purpose of your study. If this does not suit your purpose fully, please advise us at once. I am quite sure that some one in the Department of Interior at Washington will be able to do more for you in getting in touch with Ambassador Edge than we could here.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE R. ARTHUR

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Mr. Ralphe J. Bunche  
Howard University  
Washington, D. C.

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# FELLOWSHIPS

W. C. Haygood

Edwin R. Embree

May 21, 1941

It has come to my attention that Professor Ralph Bunche of Howard University feels that he was kept from visiting and studying in Brazil some ten years ago because I or someone at the Fund thought a United States Negro might get "dangerous ideas" in Brazil. I am surprised and distressed that Professor Bunche should have such an idea. There is a complete misunderstanding some place. Far from objecting to studies in Brazil, I have long thought that that was one of the most important countries for Americans, both white and colored, to study the handling of race relations. As "overt evidence" that my attitude has been shared by the whole Fund for many years, it is interesting to note that only a few months after making a fellowship grant (in July, 1931) to Professor Bunche, a fellowship was awarded, in February, 1932, to Wallace A. Battle, then an executive officer of the Episcopal Church Board of Education, specifically for studies in Brazil which in due course he carried out. Of course, in more recent years we have awarded fellowships to both white and Negro candidates for studies either in South America generally or in Brazil specifically. At the present moment Lorenzo Turner of Fisk is completing his linguistic studies in Brazil.

I do not know how these rumors of "foundation attitudes" get around. I know that they do, and I want to correct them so far as this Fund is concerned, and especially in the case of a man like Professor Bunche for whom we all have so much admiration.

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Bunche,

Ralph

Dec. 19, 1934  
Accra, Gold Coast

PAR L'AEROPOSTALE

Dear Mr. Arthur,

Since writing you last, which I believe was from Dahomey, I have visited Lagos, Nigeria (where I found both King's College and the new African hospital quite impressive) and have just arrived in this thriving Gold Coast center. I will of course, find chief interest in Achimota and Korle Bu, the well-known native hospital. The climate here appears to be the most salubrious I any I've yet experienced on my trip.

Outside of a bit of fatigue I am quite well and have gotten through the most difficult part of my trip - the journeys into the bush country of Togo & Dahomey - in good shape.

I plan no interior trip on the Gold Coast, though I will visit Takoradi, the new industrial & shipping center, and possibly Cape Coast.

From here I will go on to Grand Bassam on the Côte d'Ivoire; Freetown, Sierra Leone; Conakry, French Guinée; Dakar, Senegal; Casablanca and hence to Algiers by rail and autobus; eventually crossing the Mediterranean to Marseilles.

I am anxious to visit Liberia, but there is boat service only once a month and at present it seems that if I were to reach Monrovia I'd probably have to remain there about 3 or 4 weeks until the next steamer — which I can't afford to do on the basis of my existing budget, which, needless to say, is sufficiently strained. So I

may have to pass by Monrovia  
this trip. It isn't included in  
the scope of my study, though it  
would be interesting for comparative  
purposes.

The possibilities for scientific  
research in all fields in this continent  
are amazing — the field is wide  
open for the work of anthropologists,  
sociologists, economists, medical +  
legal researches of every kind. The  
greatest difficulty of the scholar with  
a particular task is the ever-present  
temptation to wander afield. That  
temptation for me was particularly great  
in respect to the interesting fetishist  
societies + practices in Dahomey.  
At Ahomey I found myself in the heart  
of the fetishists + had some interesting  
experiences.

I will write again from further  
up the coast. Very Sincerely  
Ralph B. Beardslee

# FELLOWSHIPS

July 3, 1941

Dr. Lewis Hanke, Director  
The Hispanic Foundation,  
The Library of Congress,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Hanke:

On my return to the office I find your letter of June 18th with enclosures from Mr. Haygood and Mr. Embree. I wish to thank you for your sympathetic interest in this unfortunate affair. My chance and innocent remark to Mr. Ramos had undreamed of repercussions. At any rate I am glad that through your good offices this ghost is finally laid.

The truth of the matter is, however, that I am now somewhat embarrassed with respect to the plans I had in mind. I have a very full writing schedule ahead of me for the next few months. Upon the completion of the revision of my manuscripts for the Carnegie-Myrdal Study and writing up of my African notes, I had planned to apply to the Rosenwald or some other foundation for a grant which would make possible a trip of several months to Brazil and other Latin American countries, where I would devote myself particularly to the political status of the non-white elements in their population. I have a wealth of data on this subject for most other important areas of the world as a result of previous field trips in Africa and the Orient. I hope some day to be able to continue the collection of data with a view toward publishing a broad comparative analysis.

*Robert Martin*

You will readily understand, of course, that I would not relish the feeling of attempting to trade on an incident of this nature in my efforts to obtain funds necessary to the completion of my research. I hold Mr. Embree in the highest regard and I am fully aware of the great good the Rosenwald Fund is doing in behalf of Negro education. One of my own former majors has just had his grant renewed in order that he may continue his work toward the doctorate in Political Science at the University of Chicago. In fact, though I did not get to Brazil, the Rosenwald Fund provided a grant, in 1931, which made possible the collection of material for my doctoral dissertation. This grant took me to France, England and West Africa, and the resulting comparative analysis of the administration of the French mandate Togoland and the French Colony Dahomey, not only qualified me for the Ph.D. at Harvard but won the Toppan Prize of \$200, in 1934, for the best essay in the field of Government. So I have no quarrel either with Mr. Embree or the Rosenwald Fund.

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In view of these considerations, I am wondering whether, despite the fact that I would like to think of the possibility of spending at least a few months in South America next year, it would be wise for me to make an application to the Rosenwald Fund at this time, as you suggest. I would appreciate your reaction to the doubts I here express.

In order that the record may be entirely clear I am taking the liberty of sending copies of this letter to Messrs. Embree and Haygood.

May I again thank you for your kindly interest in this matter. I hope to have a real good chat with you some time on numerous other matters close to my heart, especially with regard to the promotion of the good neighbor and inter-cultural relationship policies. It seems to me that our government is not putting forth nearly as much effort as it might toward educating even the Negro of the United States on the vital issues involved in the current grave crisis and the stakes he has in it. A great deal more could be done toward improving the morale of this important minority group. The Negro has been misled and duped by many groups, the Communist especially, and in the large remains terribly confused. A little organized effort could quickly dissipate this confusion.

In accordance with your request I am returning the communications from Mr. Haygood and Mr. Embree.

Sincerely yours,

Encs.

Ralph J. Bunche

July 9, 1941

Dear Mr. Bunche: Thank you for sending me the copy of your letter to Doctor Hanke. I still do not understand how I could have said the things I appear to have said. I have long been interested in the racial situation in Brazil and have thought it had very interesting suggestions as a strikingly different method of handling race relations. However, the question of comments of ten years ago are probably less important than actions in the future. As you know, several of the Fund's Fellows, both white and Negro, have been in Brazil recently. I hope this stream may continue.

If you care to do so, I suggest that you formally apply for a Fund fellowship in next year's application lists. I can assure you that the recent correspondence with Doctor Hanke will in no way affect your application one way or the other. The Fellowship Committee is a completely autonomous body so far as the selection of Fellows is concerned. You will readily recognize that a group including such tough personalities as Henry Allen Moe, to name but one, will not be swayed by anything except their honest judgment as to the most fruitful use of fellowship funds.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:MLU

Mr. Ralph J. Bunche  
Department of Political Science  
Howard University  
Washington, D. C.

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APPROPRIATION

Bunche Ralph

April 29, 1943

Dear Dr. Bunche: I take pleasure in informing you that the Fellowship Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund has made a grant of \$5,000 to enable you to make a study and report of Colonial Administration in cooperation with the Institute of Pacific Relations. The Committee has also pledged a renewal of this grant, of the same amount, for a second year if conditions at the end of the first year are substantially as they are at present.

We stand ready to make payments on this grant as soon as your arrangements with the Institute of Pacific Relations are satisfactorily completed. Our understanding is that you will give your full time and energies to this work for the period designated and that the Institute will cooperate in various ways by furnishing facilities, additional funds and general guidance. Our custom is to pay fellowship grants in twelve monthly installments beginning with the time the Fellow starts his work. Unless you have some other suggestion, we shall expect to follow this plan in your case.

We had discussed the possibility of making our payments directly to the Institute of Pacific Relations. I find, however, that these grants are regularly paid to the beneficiary and that it would be against our policy to make any other arrangement.

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Dr. Bunche

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April 29, 1943

We all feel it an honor to be associated with your work which would be a contribution to the important series of studies for the Institute of Pacific Relations.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:SO

cc Mr. H. C. Carter

Dr. Ralph Bunche  
Department of Political Science  
Howard University  
Washington, D. C.

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# FELLOWSHIPS

May 12, 1943

Dear Bunche: <sup>k</sup> Hersecovits mentioned the other day the report that your division is offering you so important a post that you may feel that you almost have to take it.

In the absence of definite facts, I have no judgment as to the various calls now coming to you. It may be that your duty is to stay on in Washington. In many ways, that would simplify the planning for the African Conference since in connection with that administrative work I should think you might probably take major responsibility as Secretary of the Organizing Committee.

At any rate, I do not want you to feel under any pressure to accept the fellowship that we have offered. I do think that you have a contribution to make in a definitive report on colonization in the Far East and for the sake of your own career, I should like to see such a scholarly publication behind you. However, you must decide between the various calls that are pressing upon you. However difficult the decision, it must be a great satisfaction to be called by so many important tasks.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:SO

Dr. Ralph Bunche  
Howard University  
Washington, D. C.

*African Conference*

# FELLOWSHIPS

October 25, 1943

Dear Bunche: My heartiest congratulations on the arrival of Ralph, Junior.

I know how proud you must be, and it is a great comfort to know that a second Ralph Bunche is added to the all too meager human resources of America.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:SO

Mr. (Ralph J.) Bunche  
1510 Jackson Street, N. E.  
Washington, D. C.

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# FELLOWSHIPS

March 1, 1944

Dear Ralph: Before I start on my usual harassing question, I want to congratulate you on your new position in the Department of State. All of us are pleased, and anxious to know more about it, if you aren't too involved in military secrets! I think you are a fine addition to the Department.

Now--in your new post do you see any possibility of using your Fellowship grant in the foreseeable future? I certainly hope that you will be able to do the study of Colonial Administration. However, if it should not be practicable because of your commitments to the government, I should appreciate a note from you releasing the grant in order that the money may be added to the funds available to candidates for awards this year.

It was grand having you with us at Cafe Society. Didn't you say then that you might be out this way sometime this year?

Please give my regards to Mrs. Bunche. I hope that the family are all blooming.

Sincerely yours,

VANDI V. HAYGOOD

Mrs. William C. Haygood  
Acting-Director for Fellowships

VH:AW

Dr. Ralph Bunche  
1510 Jackson St. N. E.  
Washington, D. C.

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Bunche, RJ

Dear Haygood:

Last Friday night at Howard  
I saw Bunche and enquired  
into the matter referred to by  
Ramos. About 1930 while  
Bunche was studying at Harvard  
with Prof. Holcombe, the  
question arose whether Bunche  
should pursue further researches  
in Africa or Brazil. Holcombe  
wrote to Embree and later  
Holcombe informed Bunche  
that Brazil was out  
because Embree — or someone  
else on the Rosenwald



Bourne thought a U.S.

Regio might get "dangerous"  
ideas" in Brazil. So Bourne  
went to Africa.

Thus Bourne did not  
get a direct refusal from  
the Rosenwald Fund but

something approximating this.

He is still keenly interested  
in going to Brazil.

I will hold up  
my letter to Ramon

until you shed some  
light on this mystery!

Sincerely,  
Lewis Hanks



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REFERENCE:

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Dear Embree:

I am returning herewith the statement which was enclosed in yours of 3 May. I have made one or two minor corrections. Otherwise it is satisfactory.

When one begins to think about it, it becomes clear that it will seem very strange not to have the Rosenwald Fund in operation any more. It has played such a vital and continuous role in the race relations field over the years that most of us, I guess, just took it for granted that the Fund--and Edwin Embree--would always be with us.

Even though the Fund will be gone, I do hope we are not losing you too. Surely you will retain your active interest and continue your exceedingly effective work in the field? I certainly hope so.

I would very much like to be on hand for the testimonial meeting, but I doubt very much that I can get away from Lake Success at the time.

Sincerely,

*Bunche*

Ralph J. Bunche, Director  
Department of Trusteeship and Information  
from Non-Self-Governing Territories

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

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May 13, 1948

Dear Bunche: Thank you for sending back the brief statement that we are including in our report of fellowships. While we are a bit wistful over the passing of the Rosenwald Fund, I am more convinced than ever that it is a fine thing for foundations and similar social agencies to live vigorously and close their work before there is any danger of going stale.

Since you ask about my future plans, I am enclosing a "Family Journal" that I sent back from Liberia that will give you the whole story.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Director  
Department of Trusteeship and Information  
from Non-Self-Governing Territories  
United Nations  
Lake Success, New York

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

*Mr. Embree*  
I do not know Mr. Bunche - I should like to see such a study made. GBA  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

*Interesting  
What do you say?  
Do you know Bunche?*

SCHOLARSHIP

September 3, 1930

Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President  
The Rosenwald Foundation  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Embree:

I am writing to you because of the interest the Rosenwald Foundation under your direction has taken in research into problems of negro life. We have among our candidates for the doctor's degree at Harvard a young negro, Mr. Ralph J. Bunche, who has completed all the requirements for the degree except the writing of his thesis. He has been appointed Professor of Political Science at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and has already served one year in that position. He is a young man of very great promise and, as might be expected, is especially interested in the political status of the negro, particularly in America. He intends to make a life work of the study of the negro in politics and with a view to preparing him for this, I have suggested to him as a subject for his doctor's thesis a comparative study of the negro in Brazilian politics. It seems to me that the government and politics of Brazil afford an interesting comparison with those of our own country and that such a study will be of special value to one interested in the negro in politics because of the special position of the negro in Brazilian politics and the importance of the negro race in that country. I believe that Mr. Bunche would be much better fitted for his intended life work if he were able to make a study of that kind at this time, but I recognize that such a study is beyond his means or those of Howard University, and unless he can obtain financial support from one of the foundations interested in research of the social sciences, he would not be



Mr. Edwin R. Embree

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September 3, 1930

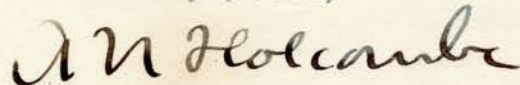
justified in undertaking such a study. I am turning to you first, therefore, because of your interest in that field of research.

I suppose that if Mr. Bunche were to attempt this study he ought to be able to count upon the means of spending six months and possibly a year in Brazil, especially in the states with large negro populations. He is, in our judgment, thoroughly competent for such an undertaking. He passed his general examinations for the doctorate with high honors and has made an excellent record in all his work here. He reads Spanish readily as well as French and German, and could easily work up a knowledge of Portuguese sufficient for his purpose.

I learned from Dr. Johnson, the President of Howard University, that he believes a study of the Brazilian political system with special emphasis on the position of the negro would be very interesting and helpful, and I should be glad to refer you to Dr. Johnson for further information concerning the character and attainments of Mr. Bunche.

If financial support is not available for such a study, there are, of course, plenty of suitable subjects for doctoral dissertations which could be prepared by Mr. Bunche at Washington, but I felt that I ought to bring to your attention this unusual opportunity for a promising study of a significant aspect of the negro problem in America.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur N. Holcombe

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APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP - SCHOLARSHIP

TO

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

900 South Homan Avenue

Date May 5, 1931

Name in full Ralph Johnson Bunche

Present Address 1122 Columbia Road, N.W. Washington, D.C.  
Number Street City State

Home Address (Same)  
(Permanent) Number Street City State

Place of birth Detroit, Michigan Date of birth Aug. 7, 1903 Age 27

Father's name Fred Bunche Address (deceased) Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Social Status Married Date of marriage June, 1930  
Single Married or divorced

Wife-husband's name Mrs. Ruth Harris Bunche Age 24  
Customary legal signature

Address 1122 Columbia Road, N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Number Street City State

Number of children None Age and sex \_\_\_\_\_

Physical condition of family \_\_\_\_\_

Are the above dependent? \_\_\_\_\_

Health of Applicant

Weight 175 Height 5' 9" Previous illnesses mastoid operation (1922)  
feet inches details of type and date

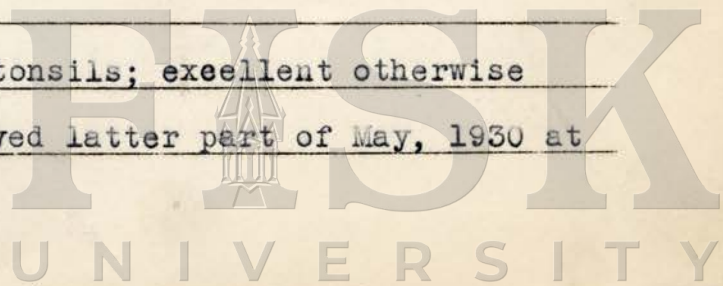
Illnesses during past twelve months none

Physical impairment - degree and how long existing none

Most recent complete physical examination - when and by whom May, 1930, by  
Dr. Finlay of Harvard University.

Physician's recommendations removal of tonsils; excellent otherwise

Have these been acted upon? Tonsils removed latter part of May, 1930 at  
Stillman Infirmary, Harvard.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Name of Institution	Address	Attendance From To	Diploma or Degree awarded and date
<u>GENERAL</u>			
Elementary	Fourth Ward,	Albuquerque, N.Mex.;	Thirtieth Intermediate School, Los Angeles, Calif. (diploma)
High School	Jefferson High School,	Los Angeles;	1918-22; diploma.
Normal School			
College	University of California,	Los Angeles;	1923-27; A.B. (highest honors), June, 1927.

PROFESSIONAL

Nurses' Training			
Medical School			
University or Post graduate)	Harvard;	Cambridge, Mass.;	1927-8; 1929-30; A.M., June, 1928.

Note--(Medical graduates will please list internships, residence service or other hospital or professional experience under Positions Held.)

POSITIONS HELD - EXPERIENCE

Name of Institution	Address	Position	Under di- rection of	Date-- From- To-	Annual Salary
University of California,	Los Angeles;	Assistant in Department of Political Science;	(to Dr. John F. Sly, now at University of W. Va.)	1925-7;	per diem salary basis.
Howard University,	Washington, D.C.;	Asst. Prof.;		1928-1931;	\$2200 (Acting Head, Department of Political Science)

What is your present position? Asst. Prof., Acting Head, Dept. of Pol.Sci./

How long have you held it? Three years Present salary \$2200

Do you seek further training for this position? yes Why? To expand the scope of courses offered and to offer graduate work.

Do you wish training for another position? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what and why? \_\_\_\_\_

What course of study do you wish to take for this purpose? \_\_\_\_\_

What degree are you working for? Doctor of Philosophy

What institution offers the best opportunity for this study? Harvard, at which institution I am now a candidate having fulfilled all requirements except the thesis.

If special medical study, under whose supervision? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you assurance this individual or institution will admit you as a student? yes

When does it begin? \_\_\_\_\_ When will it end? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you positive assurance of a position after completion of further study? yes

If so, what is the position? I will be on leave of absence from my present one.

By whom is assurance given? Dean Davis and President Johnson.

What financial assistance can you depend upon from present employer, school, organization or family? none

If you are a student and employed outside of school, how many hours per day do you work? \_\_\_\_\_ What are they? \_\_\_\_\_

Where employed? \_\_\_\_\_

How much do you earn? \_\_\_\_\_

Will this continue and how long? \_\_\_\_\_



Itemize the expenses for your period of study.

Beginning September, 1931 Ending May, 1932

Room <del>Impossible to estimate accurately because study is to be in countries strange to me. I have submitted a letter to you earlier written by Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell, of the Foreign Policy Association, in which he estimates that \$2200 would be the minimum necessary for a six month study due to the expense which will be incurred in Africa.</del>	Tuition	\$
Board <del>I feel that I may be able to live slightly under his figure, but I desire to devote a full nine-month period to the project; about seven months abroad and two here.</del>	Extra-curricular fees	\$
Laundry	Books	\$
Clothing	Transportation	\$
Insurance	Special equipment	\$
Miscellaneous		\$
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		\$

Is the above figured for semester or quarter? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the total amount required for the proposed period of study? Between \$2500 and \$3000

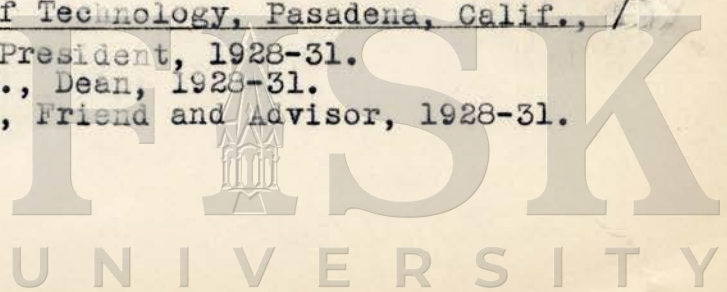
How much can you provide? \$ not in excess of \$500.

How much do you need from the Julius Rosenwald Fund? \$ from \$2000 to \$2500.

for the period beginning September 1931, Ending May 1932.

References -

Name	Address	In what way and when has this person known you or your work?
✓ Prof. Arthur N. Holcombe,	Harvard Univ.,	Teacher and Advisor, 1929-31.
✓ Dr. John F. Sly,	Univ. of W. Va.,	Teacher and Advisor, 1925-31.
✓ Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell,	Foreign Policy Association, N.Y.;	Research Advisor, 1930-31.
✓ Prof. George Grafton Wilson,	Harvard Univ.,	Teacher, 1927-30.
✓ Director E.C. Moore,	Univ. of Calif., L.A.,	Teacher and President, 1923-7
✓ Dean C.F. Rieber,	Univ. of Calif., L.A.,	Teacher and Dean, 1923-7.
✓ Prof. Wm. B. Munro,	Calif. Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif.,	Teacher, 1927
✓ Dr. M.W. Johnson,	Howard Univ., D.C.,	President, 1928-31.
✓ Dr. E.P. Davis,	Howard University, D.C.,	Dean, 1928-31.
✓ Dr. A.L. Locke,	Howard University, D.C.,	Friend and Advisor, 1928-31.







JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND  
900 South Homan Avenue  
Chicago.

CONFIDENTIALYEAR 1931-1932

Name Bunche, Ralph J.  
Address Harvard University  
Present Address Howard University  
Occupation Acting Director, Department of Political Science.  
Plan. Aid to secure Ph. D. in political science and make a comparative study of the administration in Dahomey & French Togoland, West Africa

Comments Above average in scholastic ability. Man of unusual ability, splendid character, pleasing personality. Assistant in department of political science, University of California during junior and senior years. A. B. 1927 (with highest honors) from University of California (Southern Branch, Los Angeles), A. M. Harvard University 1928.

Applicant's References Dr. Alain Locke Howard University  
Dean E. P. Davis " "  
Professors Wilson and Holcombe, Harvard  
Dr. Ray Leslie Buell, Foreign Policy Ass'n.  
Ernest C. Moore, Director, Southern Branch, Univ. of Calif.

Other References \_\_\_\_\_

Action of Standing Committee \$2,000 granted 6/26/31



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24 UNIVERSITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

September 12, 1930

Transcript of the record of Mr. Ralph Johnson Bunche

COURSE	1927-28	GRADE
Government 4	(1 course)	A minus
Government 6	(1 course)	A minus
Government 19	(1 course)	A minus
Government 20a	(1 course)	A

1929-30

Government 23		
Government 24		
Government 20e	(1 course)	A
Government 21a <sup>1</sup>	( $\frac{1}{2}$ course)	A
Economics 31 <sup>2</sup>	( $\frac{1}{2}$ course)	A minus

Mr. Bunche received the degree of Master of Arts in June, 1928.

The established grades are *A, B, C, D, and E.*

A grade of *A, B, Credit, Satisfactory, or Excused* indicates that the course was passed with distinction. Only courses passed with these grades may be counted towards a degree.

\* Courses marked with an asterisk are elementary and therefore may not be counted toward a higher degree.

George K. Lipp  
 Assistant Dean.  
 UNIVERSITY

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND  
900 South Homan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

SCHOLARSHIP

Confidential Report on Candidate for Scholarship.

Name of Candidate Mr. Ralph J. Bunche, Howard University

Report Requested of Professor George Grafton Wilson, Harvard University

The above-named candidate has applied to this foundation for a scholarship to enable him to secure further training in Political Science, and has given your name as a reference.

We should appreciate a frank statement of your opinion of this candidate's abilities and personal characteristics. In what way and when have you known the candidate and his work?

Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

*George R. Arthur*  
Associate for Negro Welfare

REPORT:

Mr. Bunche was a student in my classes for two years. He obtained exceptionally high grades in all his work ranking among the five or six best students in the class. Mr. Bunche was popular with his fellow students and was respected by students and faculty for his gentlemanly and scholarly conduct. His ambitions and attainments were such as would seem to commend him for the most serious consideration to any Committee desiring to aid a worthy man.

*Geo. G. Wilson*

May 14, 1931

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I think  
he replied to this  
I am not sure  
now he said  
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RAYMOND LESLIE BUELL  
*Research Director*

March 30, 1931

Mr. R. J. Bunche  
Howard University  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bunche:

The simplest means of estimating expenses is to take a per diem figure. It is my experience that a man can travel any place in the world very comfortably on fifteen dollars a day including all expenses, and that by being careful you can cut this figure down to ten or twelve dollars a day. I assume that you are going to be away for several months. Thus six months at twelve dollars a day would be about \$2200. I think that four months in Africa, provided you confine yourself to Dahomey and French Togoland, would be ample time for you to study.

I expect to be in Washington some time the latter part of April when I shall be very glad to come out and talk to your students.

Sincerely yours,

*Raymond L. Buell*

RLB:EB

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SCHOLARSHIP

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND  
900 South Homan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Scholarship.

Name of Candidate Mr. Ralph J. Bunche, Howard University

Report Requested of Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell, Foreign Policy Association,  
New York, New York

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*George R. Arthur*  
Associate for Negro Welfare

REPORT:

While I have known Mr. Bunche only a short time, I have been impressed with his personality and his wide interests. He has discussed with me his project of making a comparative study in Africa and I feel it is of the utmost importance that an American negro with promise should undertake this study. In my opinion the future will see a closer and closer cooperation between the negroes of the United States and the native leaders of the African continent.

From the standpoint of personal character, <sup>qualities</sup> Mr. Bunche is one of the most attractive negroes that I have met. I earnestly hope his application will be granted.

*Raymond L. Buell*  
Raymond L. Buell



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 900 South Homan Avenue,  
 Chicago, Illinois.

Confidential Report on Candidate for Scholarship.

Name of Candidate Mr. Ralph J. Bunche

Report Requested of Dr. Alain Locke

Julius	Rosenwald	Fund		

The above-named candidate has applied to this foundation for a scholarship to enable him to secure further training in Political Science, and has given your name as a reference.

We should appreciate a frank statement of your opinion of this candidate's abilities and personal characteristics. In what way and when have you known the candidate and his work?

Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

*George R. Arthur*  
 Associate for Negro Welfare

REPORT:

Mr. Bunche is without doubt one of the most competent younger scholars we have, both as an investigator and as a teacher. His project, the first well-planned, academically recognized study of an international aspect of the race problem-(it has been accepted and endorsed by the Harvard Division of Government and by Mr. R.L. Buell of the Foreign Policy Association-) seems to me to be a path-breaking project.

We are trying to build up a Howard a group of younger students of the race problem competent to discuss it from the international as well as the national angle. Mr. Bunche would be a sort of keystone for this group. I hope the Rosenwald Fund can see its way clear to help Mr. Bunche with a generous grant.

*Alain Locke*

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Chicago, Illinois.

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Scholarship.

Name of Candidate Mr. Ralph J. Bunche, Howard University

Report Requested of Dr. John F. Sly, University of West Virginia

The above-named candidate has applied to this foundation for a scholarship to enable him to secure further training in Political Science, and has given your name as a reference.

We should appreciate a frank statement of your opinion of this candidate's abilities and personal characteristics. In what way and when have you known the candidate and his work?

Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

*George R. Arthur*  
Associate for Negro Welfare

REPORT:

Gentlemen:

I have known Mr. Bunche intimately for the past six years. During his undergraduate work in the University of California at Los Angeles he was my assistant in Political Science and during his two years in the Harvard Graduate School, where I was at the time a lecturer in the Department of Government, I was in the closest contact with his work. In all my academic experience I think I have never come in contact with a young man more intellectually alert, more adjustable or more coöperative than Mr. Bunche. I have followed him very closely during this period and in every assignment which he has held he has shown himself a young man of extreme promise. I commend him to you with complete confidence that he will do with distinction any work that he may undertake.

Sincerely yours,

*John F. Sly*  
John F. Sly  
Professor of Political  
Science

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900 South Homan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Scholarship.

Name of Candidate Mr. Ralph J. Bunche, Howard University

Report Requested of Dean C. F. Rieber, University of California, Los Angeles

The above-named candidate has applied to this foundation for a scholarship to enable him to secure further training in Political Science, and has given your name as a reference.

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Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

*George R. Arthur*  
Associate for Negro Welfare

REPORT:

Mr. Bunche was one of the very best students we have ever graduated. He stood at the head of his class and was the commencement speaker for the College of Letters and Science. He took several classes with me, always with the very highest record in scholarship.

*C. H. Rieber*

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Scholarship.

Name of Candidate Mr. Ralph J. Bunche, Howard University  
Report Requested of Mr. E. C. Moore, University of California, Los Angeles, Calif.

The above-named candidate has applied to this foundation for a scholarship to enable him to secure further training in Political Science, and has given your name as a reference.

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*George R. Arthur*  
Associate for Negro Welfare

REPORT:

Mr. Bunche graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles in June, 1927. He was granted a fellowship by Harvard University and became a student in Political Science there. He is a colored man but of an intelligence and ability superior to any white student in his classes here. His record is of A's practically throughout. Here and there there is a B, but it is overwhelmingly of A's. He was first brought to my attention by our Recorder, a Southern man, saying one day: "Do you know we have a young Booker T. Washington in the college?" I at once sent for him and was delighted to find him a modest, well-poised, energetic fellow, and at the same time one of the best students whom it had been my good fortune to meet. Mr. Bunche went in for athletics while here and commended himself to the entire student body. I think there was no one in this rather large college who began to have as many friends as he had. He was much admired by students from every quarter of the land. Southerners forgot he was a colored man and invited him to their rooms and were glad to work on committees with him. He really is an astonishingly able and fine person and I do not hesitate to commend him to you in the highest possible terms.

*Ernest C. Moore*  
Ernest C. Moore  
Vice-President University of California  
and  
Director University of California at  
Los Angeles

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900 South Homan Avenue,  
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Confidential Report on Candidate for Scholarship.

Name of Candidate Mr. Ralph J. Bunche, Howard University

Report Requested of Professor William B. Munro, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena

The above-named candidate has applied to this foundation for a scholarship to enable him to secure further training in Political Science, and has given your name as a reference.

We should appreciate a frank statement of your opinion of this candidate's abilities and personal characteristics. In what way and when have you known the candidate and his work?

Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

*George R. Arthur*  
Associate for Negro Welfare

REPORT:

I recommend Mr. Bunche in the highest terms and without any reservations. He did postgraduate work with me at Harvard University a few years ago and showed himself to be a young man of quite unusual intellectual capacity, a hard worker, and of uncommonly good personality. I have watched his career at Howard University during the past few years and have had nothing but excellent reports about him. It is my judgment that Mr. Bunche will become the foremost scholar of his race in the field of political science if he is given proper opportunity.

*William B. Munro*  
William B. Munro,  
California Institute of Technology,  
Pasadena, Calif.

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900 South Homan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Scholarship.

Name of Candidate Mr. Ralph J. Bunche, Howard University

Report Requested of Dr. E. P. Davis

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The above-named candidate has applied to this foundation for a scholarship to enable him to secure further training in Political Science, and has given your name as a reference.

We should appreciate a frank statement of your opinion of this candidate's abilities and personal characteristics. In what way and when have you known the candidate and his work?

Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

*George R. Arthur*  
Associate for Negro Welfare

REPORT:

May 14, 1931

To Mr. George R. Arthur  
Associate for Negro Welfare  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
900 South Homan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois:

With regard to the application of Ralph J. Bunche, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Howard University, for a Julius Rosenwald Scholarship to enable him to secure further training in political science, permit me to say that I have known Mr. Bunche as an instructor at Howard University during the years 1928-29 and 1930-31. During the academic year 1929-30, when he was on leave of absence, he kept in touch with me through correspondence.

Mr. Bunche is a young man of excellent ability and industry. As undergraduate student at the University of California and as graduate student at Harvard, he has distinguished himself for scholarship. Mr. Bunche is of splendid character and pleasing personality.

Any faults that he may have are due to youth and inexperience and, of course, will be soon outgrown.

*E. P. Davis*

E. P. Davis, Dean  
College of Liberal Arts  
Howard University  
Washington, D. C.

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Bunche-Ralph

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Williamstown, Mass.  
August 26, 1931

Dear Mr. Arthur:

We have spent almost two weeks here attending the daily sessions of the Institute of Politics, and from the standpoint of my thesis project at least, this has been a very profitable trip. Through the kindness of Prof. Holcombe I have come into close contact with both Mr. Rappard of the Mandates Commission, and M. C. A. Le Neveu, of Paris, director of the French Colonial Society. Both of these men have encouraged me greatly in my work and have pledged me every assistance when I come across. That is all very fortunate for me and will make my materials much more accessible.

We are leaving here this week for Cambridge where I will work on the many available general source

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materials in the field of colonial administration until the latter part of September. When I saw Mr. Buell in New York on the way up here he informed me that he had been responsible for placing a good many very helpful volumes in Widener library after his return from Africa.

I trust you are well and hope you enjoyed the trip to Boston.

Very sincerely yours  
Ralph J. Bunche.

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DATE AUGUST 31, 1931

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DR JOHNSON ADVISES ME GET YOUR OPINION RESPECTING POSSIBLE  
POSTPONEMENT OF AFRICAN AWARD UNTIL JUNE TO PERMIT ME TO  
ACT AS HIS ASSISTANT FOR THIS YEAR I HAVE INFORMED HIM THAT  
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN ADMINISTRATIVE WORK BUT THERE ARE  
THREE ADVANTAGES CONSEQUENT UPON HIS OFFER VIZ (1) BETTER  
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Sept. 1, 1921


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Mr. George R. Arthur  
 The Julius Rosenwald Fund  
 900 So. Homans Ave.,  
 Chicago, Ill.

*Bunche Laff*

Dear Mr. Arthur:

I heartily appreciate your prompt reply to my telegram. I regret very much the necessity for such disturbance but it was necessary that I make an immediate decision on the basis of my probable status under the rules of the Fund.

In fairness to Dr. Johnson it must be said that he has made no attempt to drag me into administration. He has however, made me a serious offer. We have discussed my entire situation over and the decision is mine to make.

Frankly I have no deep interest in administration since I have a live ambition to make my mark in the world of scholarship. Therefore, you can readily understand that I am reluctant to jeopardize my opportunities under the award, which I consider to be vital to the future of my career.

I have given Dr. Johnson a conditional acceptance of the offer of assistant to the president until he has time to find a suitable permanent candidate for the position. He has agreed to release me when I find it necessary to go. I will consequently continue my work on the general background of colonial administration and conversational French as planned.

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

I am getting along fine up here and have had great fortune in putting my hands on helpful general sources. Messrs. Buell, Le Neveu, Rappard, Holcombe and Sly have all aided and encouraged me greatly. I will be successful also in arranging for some of the important books here in Widener Library which I will not be able to finish this trip, to be sent down to me in Washington.

I would very much like to have your advice in respect to my entire situation as I have found my previous chats with you quite stimulating. I would be willing to embark upon a drive out to Chicago to see and talk with you if you will be there during next week and the week after, if you think it necessary. All future mail will reach me if addressed to Howard.

I trust you are in good health and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph J. Bunche

# SCHOLARSHIP

September 4, 1931

My dear Mr. Bunche: In answer to your letter of September first, I really am not in a position to advise you with regard to your situation. You certainly know what you want to do. The question it seems to me is whether or not you want to accept a possible delay in the matter of pursuing your research and the benefits and service to be rendered along other lines that would come from accepting the administrative position mentioned by you. Dr. Johnson is a man of such outstanding ability that I am sure to be selected by him for such a confidential post as his assistant, is praiseworthy in itself. I am sure that he will release you at the proper time if it is at all possible to do so.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours truly,

GRA:VH

~~Mr. Ralph J. Bunche~~  
61 Gorham Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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George Albert Gray

220. Cannon St. Stephens Road  
Dayswater, London, W.

February 1

Dear Mr. Arthur:

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With a highly satisfactory African trip behind me I am at last in London for a few weeks' work at the British Museum before returning home to dive into the more productive but less interesting task of "writing up" my voluminous notes.

My work has been so very interesting and instructive that it scarcely seems possible that I have been over here eight months already. As the time approaches for the return trip I increasingly regret the necessity of leaving fields so rich in materials for



the researcher.

Were it financially possible for me to do so I should prefer to remain here a few months longer and actually construct my thesis in the field. I feel that the job would be a better one if I could remain in close contact with the sources. But that not being possible with the funds remaining I will return the latter part of February or the first of March and spend as much time as possible at Harvard for the purpose of completing my task.

To say that I am enthusiastic about Africa is to put it mildly, and I will have much to discuss with you when I see you.

For the time being I am rooming just across the road from Mr. Allison Davis who is kind enough to help me get oriented in this world's great city.

I am in excellent health, though a wee bit fatigued after a rather strenuous journey. Kindly accept my well-wishes for the continued success of your work. Very sincerely,

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March Twenty-fourth  
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*Bunche-Raiph*

Dear Mr. Arthur:

I am writing to give you formal confirmation of my statements to you in our conversation of last month during your short stay in Washington concerning my plans in regard to the fellowship award for the study on Colonial Administration which I am to undertake.

I have been assured by Dr. Johnson that I may be released from my duties here within a reasonably short time after the meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 12. There will be a number of matters connected with the study which I should like to take care of before sailing. There is material at the Congressional Library of significant importance which I have not yet been able to get to and I should like to be free to work there for about two or three weeks in order to have as strong a background for the study as possible before going into the field. If it is agreeable to the Rosenwald Foundation I should like to have the payments on the fellowship begin some time during the latter part of May and I would expect to sail about the first of June.

I would welcome suggestions from you in regard to the manner of making the payments on the award and the distribution of



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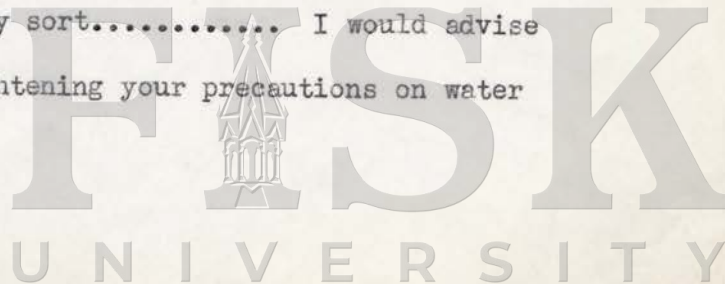
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Dear Mr. Arthur:

In accordance with your recent suggestion I have communicated with Mr. Charles Johnson, of Fisk, who has been very indulgent and whose suggestions are proving to be extremely helpful. I wish to submit for your approval a tentative budget based on such estimates of expenses as it has been possible for me to make.

For your consideration I wish to quote the following statement from Mr. Johnson's letter of April 23 - "The prevailing rate for hotel accommodations in the West Coast towns is ten shillings a day, or about \$2.50. For longer periods some reduction, of course, is made. If there are any personal connections that can be made the residents are usually very glad to show hospitality. The difference between private residences and a hotel is much greater than in this country. My suggestion would be that you count out your transportation to the West Coast and get a draft on London or Paris, or even a West Coast bank covering your return passage; then estimate your expenses at about \$4.00 or \$5.00 a day to come out of the remainder. This is a minimum amount, I should say, and does not take into account transportation between points on the Coast or equipment of any sort..... I would advise not to try to save money by lightening your precautions on water



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and the types of food."

I have already placed a deposit on round trip passage to Europe with the North German Lloyd Line. I am sailing tourist third on the Europa, leaving New York June 15. It is possible for me to get a return trip extension of two years and so I am taking advantage of the rate and am purchasing round trip passage. I have communicated with Thomas Cook and Sons also with Mr. Charles Johnson about the passage to the West Coast of Africa. Mr. Johnson recommends the Woerman line, a German line on which there is less prejudice shown than the Elder-Dempster, an English line. The cost is very high, approximating 45 pounds each way. Mr. Johnson has also been kind enough to send me a complete list of tropical equipment which I shall find it necessary to purchase and has also advised me where to purchase it in England.

I submit, then, the following budget proposal roughly itemized:

Round trip fare to Europe and return	_____	\$182.50
Passports, visas, and other expenses incident to passage	_____	67.50
Passage to West Africa from Hamburg or Marseilles, ( which I am told it is desirable to get as far in advance as possible), one way	_____	200.00
Tropical equipment, including freight and insurance	_____	125.00
Inland travel in England, on the Continent and in West Africa	_____	100.00
Living expenses, first month	_____	125.00
TOTAL	_____	\$ 800.00

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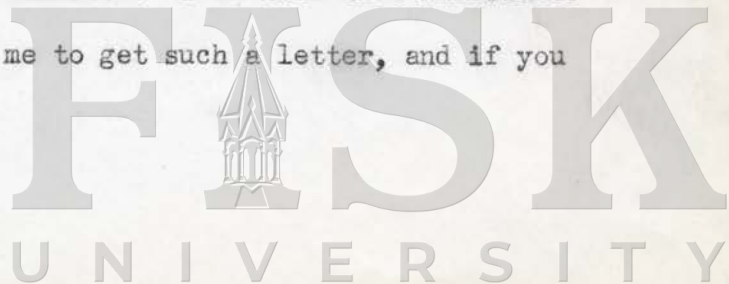
This amount, would be obviously necessary in the initial payment. Living expenses (on the basis of approximately \$4.00 per day, or a little more, in accordance with Mr. Johnson's minimum estimate),

Eight monthly installments at \$125.00 per month	\$1,000.00
Return trip from West Africa to Europe (to be included in last payment - return passage from Europe to America having been previously purchased with money of first installment)	200.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$2 000.00</i>

I would welcome any suggestions that you may have to offer in respect to the manner of sending the installments to me in the colonies.

I am planning to begin taking inoculations this week. Dr. Herskowitz, of Northwestern, who has recently spent eight months in Dahomey, informed me several days ago that I ought to take inoculations in this country for diphtheria, typhoid, boils and small-pox. That, I think, will prove to be the least enjoyable part of my project.

I wish to remind you that you have promised me letters of introduction and a formal letter stating the particularly scholarly purpose of my study. I also desire, if possible, to receive a letter from the French Colonial minister. I am told that Ambassador Edge would make it possible for me to get such a letter, and if you



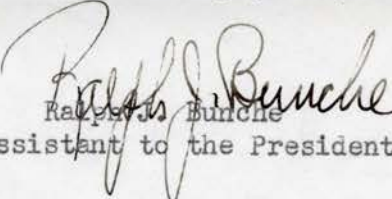
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could suggest any contact which I might make to get in touch with Ambassador Edge, I would deeply appreciate it.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Ralph J. Bunche  
Assistant to the President

Mr. George R. Arthur  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Hotel Marigny  
Paris, France  
July 1, 1932.

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My dear Mr. Arthur:

I am now well settled and hard at work on my project. I sailed on the Europa on June 14<sup>th</sup> and arrived at Cherbourg the morning of June 20<sup>th</sup>. I had a very pleasant trip across - the sea was calm all the way, and the weather balmy. I had pleasant companionship too, as Mr. Locke, Mr. Achille and Mr. Fuertes (all of the Howard Faculty) and Mr. Forrester Washington were on the same boat and in tourist class - so we had a very interesting time.

I find many things strange of course - the language, to say the least. But I manage to get along very well.

The day following my arrival I called upon M. Le Neveu at the Colonial Union, which is within

walking distance of the hotel. He accorded me a very cordial welcome. The library, which is a very good one, is completely at my disposal, and I have been given a study room there entirely to myself. I have completed a bibliography for this particular library already and have begun reading and note-taking. My chief difficulty is in the fact that the French libraries have no efficient catalog system, and also in the fact that many of the works I desire to examine are scattered about in the several colonial administration libraries here. So I'll have to wade through them all.

At present I plan to embark on the S.S. Brayna for West Africa on October 1. Before then I will have spent some time at the mandates office in Geneva and the Colonial Office in London. I will also try to

visit the fine library at the (3)  
headquarters of the Société  
Internationale Coloniale at  
Brussels, but am not sure my  
budget can afford it. At any  
rate, I'm much encouraged.

I am somewhat concerned now  
about the form in which my  
check for \$350 due on August 1 will  
come. I have talked with representatives  
at both Thos. Cook's and the American  
Express and anticipate that I may  
have considerable difficulty in getting  
an ordinary check cashed. I  
will deeply appreciate it therefore,  
if you will make it possible  
for a certified check or a  
sight draft to be sent for all  
future instalments of my  
grant. Kindly have it sent to  
me in care of Thos. Cook and  
Son, 2 Place de la Madeleine,  
Paris France. The letters

4) carrying the payment checks  
had best be sent registered.  
The ordinary time for transmission  
of my mail seems to be from  
eight to ten days from Washington.

I am sorry not to have been  
able to see you again before  
leaving, but trust you are in  
the very best of health. With  
your permission I shall write  
you from time to time of my  
progress. My humble thanks  
for your many, many kindnesses.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph I. Bunche

c/o Mrs. Cook and Son,  
2 Place de la Madeleine,  
Paris, France.

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Coutonou or else run the risk of missing ~~the~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~mat~~ <sup>together</sup>. The latter would be disastrous, of course.

I have discussed the matter with Dr. Locke and he has suggested that perhaps the Rosenwald Fund might think it advisable, under the circumstances, to forward the remaining three instalments of the stipend, or at least the October and December instalments of \$350 each, before my departure for the colonies. This would, of course, be a great relief to me, as I would no longer need to worry about properly receiving the necessary funds in Africa.

6 and could proceed to map out my African itinerary without consideration of this factor.

I do not know, of course, what attitude the Fund will take toward such a proposal and will be only too happy to abide by your decision in the matter. I do not like to ask unusual concessions, but I am sure my peculiar problem will be clear to you and feel confident that you will aid me in every reasonable way, as indeed, you have so graciously done heretofore.

Under any circumstances, if possible, I should like to

have the October instalment (7) in hand before sailing for Africa, which I hope to do on October 1. This would require that the check be sent me on or about September 20. I trust this is possible, as the next good boat isn't until October 15. The trip requires from 15 to 19 days.

A Mr. Nathan Snyder of Boston, who is hailed in the Paris press as an "impresario", and who is interested in promoting lecture tours, came to see me tonight and tried to hook me for a series of lectures upon my return. I told him frankly that I did not feel free to make any commitments or seriously consider

8) Any such proposals before  
the completion of my study, and  
then the matter will rest until  
after my return. He's very  
enthusiastic about the possibilities  
of Mr. White's opera too.

I shall write you again in  
the near future. I have received no  
recent word from Professor Fario.  
Has he sailed yet?

Many thanks once more  
for your many kindnesses.

Very sincerely yours,

Ralph J. Bunche

C/o Thos. Cook & Sons

2 Place de la Madeleine

Paris, France.

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4 Rue du Parc Montsouris

Paris, France

August 16, 1932

My dear Mr. Arthur:

In a brief note to Miss Betty written yesterday I acknowledged receipt of the second instalment of my scholarship stipend recently received in the form of a sight draft on Morgan and Cie to the amount of \$350. I am deeply appreciative of the promptness with which this sum has been forwarded to me.

My interest in my study grows each day. The possibilities in this field are apparently unlimited and one could profitably devote a life time to it. In general the French authors are not particularly helpful. With the exception of

1/ Girault, Leroi Beaulieu and  
one or two others, the French  
books on colonial administration  
(and they are legion!) are rather  
frothy — highly emotional, spirited,  
some of them critical, but few  
really based on intelligent, painstaking,  
detached and scholarly research. My  
way becomes more clear to me each  
day — I must primarily devote  
myself to running down the cold  
facts and figures and construct an  
entirely original analysis of conditions,  
quite objectively. French library  
systems being what they are this is  
truly a tedious process but the  
results of patience and hard work are  
gratifying.

I paid a very worthwhile visit  
to the American Embassy today —  
Mr. Norman Armour, recently  
appointed minister to Haiti, but

who is yet acting as counsellor<sup>3</sup>  
to the American Embassy here, had  
secured a letter from the French  
ministers of Foreign Affairs and  
Colonies respectively, assuring me  
of real freedom and hearty welcome  
in the colonies and the departments of  
the Central Administration here. It  
took some time and a good deal of  
red tape to get this valuable docu-  
ment, but French suspicions  
being what they are, it will prove  
invaluable, I am sure.

I am living in the same  
building with Mr. Clarence Cameron  
White, who has just finished his  
fine opera and is returning to  
the States tomorrow. I also met  
Dr. Carter Woodson yesterday, who  
will be in Paris for a week or  
ten days before going on to Berlin.  
My plans are as originally made.

I will go to Geneva in the very near future and then to London, sailing for the colonies on the Branhamille, October 1, if possible.

I am somewhat troubled about communications once I reach Africa. Thos. Cook + Sons have several agencies in West Africa, but they are in the Coastal towns. Once I land I expect to be hopping about very rapidly from town to town and feel it necessary to go into the interior. I have discussed my problem with an agent of Cook's and he doesn't quite see how I will be able to receive my December and February instalments of the scholarship without coming out to Akkra, Lomé,

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4 Rue du Parc Montsouris

Paris

August 28

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my dear Mr. Arthur: (13)

I am enclosing with this brief note a leaflet which will, perhaps, more clearly indicate the reasons which impelled me to make the request in my recent letter to you that the remainder of the funds due me on the scholarship be put at my disposal before my departure for the colonies. As you will note from the enclosed I will have to put in the hands of the Captain of the ship taking me to the colonies in West Africa, before embarkation, a minimum sum of <sup>#</sup>196 (4,900 francs) which will guarantee repatriation and be deposited with the governor of the colony of destination, and which

2) will of course, be refunded to me at the termination of my sojourn in the particular Colony. I am liable for a deposit of \$198 in Lahomey and \$200 in Togo; while the requirement for the Gold Coast is 60 pounds - about \$210.

In view of the fact that a single one way passage to Lomé or Cotonou on the Chargeur Réunis (French) boats is 5.720 francs (about \$229, exclusive of port taxes, etc.), making a round trip minimum cost of easily \$500 or more, I will need a good deal more than the \$350 of my next instalment and what I still have on hand from the first two instalments, if I am to be able to manage the trip under the circumstances.

These reasons and the apparent difficulty of getting money to me in the colonies in view of the fact that I must move about in the interior quite rapidly, would seem to justify such a modification of the original arrangements in my behalf, if such be at all possible.

Dr. Carter Woodson came to see me this week - he was about to leave for Brussels to attend a conference there of missionaries connected with the Belgian Congo. I wonder if Professor Fario knows of it and is in attendance? I have not heard from him recently.

I am now plugging away at the private library of the Government

General for West Africa and have  
run upon some rather interesting  
educational and health statistics  
in the 1931 and 1932 local budget  
reports for Dahomey. I will spend  
a few days this week at the Agence  
Economique pour Togo and Cameroun  
and then ship to Geneva for a  
short spell.

I am still hoping to be able to  
sail for the Colonies on October  
1 - and October 15 at the very  
latest, according to how things  
shape up.

Very best wishes for a pleasant  
and fruitful year.

Sincerely yours  
Ralph Bunche



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Sept. 28, 1932

My dear Mr. Arthur:

Just a word to let you know of the progress of my work. My trip to Geneva is indeed proving profitable as I have had the opportunity of many valuable conferences with men high up in official League circles and the League and International Labor Office libraries are rich in material on my subject.

To date I have had conference

with M. Lanux, director of the Paris office of the League; Mr. Arthur Sweetzer of the League Secretariat; Mr. Weaver of the Secretariat of the International Labor Office; M. Goudal, French representative in the International Labor Office, who himself has made several Colonial studies; M. Edouard Junod, secretary of the "Bureau International pour la defence des indigenes"; and M. Rappard, member and former director of the Secretariat of the Permanent Mandates Commission. Everyone is very anxious to help - the general spirit of helpfulness and cooperation here is amazing.

I have taken advantage of the

opportunity afforded to observe  
the League machinery in action,  
of course. I have a press card  
which entitles me to an excellent  
seat, with private ear phones, ~~at~~  
all sessions of the Assembly.  
Premier Herriot of France and  
Lord Cecil of England spoke this  
morning. It is quite thrilling  
to see the delegations from  
Liberia, Haiti and Abyssinia  
in their proper places on the  
floor. I have been hoping that  
some one of them would do a bit  
of speaking before I leave in the  
next few days.

Mr. Carter Woodson has been  
here for two days but left for  
Paris tonight. He sails for home

October 4.

I will leave here regretfully in the next few days, though I could spend a good deal more time here very profitably. But I must skip across to London to see Lord Lugard, Mr. Aldham and several others, and then set sail for the Colonies.

During the past month I've been gathering material so rapidly that I'm almost confused, but I will have an opportunity to draw the threads together during the 15 day voyage down the African Coast.

I'm hoping the check will be waiting for me when I return to Paris, with that I can complete all arrangements for the "big hop".

Will write again soon. Trust you are in fine health. Very sincerely  
R. A. Bunchie

October 3, 1932  
Paris, France

My dear Mr. Arthur:

I wish first of all to express to you my deep-felt gratitude for your kindness in granting my unusual request. To be quite frank I was no little worried as to just how I might make arrangements for the receipt of the money after getting down there. For the program I have worked out with M. Le Neveu's aid calls for me to spend but little time in the coastal towns. Rather, my observations will be most concerned with the village schools, the mobile health

Bunsell, Paul

service, the labor policy and conditions in the construction and extension of the railways, and the working and records of the various "Councils of Notables" — all in the interior. So that even if the intermittent postal service had brought me the draft down there I could have done nothing with it until I was able to get out to Accra or Dakar. But that worry is dissipated now and I am eagerly looking forward to the more thrilling stage of my enterprise. The check arrived September 30.

I was unable to sail on the first, as, indeed, you have noted. A number of circumstances interposed to make it advisable for me to postpone the

sailing for two weeks. In the (3)  
first place I found Geneva such a  
profitable place in which to work  
and so rich in material and highly  
specialized experts in my field of  
interest (and every one of them eager  
to help me along) that I found it  
difficult to leave when I did. There  
was everything of special interest for  
me during my stay there. An important  
Commission of the League was considering  
the slavery question - Lady Simon,  
John Harris and Edouard Junod were  
all actively interested and available  
for very helpful conferences. The  
League was (and is) in session, of course,  
and it was my privilege to witness  
the emancipation of Iraq from the  
mandatory status into a full-fledged

4 independent state and League Member  
(of real interest to me as an instance  
of the possibilities of the Mandate system  
in view of the fact that my first  
destination will be French Togoland  
(a mandate, class B). Further, the  
mandates Secretariat had received  
all the annual reports for 1931 from  
the mandatory powers and was pre-  
paring for the meeting of the man-  
dated Commission beginning Nov. 3.  
(I'm terribly sorry I can't be there for  
that). I was able to get a conference  
with M. Wm. F. Rappard, member of  
the Mandates Commission, however, and  
it was the richest conference I've  
had. Everyone has urged me strongly  
to see Lord Lugard in London before  
sailing, and so I will go to London

at the end of this week or the first<sup>(5)</sup>  
I next to see him and several  
others, though I had thought to  
postpone that visit until after my  
return from the Colonies.

In addition to the above, M.  
Le Neveu, but recently returned  
from his vacation, desired to get  
me some further letters of introduc-  
tion to Colonial officials, etc., in  
order that my path might be some-  
what smoother. This he was  
unable to do before October 1. As  
it is now, he tells me I will arrive  
in West Africa at the beginning of  
the very best and most healthy season,  
so that since my time is being well  
spent I cannot grieve about this

6 slight delay. I am impatient to be off however, as I wish to get that long boat trip over with, and particularly get through the Bay of Biocay before it becomes the annual maelstrom that it does.

I neglected to mention that I became very friendly with the three members of the Liberian delegation to the League of Nations at Geneva - Secretary of State Krimes, Secretary of the Treasury Dennis, and Special Diplomatic Agent Buchanan. They have invited me to take the same boat they will take and accompany them to Liberia; but they are to be on a much slower boat - one that takes about 15 days to get to Monrovia - and

Considerably longer to get to (7  
Some. I can't take notes on West Africa  
riding the sea, so I regretfully had to  
decline the kind invitation.

The Liberian situation was a live  
topic at Geneva, of course, and I became  
deeply interested in it. I was quite  
flattered to have Secretary of State  
Grimes request my advice upon certain  
matters of international and diplomatic  
signification. Liberia is in very  
difficult straits and will be lucky  
to pull out with anything approaching  
independence.

It was an impressive sight to see  
the delegations from Liberia, Haiti and  
Abyssinia in their places at their  
desks on the floor of the League Assembly.  
In truth a trip to Geneva while the  
League is in session and the Commission

are meeting, is an education in itself. To a teacher of political science it should well-nigh be indispensable.

I was quite sure I saw Professor Faris in a bus headed in the opposite direction from ~~the~~ one I was in about ~~three~~ weeks ago. I could not reach him I ~~course~~ and have no idea of his whereabouts here as I have heard no further word from him.

I will drop you a word from London and following that there will be something of a lapse until I can get word to you from Lomé or Cotonou.

I am feeling fine and am confident that my African trip will prove even more fruitful than my preparatory work here and in Geneva during the summer and early fall. With highest regards,  
Very sincerely yours  
U Ralph J. Bunche



HOWARD UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SCHOLARSHIP

*will just keep  
to tell him in court  
fullest thesis -  
EJC*

April 4, 1934.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Mr. George R. Arthur  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Arthur:

I have recently received communications from Professors Holcombe and Emerson of Harvard University, who were my advisors on the doctoral thesis, urging that I prepare it for publication. As you know, publication is not required for the doctor's degree at Harvard, but merely approval of the fitness of the thesis for publication.

Professors Holcombe and Emerson both feel that there is a good deal of valuable material which should not be lost. It is evident, however, that a subject of this kind has only a limited appeal for the publishing trade. Since the Rosenwald Fund already has a vested interest in the work, in view of the fact that the study could not have been made without its support, I am wondering whether you would be interested in furthering its publication. At present it is rather bulky, totaling approximately 500 pages. This I plan to cut down to about 300 pages for purposes of publication.

If the Fund would be interested, I should be happy to send to you the only copy of the original manuscript in my possession for your inspection.

Sincerely yours,

*Ralph J. Bunche*  
Ralph J. Bunche.

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April 13, 1934

My dear Mr. Bunche: In answer to your letter of April fourth, I wish to advise that after a conference with Mr. Embree, he asked me to write you and state that the Julius Rosenwald Fund would not be able to publish the material upon which your thesis was based at Harvard University. Mr. Embree asked me to say to you that he very much regrets that this cannot be done. We both hope that you will be able to secure from other sources sufficient money with which to publish your thesis.

Very truly yours,

GRA:VE

Mr. Ralph J. Bunche  
Howard University  
Washington, D. C.

GEORGE F. ARTHUR

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# FELLOWSHIPS

July 3, 1941

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*to Bureau*

Dr. Lewis Hanke, Director  
The Hispanic Foundation,  
The Library of Congress,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Hanke:

On my return to the office I find your letter of June 18th with enclosures from Mr. Haygood and Mr. Embree. I wish to thank you for your sympathetic interest in this unfortunate affair. My chance and innocent remark to Mr. Ramos had undreamed of repercussions. At any rate I am glad that through your good offices this ghost is finally laid.

The truth of the matter is, however, that I am now somewhat embarrassed with respect to the plans I had in mind. I have a very full writing schedule ahead of me for the next few months. Upon the completion of the revision of my manuscripts for the Carnegie-Myrdal Study and writing up of my African notes, I had planned to apply to the Rosenwald or some other foundation for a grant which would make possible a trip of several months to Brazil and other Latin American countries, where I would devote myself particularly to the political status of the non-white elements in their population. I have a wealth of data on this subject for most other important areas of the world as a result of previous field trips in Africa and the Orient. I hope some day to be able to continue the collection of data with a view toward publishing a broad comparative analysis.

You will readily understand, of course, that I would not relish the feeling of attempting to trade on an incident of this nature in my efforts to obtain funds necessary to the completion of my research. I hold Mr. Embree in the highest regard and I am fully aware of the great good the Rosenwald Fund is doing in behalf of Negro education. One of my own former majors has just had his grant renewed in order that he may continue his work toward the doctorate in Political Science at the University of Chicago. In fact, though I did not get to Brazil, the Rosenwald Fund provided a grant, in 1931, which made possible the collection of material for my doctoral dissertation. This grant took me to France, England and West Africa, and the resulting comparative analysis of the administration of the French mandate Togoland and the French Colony Dahomey, not only qualified me for the Ph.D. at Harvard but won the Toppan Prize of \$200, in 1934, for the best essay in the field of Government. So I have no quarrel either with Mr. Embree or the Rosenwald Fund.

In view of these considerations, I am wondering whether, despite the fact that I would like to think of the possibility of spending at least a few months in South America next year, it would be wise for me to make an application to the Rosenwald Fund at this time, as you suggest. I would appreciate your reaction to the doubts I here express.

In order that the record may be entirely clear I am taking the liberty of sending copies of this letter to Messrs. Embree and Haygood.

May I again thank you for your kindly interest in this matter. I hope to have a real good chat with you some time on numerous other matters close to my heart, especially with regard to the promotion of the good neighbor and inter-cultural relationship policies. It seems to me that our government is not putting forth nearly as much effort as it might toward educating even the Negro of the United States on the vital issues involved in the current grave crisis and the stakes he has in it. A great deal more could be done toward improving the morale of this important minority group. The Negro has been misled and duped by many groups, the Communist especially, and in the large remains terribly confused. A little organized effort could quickly dissipate this confusion.

In accordance with your request I am returning the communications from Mr. Haygood and Mr. Embree.

Sincerely yours,

Encs.

Ralph J. Bunche

# FELLOWSHIPS

July 30, 1941

Dear Mr. Bunche: A copy of your letter to Doctor Hanke was on my desk when I returned this week from vacation, and also the letter which Mr. Embree sent to you in reply. Mr. Embree's letter so completely states our attitude that I have nothing further to add except to say that I am glad the incident has been amicably settled. I shall look forward to receiving your application for a fellowship.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

WCH:MLU

Mr. Ralph J. Bunche  
Howard University  
Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 3, 1941

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dear Mr. Haygood:

I am submitting the enclosed copy of my recent letter to Mr. Hanke for your information. I am sending a copy to Mr. Embree also.

Sincerely yours,

*Ralph J. Bunche*  
Ralph J. Bunche

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 3, 1941

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dear Mr. Embree:

The enclosed letter will be self-explanatory and I trust that it will serve to close an incident that has already received too much attention.

Sincerely yours,

*Ralph J. Bunche*  
Ralph J. Bunche

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THE HISPANIC FOUNDATION

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To

Bunche

Dear Haygood:

This correspondence  
just arrived. Please  
return it to me  
at your convenience.

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THE HISPANIC FOUNDATION

June 9, 1941

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Mr. William C. Haygood  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Haygood:

In going through my pending file I ran across your letter of May 21 together with the memo from Mr. Embree. Shortly after this letter arrived I forwarded to you a letter from Professor Bunche which I presume you received. I confess I am buffaloeed by this whole matter and await your clarification.

Meanwhile, I should greatly appreciate it if you could have prepared for us at your convenience a specific statement on the work of the various Fellows that the Rosenwald Fund has sent to Brazil. I should like to have this information for my own files and has no connection with the Bunche business.

I presume you have heard from Milam that Rivera has been called to active service. Milam has requested us to send him suggestions for a successor and I don't have anybody in mind. If Milam has not already asked you for suggestions I should appreciate whatever advice you can give me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Lewis Hanke*

Lewis Hanke  
Director

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FELLOWSHIPS

June 17, 1941

Dear Hanke: Mr. Embree has been out of town and therefore I have delayed answering your letter of June 9 and returning the enclosures which you sent with an earlier letter.

There is no gainsaying the statements quoted in Mr. Holcomb's letter to Mr. Bunche in February of 1931. However, Mr. Embree cannot at this date recall why, how, or in what context this lapsus calami could have been made. Mr. Embree's memorandum which I sent you and the record of the Julius Rosenwald Fund's interest in Negro study in Brazil will, therefore, have to stand as the only clarification and defense that can be offered.

The Negro students who have studied in Brazil under the Fund's auspices are: Wallace Battle, Field Secretary of the American Church Institute for Negroes, who in 1932 received a fellowship to travel in Brazil for the purpose of ascertaining the advisability of Negro colonization in that country; Lorenzo Turner, professor of English and head of the Department of English at Fisk University, who returns this month after a year spent studying Negro speech in order to determine the nature and significance of West-African survivals in Brazilian speech.

In addition to Mr. Battle and Mr. Turner, three white Southerners have been sent to South America on Rosenwald fellowships. They are: Chess Abernathy,

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whom you know, and who spent some of his time in Brazil; Albert E. Carter of the Chattanooga Times, who has recently returned from a grand tour of the continent, and is now writing a book on his experiences for Bobbs-Merrill; T. Lynn Smith of the Department of Sociology and Rural Sociology, Louisiana State University, who received a traveling fellowship in 1939 to study aspects of agricultural education.

I also am at a loss to suggest an acceptable successor to Rivera, since we combed the field so thoroughly last year at the time of my leaving. Perhaps our concerted ignorance around the table at the committee meeting in Boston next week may lead to a searching of other fields outside of the regular library channels.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

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Mr. Lewis Hanke  
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The Library of Congress  
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Bunche, Ralph

May 21, 1941

Dear Hanke: I am enclosing a memorandum from Mr. Embree which should clear up the details concerning the Bunche incident, and which should also make clear the Julius Rosenwald Fund's attitude toward a Negro's studying in Brazil. Since we have not written directly to Mr. Bunche, I suggest that you use this memorandum in any way you think fitting. You might even show it to Bunche, and by all means please transmit the information to Ramos. We have searched our files and have been able to find nothing in the correspondence with Professor Holcombe relative to any discouragement of Bunche's study in Brazil. If you ever get at the source of this confusion we shall appreciate enlightenment.

Thanks for all of the trouble you have gone to to help clear up an unfortunate misunderstanding.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

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Mr. Lewis Hanke  
The Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 22, 1941

Dr. Lewis Hanke, Director  
Hispanic Foundation  
Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hanke:

I was surprised when you brought up the matter of the Embree statement the other night. I had just mentioned it to Dr. Ramos in passing and thought it would end there. Though the whole thing is merely a memory to me, since you are in on it now, it might be best for you to have the exact statement in order to avoid any possibility of misunderstanding or misinterpretation. I am, therefore, taking the liberty of enclosing an excerpt from Prof. Holcombe's letter to me in which is incorporated the statement referred to.

Sincerely yours,

RALPH J. BUNCHE

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## HOWARD UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

May 11, 1943

Dr. Edwin R. Embree, President  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Dr. Embree:

I regret the delay in replying to your kind letter of April 29th conveying formal notification of the grant voted me by the Fellowship Committee. The letter was addressed to the University which I visit for mail only infrequently these days because of the gas shortage.

You may be sure that I am highly honored by this unusual manifestation of confidence in me. You are also aware of the special conditions with respect to my government employment and the negotiations with Mr. Carter which make it impossible for me to give more than a provisional acceptance of the grant at this time. There is reason to hope that things will become clearer in the reasonable future, which will make possible a more specific acceptance.

I trust you will convey my sincere appreciation to the members of the Fellowship Committee.

Sincerely yours,

*Ralph Bunche*  
Ralph J. Bunche

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510 Jackson Street, N.E.  
 Washington, D.C.  
 May 24, 1943

Dear Mr. Embree:

I must apologize for the delay in replying to yours of the 12th. The OSS has been working me silly lately, and in addition I have been trying to discharge my duties as Secretary of the Organizing Committee and give the Ethnogeographic Board people a little lift. So my correspondence is sorely neglected.

I am making a final decision concerning my future relations with OSS by the end of this week. I have been offered a rather flattering post as chief of a new Africa section, and must give it serious consideration, for reasons that will be obvious to you. But my decision will be based upon the results of discussions to be held this week concerning the program of work to be mapped out for this new section. I do not know at this stage whether this program will be promising or not. I will write you just as soon as all the returns are in. I have written to Carter to tell him that I will be coming up to New York very soon and would like to have an appointment with him for a full review of the project he wishes me to undertake. That project continues to have a great appeal to me. We missed you at the meeting of the Committee last week.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ralph Burch*

# FELLOWSHIPS

October 14, 1943

Dear Doctor Bunche: Since neither Mr. Embree nor I have heard from you for several months, I am wondering whether you have come to any decision in regard to the fellowship awarded you in April.

A complete list of this year's Fellows will be presented to our Board of Trustees at their coming meeting in November. I should like to have definite word from you concerning the fellowship, if possible. If you are still undecided, could I have a statement about your situation as it looks to you now, and the probabilities as to your accepting or rejecting the grant?

I did so enjoy the evening I spent with you and your family, and hope I may see you all again soon.

Sincerely yours,

VANDI V. HAYGOOD

Mrs. William C. Haygood  
Acting-Director for Fellowships

VH:MLU

Dr. Ralph Bunche  
510 Jackson Street, N. E.  
Washington, D. C.

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Bunche, Ralph

1510 Jackson St., N.E.  
Washington, D.C.  
October 25, 1943

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Dr. Edwin H. Embree, President  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Embree:

I had hoped to see you in Washington at the meeting of the Africa Conference Organizing Committee week before last and so held off writing to you and Mrs. Haygood about the progress of my plans in connection with the fellowship. This despite the fact that I have been assuring Hilda Austern of IPR for so long that I am ashamed to face her that I would be writing to you and would send her a copy of my letter. I propose here to review, for your information, the current state of my plans and prospects.

You are familiar with the reasons which persuaded me that it would be unwise to make the shift from OSS to the IPR last spring: my appointment as chief of the Africa Section in OSS, the OSS request that the Ethnographic Board release me from my contract with them, my inability to locate a suitable replacement for my post in OSS, and the imminence of a new addition to the Bunche tribe. In view of these circumstances I was forced to inform both you and Mr. Carter in June, and later Mrs. Haygood, that I anticipated that by fall I should be able to effect the transfer with a minimum of trouble. This anticipation was premised on my assumption that by fall, OSS, which has been mainly hooked up with the Army and military operations, would show a diminishing interest in Africa. In this assumption I have been somewhat mistaken. For some strange reason our work on Africa has been more in demand than ever before, there has been more of it to do, and our staff has been more than doubled in the past two months. I have been not a little flabbergasted by this development, though I am by no means positive of the real value to the war effort of the work we are now turning out. At any rate, this development had made it more difficult for me to pick up and leave OSS without putting someone in my place than I had anticipated it would be at this time. This has been a major factor in my dilly-dallying.

I am still sincerely desirous of making the shift and working on the post-war project for IPR, and for precisely the same reasons that impelled me to accept the offer originally. I must confess that I have been terribly embarrassed by the long delay in reconciling my intentions with my actions and with what must appear to others to be an inexcusable amount of indecision and downright stalling on my part. I do have a feeling of responsibility toward OSS, however, and find that it is not easy for me to walk out on a war agency in these times. This is not from any exaggerated opinion of my importance to the outfit but rather from a kind of romantic attachment growing out of the fact that I have been with OSS almost from its inception. My own situation is rendered somewhat more difficult by the fact that we are a small section and I am the only member of it at present who has had any direct contact with Africa.

I have been casting about for some time now for a man who knows Africa to put in my place when I pull out. I now think I have located the man in the person of my colleague W.O. Brown of Howard, who has been one of your fellows in the Caribbean for the past two years. Brown has had a year of field work in South Africa. His papers are being processed but he

has not yet cleared the OSS security office. This can be a matter of days or weeks, depending. Brown's situation is a bit complicated at present, also, as a result of his feeling of obligation to his department at the University. He has just returned from two years of leave and for the moment is available only for part-time work in OSS.

The upshot of it all is that though the IPR has just rented a nice suite of offices in Washington, one of whose rooms will be available for my use, I am unable to say at this moment exactly when I will be in position to change over. I fully realize the vulnerability of my position in the matter and could have no complaint whatsoever if the IPR people should grow weary from waiting for me and nominate someone else for the job they want done. I would regret such action but could not criticize it. The IPR folks are a fine crew and I have looked forward keenly to the prospect of working with them.

With respect to the Rosenwald fellowship, which accounts for the major portion of the stipend to be allotted me for my work with IPR, I can only say that I would be very pleased indeed if you find it possible to string along with me and hold the grant open for a while longer. You may recall that my first trip to Africa was made on a Rosenwald grant that had been held for me for one year after it had been awarded. It seems that I have an unfortunate knack of stumbling into entanglements. But I usually extricate myself, though it always takes time.

That about sums up the situation, vague as it is, except for the possibilities in the proposals voiced at the last meeting of the Organizing Committee which Mel has taken up with you ere now. If I do get down to work for the IPR soon on Pacific colonial problems I hope some sort of liaison can be established with the Africa Committee and its research program so that the problems of these two greatest colonial areas can be attacked at about the same time and within the same framework of reference.

Incidentally, will I be required to pay income tax on the Rosenwald grant?

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Bunche  
Ralph J. Bunche

P.S. Thanks a lot for the copy of Brown Americans which arrived today. I am happy to have it for my shelves - particularly an autographed copy. Unfortunately your note about setting up the bank account for the Africa Committee arrived after the meeting. R

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 25, 1943

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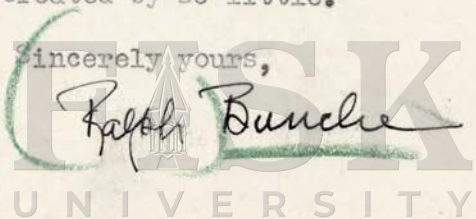
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Dear Mrs. Haygood:

Because the IPR people had asked me to do so I have just sent a letter to Dr. Embree describing in some detail my situation vis a vis the fellowship and the work for IPR. This letter will, I think, answer as best I can at this moment, the questions raised in your letter of October 14th. I wish I could be more specific but find it impossible to do so just now.

Since you visited us we have been presented with a man-child and have been awfully engrossed in it for the past several weeks. Never has so much distraction been created by so little!

Sincerely yours,  
*Ralph Bunche*



November 8, 1943

Dear Mr. Bunche: I noticed in the final paragraph of your letter to Mr. Embree dated October 25 that you raised the question of income tax on your fellowship grant. Fellowship funds, because they are a gift and not compensation for services, are not taxable. The amount received need not be entered on your tax return.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:AM

Mr. (Ralph) Bunche  
1510 Jackson Street, N. E.  
Washington, D. C.

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June 30, 1944

Dear Dr. Bunche: A full fiscal year having elapsed since the award to you of a Fellowship grant for a study of Colonial Administration, in cooperation with the Institute of Pacific Relations, without your taking up the grant or making plans for its use in the immediate future, I regret to inform you that the grant must be withdrawn, in accordance with our usual policy.

I realize that, during the war, it has been impossible for you to leave your duties in Washington. We all regret that you have been unable to use your Fellowship, and hope that, sometime soon, the study of Colonial Administration can become an actuality.

I shall look forward to seeing you again when I am next in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

WV  
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Mrs. William C. Haygood

Acting Director for Fellowships

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Please fill out and return in order that we may complete our records on former Rosenwald Fellows:

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Significant recent activities:

Chief, Africa Section, Office of Strategic Services  
member U.S. Delegation, ILO Conference, Phil., 1944  
member U.S. Delegation, Dumbarton Oaks  
member U.S. Delegation, IPR Conference, Mont Tremblant, 1942  
Hot Springs, 1945

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## FELLOWSHIPS

### Bunche to Speak At Urban League

#### Membership Dinner Slated Wednesday

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, technical adviser to the American delegation at the San Francisco Conference, will be the main speaker at the annual membership meeting of the Chicago Urban League at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Hotel Continental.

Dr. Bunche, who is acting associate chief of the division of dependent area affairs in the State Department, will discuss "The Significance of the United Nations Conference on International Organization."

Several years ago, Dr. Bunche studied political and social problems in Africa on a Rosenwald fellowship. He holds a doctor's degree from Howard University.

Eighteen new members will be elected to the board of directors of the league to serve a three-year term.

On the committee planning the affair are Earl B. Dickerson, president of the league; Alfred Smart and Rabbi Louis Binstock, board members, and Barnett Hodes, assistant corporation counsel.

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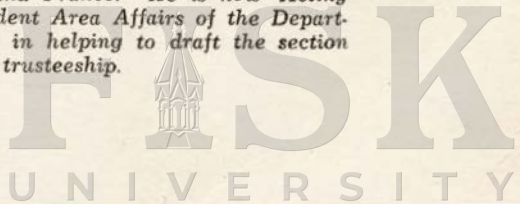
*Dr. Ralph J. Bunche*

American Delegate, United Nations Conference  
San Francisco, California

— Subject —

**"THE SIGNIFICANCE OF U. N. C. I. O."**

Dr. Bunche, a graduate of the University of California and Harvard University, was formerly head of the Department of Political Science at Howard University. On a Rosenwald scholarship he studied conditions in Africa and has studied in Germany and France. He is now Acting Associate Chief of the Division of Dependent Area Affairs of the Department of State and was technical adviser in helping to draft the section of U. N. C. I. O. charter on international trusteeship.



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# Ralph Bunche speaking date set for next Sunday

Monday, June 18, 1945

LOS ANGELES TRIBUNE

A local boy who made good comes home to receive the plaudits of the home folks next Sunday when Dr. Ralph Bunche, former star athlete and UCLA student, is presented in a lecture by the local branch of the Urban League. The lecture will mark the 23rd annual meeting of the League, and will be held at 3 p.m. at First AME church. Dr. Bunche, who is associate chief of the division of dependent area affairs of the State Department, will speak on "The Place of Minorities in the United World of Tomorrow."

Possibility that other dignitaries will share honors with Dr. Bunche is seen in the League's announcement that Gabriel L. Dennis, Liberian secretary of state, and General Carlos P. Romulo, head of the Philippine delegation and one of the chief protagonists of colonial freedom, have been invited.

Lester P. Granger, executive secretary of the National Urban League, is expected to be in the city and, if so, will also participate in the meeting.

One of the important cogs in behind-the-scene State Department machinery at the San Francisco conference, Dr. Bunche will be visiting relatives in Los Angeles at the close of the international meeting. He is the nephew of Thomas Johnson, Misses Nell and Ethel Johnson, of 1221 E. 40th st., and the brother of Mrs. Fletcher Robinson, of this city.

Regarded as the State Department's authority on colonials and their problems, Dr. Bunche got

his start, so to speak, when he left here after graduation as a Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA in 1927 with \$1,000, given him by the community. He went to Harvard where he took his master's degree in political science.

He has taught at Howard university where he was head of the political science department, traveled around the world on a fellowship, won in competition from the Social Sciences Research council, written a booklet for the Progressive Education association on "A World View of Race," studied at the University of Capetown, South Africa, and worked in the State Department's Office of Strategic Services where he gave the joint chiefs of staff vital information on colonial peoples and areas in which American armed forces were campaigning. He is married and has three children.

Dr. Bunche's post in the State Department is the only desk job held there by a Negro. Only a few Negroes serve in the Department, mainly as career diplomats to small Negro countries.

## Move to oust Negro postmaster in New Jersey

VAUX HALL, N. J. — Citizens of this town are fighting a move to oust the only Negro postmaster in the United States from his job and make this town's postoffice a sub-station of the adjacent village. The postmaster is Robert Kearse, who was appointed in 1936. He secured his appointment through activity in Democratic politics although this town is predominantly white in population.

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President's Appointee



Saturday, President Harry S. Truman appointed Dr. Ralph Bunche, a member of the State Department in Washington, D. C., since 1944, as a member of the Committee on Caribbean Affairs.

Dr. Bunche, who was former head of the Political Science Department at Howard University, is a graduate of the University of California, and a Ph. D. from Harvard.

# Dr. Bunche Holds High United Nations Position

*Pa Courier 11/2/46*

NEW YORK—Holding one of the more illustrious positions in the United Nations machinery at Lake Success today is one of our most scholarly and best-qualified men, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche. Dr. Bunche, who has been loaned to the United Nations by the State Department at the request of the United Nations to serve as director of the Trusteeship Division in the United Nations Secretariat and as deputy for Dr. Hoo, Assistant Secretary General in charge of the Department of Trusteeship and Non-Self-Governing Territories during his prolonged absence owing to illness. The loan of Dr. Bunche has been extended to December, 1946.

In his capacity, Dr. Bunche planned the organization of the trusteeship department of the United Nations Secretariat and recruited his staff.

Dr. Bunche, who forty-two years ago was born in Detroit, Mich., and reared in Los Angeles, Calif., holds an A.B. from UCLA, where he was graduated a Phi Beta Kappa, and a Master's and Ph.D. from Harvard University. Dr. Bunche has done post-doctoral work in colonial policy and anthropology at Northwestern University, London School of Economics, and the University of Capetown in South Africa, with field work in comparative colonial policy to his credit in West and North Africa, and later

## Dr. Bunche Holds High

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in South and East Africa, Malaya and Indonesia.

Among the long list of prominent positions Dr. Bunche has held are a professorship and head of the Department of Political Science at Howard University since 1928 (He has been on a leave of absence since September, 1941). He was co-director of the Institute of Race Relations at Swarthmore College in 1936; was chief of the Africa Section of the Division of Psychological Warfare in the Research and Analysis Branch of the Office of Strategic Services in 1943; was appointed by President Truman as U. S. Commissioner on the Caribbean Commission in Sept., 1945.

Dr. Bunche is the author of "A World View of Race," which was published in 1936, and "The Anglo-American Caribbean Commission," published in 1946, and numerous articles in scholarly journals.

Ralph J. Bunche is married to Ruth Ethel Harris, and has three children, Jean, 14; Jane, 13; and Ralph Jr., 3.

## Dr. Bunche U.S. Delegate at Caribbean Session

WASHINGTON (NNPA).—Dr. Ralph Bunche of the State Department is among American representatives attending a meeting here this week of the Anglo-American Caribbean Commission which is planning for the establishment of a Secretariat. Implementation of certain recommendations of the second West Indian Conference last February is also on the agenda.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson Bunche

Ralph Johnson Bunche, Jr.

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