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Mr. Raymond Paty
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Dear Mr. Paty:

I have gone through the digests of the applications from White Southerners which you sent me and I write to ask you to do the following, please:

Get in the M.A. theses of Burton W. Ames, Julia C. Smith and W.P. Ladet. Get the publications of Henry P. Miller, the article by David R. Reveley, and Geiser's "Naturalists of the Frontier." I would like to see them in Chicago.

asked for Concerning Bernard Wolf I ask why there are no letters about him from Harvard, and concerning Donald H.G. Stewart I want to know how good his German is.

Concerning your Group Journalism, I think you should inform yourself pretty completely about the scope of the new Niemann Fund at Harvard. Personally I think that that Fund is on the right track in setting up the form of assistance for journalists that has been set up there. I do not think that the kind of thing which our journalist of last year did -- I mean the chap whose articles from Europe you sent to me -- is worth two cents from any non-commercial point of view.

There is a general suggestion I want to make that I think you haven't gone far enough in your investigations of the applications marked "A" by you. Apparently you just wrote to their references and then stopped. This is not enough. When you have a hunch that a chap is good you ought to test that hunch by reference to critical scholars not referred to by the candidate. As an example, I take the case of L.E. Loemker which you have marked "A". Personally, I think it may be an "A" case and that it equally well may not be. The kind of statements that back his application mean absolutely nothing to me. He has done a thesis on Professor Ralph Barton Perry's thought, so why don't you ask Ralph Barton Perry what he thinks of the thesis? Also I should like to have Mr. Charles S. Johnson read his "Place of the Negro in American Social Morality."

I hope you will take these suggestions not as criticism but just as suggestions toward the better selection of Fellows.

With best greetings to you,

Sincerely yours,

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