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Dear Dr. DuBois: I wish we were in a position to help Dr. Virginia Alexander of Philadelphia in the immediate future but the only funds we have been able to allot for the last year and a half have been very small grants to help tide students over one or two quarters, especially those who would not otherwise have finished their undergraduate or graduate work for degrees.

I met Dr. Alexander at Swarthmore this summer and upon my return I spoke to Mr. Embree about her. He, too, had a talk with her when he dropped in at the institute there later. I did, however, send Dr. Alexander an application blank and asked her to return it filled in during the middle of next month. My purpose in doing this was to have her application on file at the next meeting of our board of trustees, so that I might be able to present it to the fellowship committee of the board should there be any fellowship money voted at that meeting. You can be assured that if we have the money at all Dr. Michael M. Davis, who has charge of our medical fellowship grants, will be very much interested in Dr. Alexander's application.

You might suggest to Miss Burton that she write us around the first of November asking for an application blank. Our trustees will be meeting in that month and I am sure the question of fellowship grants will come up for consideration.

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If I may introduce a subject foreign to this letter, I should like to congratulate you upon the enthusiasm you aroused in Howard Shaw, the young man who attended the Armenia Conference recently. He came back keenly interested in the whole economic situation - particularly the Negro angle - and he plans to organize a small group for study purposes this winter. He thought your analysis and summary of the conference discussions were the best contributions of the conference.

Very sincerely yours,

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