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Mr. William C. Haygood
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My dear Mr. Haygood:

I have put off writing this letter until the very last moment, hoping I would not have to write it. But, here it is.

Last Fall I promised Thurgood Marshall and the N.A.A.C.P. I would help them on their Texas case. When I agreed to the dates of May 3 and 4 I was under the impression that this case would come up in April. Unfortunately, however, the case has been set for the first week in May and I will have to leave here May 2nd, in order to be there on time, etc. Therefore, it isn't possible for me to be in Chicago on May 3 and 4.

I regret very much that I cannot be at this meeting because I have come to look upon our meetings with considerable anticipation and pleasure. I do not feel quite so bad about this meeting as I would have had it been the first meeting in April. I have probably contributed all that I can contribute anyway, and the second meeting will probably be taking care of some loose ends and confirming what was said in the first one.

Regretting I won't be able to be present and wishing for the Committee a very pleasant and profitable meeting, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chas. H. Thompson
Dean

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P.S. Please send my brief case express collect.

