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Mr. George M. Reynolds
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Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

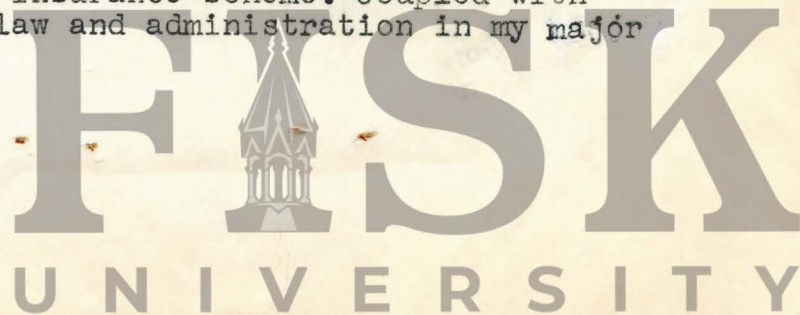
In reply to your letter of October 2, I can say that my work is progressing exactly according to the plan of work submitted when I requested my last fellowship. This, I believe, you have on file. If not, I shall be glad to again draw up another statement.

I finished my qualifying examination for orals in June. I am now taking my last nine credits and will take my orals in the spring. All languages examinations have been passed. In the spring I shall begin field work on my thesis, The Negro in Politics in New York. The degree I expect to get in June 1941.

There are no special honors at Columbia except fellowship awards, and, of course, my present award is better than any the University offers. After my thesis is written there is a possibility that the Columbia University Press may publish it. This will be an honor, but will be more expensive. I think I am well thought of in the department, however, for I am one of the twelve chosen for Charles Beard's seminar when there were hundreds of applications from the entire Faculty of Political Science (All of the social sciences.) I suggest that you write Professors Macmahon and Wallace. For previous honors please see my two applications to the Fund.

In August of 1938 I published an article in OPPORTUNITY on the theory and law of buy-where-you-can-work movements.

There is one thing new in my work at Columbia. I now have a minor in Social Insurance and Public Assistance. This will equip me to intelligently fight for the inclusion of the Negro in the social insurance scheme. Coupled with my work in administrative law and administration in my major



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field(American Government), I will be the only Negro prepared in this type of administration and in the field of social insurance. I am working with Professors C. A. Kulp and E. M. Burns at present. Later I expect to do some work with Professor Wolman.

I trust that this will give you the desired information .
Again please refer to my two applications for further material.

Very truly yours,

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