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SCHOLARSHIP

Confidential Report on Candidate for Scholarship

3/30/36

Name of Candidate..... John Beauregard Johnson, Jr......

Report Requested of..... Mrs. B. B. Walcott.....

..... Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.....

The above-named candidate has applied to this foundation for a scholarship to enable to secure further training in pathology 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.

Edwin R. Embree

President

REPORT:

I have known John B. Johnson since 1927 when I taught him in the high school. His scholarship and his powers of leadership early attracted the attention of the faculty. He was an officer in the cadet corps and was outstanding man in his trade - brickmasonry. He was urged to go to college. At the time of his graduation from high school Tuskegee did not meet the requirements for college entrance to northern schools. However, upon my personal recommendation as an alumnus, Dr. George Jones, secretary of Oberlin College, admitted Johnson to the Freshman Class. Johnson made good and was graduated at the end of four years. During that time he did not receive financial aid from home until his senior year. I went to Oberlin for his graduation and was most gratified to learn directly from the professors and people of the town the fine record he had made. He was one of a large number of applicants for admission to the medical school at Western Reserve. He was among the few accepted. In January 1936 I paid a visit to Cleveland City (over)

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Hospital where he was serving his internship. I was filled with pride as I accompanied him through the wards, into the clinics, the dining room and offices to see the deference, respect and sincere friendliness with which he was held by his fellow workers and patients.

He has talked with me at length about his interest in pathology and the fine opportunity to render service to the entire country as well as to the race through a constructive study (of pathological nature) relative to the ills and ailments of rural Negroes. Having lived in the South, he knows to what a great extent health conditions among Negroes have grown to appalling seriousness due to neglect through ignorance and to inadequate facilities and lack of funds on the part of sufferers or potential sufferers.

Just now Alabama is in the throes of an epidemic of poliomyelitis. The rural Negroes are hard hit.

Yours very sincerely,
(Mrs.) Bess B. Walcott

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Report Requested of.....Mr. Howard Thurman.....

.....Howard University, Washington, D. C......

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Edwin R. Embree

President

REPORT:

I have known the candidate since he was Freshman in Oberlin College some eight years ago. I have watched his development through college, through medical school and I am convinced that he is a young man of real ability, sound scholarship and unusual social intelligence. I have found him always reliable, trustworthy, conscientious and I am confident that he will make a significant contribution in his chosen field. He has exercised unusual initiative and courage in getting the most out of his years of formal study. I commend him to your consideration with complete confidence and without any reservations.

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Sincerely yours,

Howard Thurman

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Name of Candidate..... John Beauregard Johnson, Jr.

Report Requested of..... Dr. N. S. Duff

..... 2022 N. Mervine, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Edwin R. Embree

President

REPORT:

I have known applicant since early childhood, he has always been a hard worker and conscientious worker. His records at Tuskegee Institute & at Oberlin University show him to be capable & very willing to work.

I feel that if he is granted the scholarship, he will make good & that there will be no regrets on the part of those granting such aid.

Yours very truly

Nathaniel S. Duff M.D.

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Report Requested of..... Dr. Howard T. Karsner.....

.....Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.....

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Edwin R. Embree

President

REPORT:

I have known Dr. Johnson since early in his student days and have always been impressed by his intelligence and seriousness of purpose. He was a hard worker as a medical student even although he was not one of the top men of his class. He did some extra work in pathology and I was impressed by his interest, thoroughness and critical judgment. I have kept track of him while he has been an interne at Cleveland City Hospital and find that he renders eminently satisfactory service. Before he graduated he spoke to me about a career in pathology and I advised him to take a year in clinical internship before going seriously into pathology. He still is ambitious to take up pathology and I am quite convinced that he would be successful in that career. Indeed, I should be happy to guide him and to give him work if he is financially able to take it on.

Dr. Johnson is a man of good personal appearance and is clean and neat. His manners and manner are excellent. In Medical School and in Hospital he has gotten along well with his associates. This is particularly impressive when it is remembered that he was the only Negro in his class and is one of two Negro house officers in a large group at Cleveland City Hospital.

I can recommend Dr. Johnson to your favorable consideration without any reserve whatever.

Howard T. Karsner

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Name of Candidate.....John Beauregard Johnson, Jr......

Report Requested of.....Mr. E. F. Bosworth.....

.....Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.....

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Edwin R. Embree

President

REPORT:

John Beauregard Johnson is a colored boy who attended Oberlin College for four years, graduating in June, 1931. Scholastically, he did very good work. Personally, he was highly thought of both by his teachers and his fellow-students. He was active in track, running the dashes. As to his personality and character perhaps the most effective thing I can say is that when he was a senior I was very glad to have him living in the Men's Building, largely occupied by freshmen, in order that they might have a chance to know him,—a high grade man scholastically, athletically and personally in spite of his race. !?

"Jack" was one of seven children. His father was a mail-carrier in Bessemer, Alabama. His background was one of financial difficulty but of real ambition. I consider Jack a gentleman and think he has great promise. He will make a good doctor and a good citizen.

E. F. Bosworth

Dean of Men,
Oberlin College.

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