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Dr. M. O. Bousfield
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Bousfield:

Your letter of September 27th was not a little disappointing. I deferred answering it until I should see you when you came to Philadelphia. It was disappointing also not to hear from you last week when you were here. This may be my fault in part. I should have invited you to stay at my Health Home, then I might have had a chance to talk with you.

From my conversations with Mr. Embree, Mr. George Arthur and Dr. Charles S. Johnson several years ago and more recently with Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Dr. Numa P. G. Adams and with numbers of other people, I came to believe that I could enlist the interest of the Rosenwald Fund in giving me a special grant for the work which I have been laying down for myself for a number of years.

I think I might have had a fellowship years ago as a recent graduate to prepare for teaching in one of our medical schools. Dr. Adams and others with whom I have talked agreed with me that my concern for the public health needs of North Philadelphia, as well as my concern for the needs of Negro physicians in this area warranted the necessity for me to stay in the field of general practice until I became intimately acquainted with our situation and until I could formulate a program or a project for meeting this two-fold need.

Now that the time has come for me to seek formal training, scholastic and professional recognition, I think the Rosenwald Fund should not shunt me off to a newly formulating federal project as it could easily do to young people who have not served as apprentice and student in the way that I have. I am not asking for a simple fellowship, I am asking for a grant in much the same way as Dr. DuBois and other people who have merited the confidence and trust of the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

I wish I might talk with you and also with Dr. Davis and Mr. Embree concerning my plan for study. I should be willing to go to Chicago or wherever you say to talk with you. Please let me know when I can do this and please don't let the Rosenwald Fund say me nay until you have talked with me.

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Yours very sincerely,

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P. A. I have a letter from Dr. Charles S. Johnson urging me to see you and Mr. Embree concerning my project. He feels certain I can interest you. I could go to Chicago at my own expense whenever you say I may. Ask Dr. Reginald Smith & Dr. Numa Adams about me. Yours, V.M.A.