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Candidate Lowell Howard Bennett

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Special Field
Public Administration and
Administrative Law

Field Secretary, Department of Administration
Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

Plan of Work

To prepare for public service I plan to do a full year's study on a graduate level in the social sciences, mainly in sociology, economics, and political science, and later pursue study in a Law School with emphasis on Administrative Law (sometimes called Social and Public Law).

Wishes to attend the University of Chicago, one year.

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Digest of Application

Born February, 1913, Charleston, South Carolina. Unmarried.

A. B. Fisk University, 1935.

Has been Field Secretary at Fisk University since 1935; present salary \$2200 a year.

References

- Dr. A. A. Taylor, Fisk University
- Prof. Theodore S. Currier, Fisk University
- Dr. James M. Landis, Harvard Univ. Law School
- Mr. Andrew J. Allison, Fisk University
- Dr. Thomas E. Jones, Fisk University

Budget Summary

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| Total amount needed | \$2155 |
| From applicant | <u>305</u> |
| From Fund | \$1850 |

Committee Notes

Granted



PROJECT: TRAINING FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

I. Description, Character, Scope, Significance of Project.

The complex nature of present-day society with its countless social and economic problems has presented social needs which have given rise to the growth and development of an addition to the great branches of law. A new aspect of law has been added to the Anglo-American legal system - that of Administrative law. Technological improvements and new mechanical advances, the rise of big business in corporate form, urbanization, new modes of transportation, and increased communication are social and economic forces, the impact of which has necessitated the extension of legal control over areas of human and business relations that heretofore were considered without the province of government regulation and substantive law.

The problems growing out of the complex nature of our social and economic life have been of great concern to the general public and have been issues in the public forum. In an attempt to meet these social problems there has been an increasing amount of national legislation creating agencies or commissions for the regulating and ordering of certain phases of our national life.

Prior to the creation by legislation, of the commissions for meeting these problems, attempts were made to handle such issues by adding to the already ineffective machinery statutes that relegated the entire complex problem to judicial courts, and rested their enforcement upon the equally "ineffective machinery of the criminal law."¹ "More recently, legislative regulation of economic and social

¹ Henderson, The Federal Trade Commission - p v

interests has resorted to administrative instruments in the enforcement of legislative policy."²

The creation of agencies such as The Federal Trade Commission, The Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal Communications Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, to cite a few, indicate the trend by which the attempt is being made to cope adequately with the situation.

All of these commissions and similar agencies have assigned to them problems that affect the economy and welfare of the entire nation. They constitute issues of broad social and public significance and are not primarily concerned with the litigation of private individuals. Furthermore, the attendant problems of any specific issue call for exhaustive study and compilation of facts if they are to be adjudicated properly.

In a recent article in The Yale Review, James M. Landis, Dean of the Harvard Law School, pointed out that one of the advantages of the Administrative Tribunal was that its personnel was constantly engaged with the issues of a particular national problem and had opportunity to develop the necessary background and obtain the necessary information that just approach to the matter dictated. On the other hand, he continued, in a court a judge would probably only once in a life time be confronted with such a problem and the judicial process did not allow for the necessary excursions into sociological and economic matters that the case might demand.

"When interpretation and enforcement of legislation is left exclusively to the courts wide areas are left for personal judgment. The language of the law frequently lacks exactness and is emasculated by compromise. It is much better for such substantive legislation

²Ibid

to create its agency and allow the interpretation and execution of the law to be carried out in the administrative process of the commission rather than the judicial process of the law."³

Justice Stone in a notable opinion recently said, "Courts are not the only agency of the government that must be assumed to have capacity to govern."⁴

From all appearances the administrative process in the scheme of American government is destined to assume a place side by side with that of the judicial. The Administrative Tribunal is becoming a technique and procedure to deal with certain problems of our age which the Judicial Tribunal is not presently fitted to handle. The Administrative branch of the law is today of unusual and growing significance. Its importance is now no longer questioned, its values being proved.

An important branch of the law, the training for the administrative aspects of the law, requires greater breadth than that heretofore considered requisite for legal training, and later effective public service and administration. It seems to me one must be steeped in more than history, government, political science. The law of today is pregnant with social and economic problems, and is being interpreted more and more in the light of social fact and existing conditions than historical and judicial precedent. The student of law, it appears, should have a thorough understanding and appreciation of social and economic forces. It seems prudent that legal training should be imposed on an adequate foundation and background of the social sciences.

³Landis - "Business Policy and the Courts." - Yale Review

⁴Landis - The Administrative Process - p 154

Case cited (United States vs Butler, 297 U.S. 1, 87 (1936)).

The rise of the administrative aspects of the law, the increasing amount of social legislation which modern society requires, mean that there must be developed a trained personnel, broadly speaking, in Public Administration that brings to the vexing problems the degree of "expertness" their solution requires. Such administration is of a legal nature, but deals with legal problems of social and economic importance affecting the welfare of the general public.

With an interest in Public Administration and Administrative Law, I propose to pursue training in that field in this correlated manner:

1. Graduate study in the Division of the Social Sciences, mainly in Sociology, Economics and Political Science;
2. Study in a Professional School of Law with emphasis on Administrative Law (sometimes called Social Law or Public Law.)

From my reading and limited observation, I think the reason for a grounding in the social sciences prior to the study of law has its values most readily seen when it is recognized that the law itself might be considered as a social institution. Law has its roots and foundations in human relations. It might be considered as the outgrowth of the efforts people make in a community to meet properly and satisfactorily human wants and needs. Certain ways of acting and behaving are discovered that prove to meet the situation with a degree of adequacy making for happy adjustment in an orderly manner. These techniques are recognized as socially desirable for the general welfare and are widely accepted. By continually proving their value, with wider acceptance and approval these practices become a part of the ordered life, the accepted customs, the folk-ways of the community. Still, however, these practices with their attending attitudes cannot be considered parts of the body of law. A greater degree of crystallization of form and sanction is needed. The practices must become a part of the behavior pattern which the particular culture holds invio-

late. It is then that the practices are considered part of the mores. At which point in the social process the custom law or the common law emerges, I am not certain, but it seems logical that it would be when the modes of behavior are generally recognized as socially useful, meeting certain societal needs and variance from that pattern of behavior invoking the displeasure of authority with consequences. In many primitive groups such authority is not found in delegated officers nor tribunals, but in that intangible of community or group approbation.

The common law, as we know it today, is descended from primitive custom law. To the body of common law, which has its antecedents in custom, has been added the substantive law of civilized people through the work of delegated assemblies, judicial interpretation and precedent, and the edict of magistrates. (Heads of governments.)

Law being a social institution, I feel that a fuller grasp and a better comprehension of its meaning and function can be had by understanding the nature of social institutions. This being true, I think it advisable to become more familiar with such materials as:

1. Social Processes
2. Social Institutions:
 - Origin - Function - Value - Development -
 - Change - Transmission
3. Interdependence of Relation between Institution and Individual
4. Social Change and Institutions.

Of equal importance to the understanding of the law, particularly in making such understanding pertinent, is a knowledge of economic principles and processes. Present-day legal problems are pregnant with matters of an economic nature. It is for this reason that I propose to do further work in Economics.



In connection with the training should be work in the field of political science. Political institutions and their subdivisions are essential and important in their relation to and with the legal institution. Of chief and paramount interest in this connection is a knowledge of the coordinating unit in the political field, the state. One writer has said, "The state is that system of institutions which, in order to secure order and certain elementary common purposes and conditions of life, unites under a single scheme of political control the inhabitants of a given territory."⁵ Within that framework are to be found several other important institutions of a political nature, agencies of the state. Whereas, the state has as two of its chief functions legislation and judicial action, both of which revolve around legal premises, it is of value to pursue work in political science. Time should be devoted to matters such as:

1. The State: Concepts and function
2. Operation of government through its branches
3. Social legislation
4. The Study of some one problem confronting the government as:

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| Labor | Monopoly |
| Railroads | Interstate Commerce |
| Securities | Utilities |
| Banking | Social Security |

I suggest the latter approach of studying some problem confronting the government because if any one of them were extended far enough it would show its relation to the whole.

⁵Hertzler - Social Institutions, p 53

The problems of today and the new approaches to them will affect the whole body of law. Out of them will come the need for persons trained in Administrative Law who are interested in Public Administration. A background in the social sciences will prove very valuable. A recent publication stated, "The widening sphere of government activities and the increasing complexity of administrative functions make an imperative call upon the social sciences to assist in the better understanding and more effective management of governmental problems."⁶

Not only in becoming part of public service personnel, but in other areas will opportunities be found to use such training. Legal craftsmen with such background and bent can be used in drafting legislation. Business organizations will have to use such persons to aid in directing the activities and especially the expansion of businesses so that they will not run afoul of the law and public opinion. Such training is of value in almost any administrative post, particularly in an age when the law, social and economic forces impinge so greatly on the life of the people and their institutions. Again, there is opportunity to do research and legal scholarship in this comparatively recent branch of the law.

From a more restricted point of view, such training as I propose to undertake can be of significant value to a person belonging to a minority group, and it is hoped ultimately to the group. In a rapidly changing society in which new interpretation is being given to so many things - processes and functions - there is definite need that there be representatives of a minority group who can properly interpret these changes and play some part in assisting and directing the necessary adjustments which the group must make, and at the same time call attention to the things which will safeguard their rights and help their situation. I am of the opinion that this can best be done when the informed

⁶Harvard University Graduate School of Public Administration, General Statement, p 9

representatives view their special problems in their relation to the whole complex of problems in American life, for the problems of a minority are inextricably tied up with the larger problems confronting a nation. To the situation should be brought not only a concern for justice and an emotional sensitivity, but thorough training, wide information, and an objective outlook. In such a manner with adequate and proper understanding, some contribution can be made towards the solution of not only the immediate problems of the minority group, but also the problems as they affect the entire nation, or vice versa.

II. Present State of Project, and Expectation as to Time of Completion.

As yet, I have not done any formal study of a graduate level since receiving the A.B. degree. Since that time I have read independently in my field of interest. I plan to spend four quarters in the graduate school of the University of Chicago, in the Division of the Social Sciences. This work I intend to begin in the fall of 1939, and to remain through the winter, spring and summer quarters.

III. The Proposed University, and the Authorities with whom Work would be Done.

The graduate study in the Social Sciences I plan doing at the University of Chicago. Since my work will be of a divisional character, it will probably fall under the supervision of Dr Robert Redfield, Dean of the Division of Social Sciences. Some of the professors with whom I would like to work are Professors Henry Alvin Millis, Paul Howard Douglas, and Frank H Knight in Economics. In Political Science, I desire work with Professors Leonard D White and Charles E Merriam and Associate Professor Marshall E Dimock. In Sociology I plan to study under Professor Ellsworth Faris, and Associate Professors Herbert Blumer and Louis Wirth.

IV. Expectation as to Publication or Use of Results of Study.

My study at this particular stage will be valuable in providing the necessary background for work of a more advanced nature.

Whereas, papers will be written exploring certain interests and problems, I am not of the opinion they would attain the level of authority that I feel publications should reach.

V. Plans for Career

Upon the completion of graduate work in the social sciences and in Administrative Law, I plan to enter the field of Public Administration as a career. The training I seek does not train one for any specific post, but only in the broad field of Public Administration.

Fisk University

NASHVILLE, TENN.

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Official Transcript of the Record of Lowell Howard Bennett

I. Attendance: Admitted Freshman Class of Fisk University
(Name of School reporting)

Attended—From Sept 31, 1931 to June 35, 1935 Graduated June 12, 1935 Degree B A
"Cum Laude"

II. Present Status: Graduate.

III. Entrance Units: From Avery Institute, Charleston, South Carolina

| SUBJECT | UNITS | SUBJECT | UNITS | SUBJECT | UNITS | SUBJECT | UNITS |
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| English | 3 | Trigonometry | | Commercial Law | | Music | |
| Greek | | Physics | 1 | Bookkeeping | | Public Speaking | |
| Latin | 3 | Chemistry | 1 | Shorthand | | Biology | 1 |
| French | 2 | Botany | | Typewriting | | Civics | |
| German | | Zoology | | Domestic Art | | Other Subjects | |
| Spanish | | Physiography | | Domestic Science | | Psychology | 1/2 |
| History | 3 | Geography | | Mechanical Drawing | | | |
| Social Studies | 1 | Introductory Science | | Industrial Training | | | |
| Algebra | 1 1/2 | Physiology | | Free Hand Drawing | | | |
| Geometry | 1 | Agriculture | | Manual Training | | | |
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*Placement Examination required in this subject. Source of credit, Fisk High School. Units Estimated on basis of definition of the Carnegie Foundation.

How admitted: By examination and certification.

IV. College Credits:

| COURSES | CATALOG NUMBERS | DESCRIPTIVE NAMES OF COURSES | QUARTER HOURS OF CREDIT AND GRADE | | | | REC'S PER WEEK | Lab. Pds. per Wk. | |
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| Year <u>1931-32</u> | | | | | | | | | |
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| English | 101 | Rhetoric | 5-A | | | | 5 | | |
| Chemistry | 101-2 | General Inorganic | 5-B | 5-A | | | 3 | 2-110" | |
| General Lit | 100 | Selects from Lit of World | | 5-B | | | 5 | | |
| English | 102 | Written Composition | | 5-B | | | 5 | | |
| Chemistry | 103 | Qualitative Analysis | | | 5-B | | 2 | 3-110" | |
| Gen Science | 100 | History of Science | | | 5-B | | 5 | | |
| English | 120 | Survey of English Lit | | | 5-A | | 5 | | |
| | | Physical Education | 0-A | 0-A | | | 3 | | |
| 1932-33 | | | | | | | | | |
| Economics | 101-2 | Principles | 5-C | 5-C | | | 5 | | |
| Sociology | 120 | Introduction | 5-C | | | | 5 | | |
| German | 101-2-3 | Elementary | 5-D | 5-D | 5-B | | 5 | | |
| History | 100 | Early European | | 5-B | | | 5 | | |
| Sociology | 124 | The Negro in America | | | 5-A | | 5 | | |
| Religion | 100 | Intro to Field of Relig | | | 5-B | | 5 | | |
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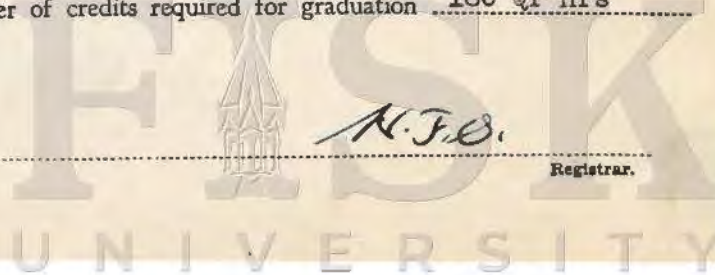
Total number of credits secured 185 Qr Hrs

Number of credits required for graduation 180 Qr Hrs

Grading System—Letter Average passing grade, C.

Each quarter is twelve weeks long.

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| Year 1933-34 | | | | | | | | |
| Government | 132 | International Relations | 5-B | | | | 5 | |
| Sociology | 125 | Social Psychology | 5-B | | | | 5 | |
| Statistics | 101 | Introduction | 5-C | | | | 5 | |
| Sociology | 121 | Social Institutions | | 5-B | | | 5 | |
| Sociology | 123 | The Family | | 5-A | | | 5 | |
| History | 102 | Recent European History | | 5-B | | | 5 | |
| Sociology | 135 | Immigration | | | 5-B | | 5 | |
| Religion | 105 | Biblical Institutions & Ideals | | | 5-B | | 5 | |
| Sociology | 216 | Rural Sociology | | | 5-A | | 5 | |
| 1934-35 | | | | | | | | |
| Sociology | 213 | Cultural Conflicts | 5-B | | | | 5 | |
| Sociology | 122 | Social Pathology | 5-B | | | | 5 | |
| Economics | 105 | Modern Labor Problems | 5-A | | | | 5 | |
| Sociology | 131 | Develop of Soc Theory & Sociology | | 5-B | | | 5 | |
| History | 108 | Modern England | | 5-A | | | 5 | |
| History | 111 | U S from 1789 to 1865 | | 5-B | | | 5 | |
| Sociology | 215 | Meth Soc Investigation & Research | | 5-A | | | 5 | |
| Sociology | 132 | Criminology & Penology | 5-C | | | | 5 | |
| Sociology | 134 | Educational Sociology | | | 5-A | | 5 | |
| Government | 133 | Recent Tendencies in Gov't | | | 5-B | | 5 | |
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Number of credits required for graduation 180 Qr Hrs

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LETTERS OF REFERENCE

L. Howard Bennett

Dr. James M. Landis, Dean, Harvard University Law School, Cambridge.

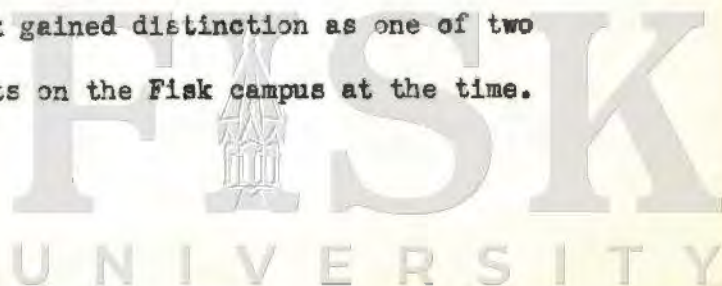
I have read Mr. Bennett's project with interest. It is well written, far from jejune, and indicates that Bennett is one of those individuals that is worth further education.

My own approach to his problem would be different from his, and one that others would criticize. I would like to see him now get a professional education, say in law, and with that under his belt then make an attack along the lines he now suggests. He needs the hardening process that professional schools subject their students to. Then he can broaden his base with a sense of security that he is now likely to lack. The studies of greatest consequence in the field he describes have been done by men like Henderson and Schafman, who have had this kind of basis. But this is a matter upon which men will naturally differ. I simply suggest that going through a first-rate law school is as much of a true educational process as study in some of our graduate schools, a fact frequently overlooked.

Dr. Thomas E. Jones, President, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. L. Howard Bennett, who is known to some of the officers of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, has been the Field Secretary of Fisk University for the past four years. He has done an excellent piece of work, both in interesting students in coming to Fisk and in raising funds for the endowment campaign.

Mr. Bennett was a leader at Avery Institute, Charleston, South Carolina, and after coming to Fisk gained distinction as one of two or three of the most outstanding students on the Fisk campus at the time.



(Letters of Reference - L. Howard Bennett)

He has a pleasing personality, an excellent disposition, is hard working, ambitious, cultured, and intelligent.

Mr. Bennett's application deserves serious consideration.

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Mr. A. A. Taylor, Dean, Fisk University.

Mr. L. Howard Bennett is a recent graduate of Fisk University of superior scholarship record. He is a leader of men - able, sanely aggressive, intelligently courageous, cooperative in his relations with associates, loyal to a trust. Both as a student and as a member of the administrative (field-service) staff, his connection with Fisk University has been consistently constructive and successful. Judging from his aptitude, interests and temperament, I should expect him to make a splendid career in the field of law.

I approve heartily of his plan of work. I believe that the future may afford him splendid opportunities in his specific fields of interest. His plan of training comprises most effective preparation for his career.

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Mr. Andrew J. Allison, Alumni Secretary, Fisk University.

I have known the applicant personally over a period of eight years. I influenced his coming to Fisk University. Mr. Bennett stayed in close touch with my office during his first two years in college, offering volunteer services. As Chairman of Public Functions on Fisk University campus, I relied upon Mr. Bennett's varied abilities and used him constantly as the leader of my student organizations. At the same time he did things



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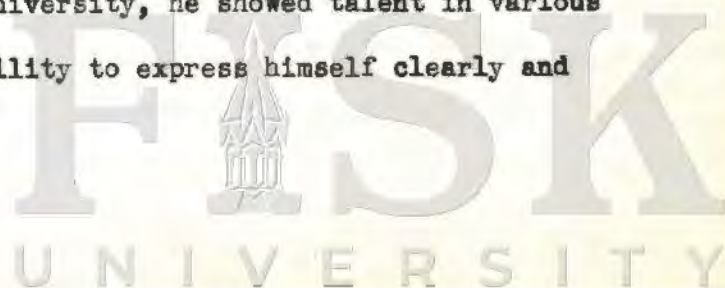
under his own steam and was outstanding in extra-curricular activities while maintaining an honor academic record. He was voted by the national office of his fraternity as being the Negro student who had contributed most to student activity on any American college campus.

In previous years I had used Fisk professors for limited periods during each year to assist me in Fisk's public relations program. In 1934, Mr. Bennett's junior year, I sent him out to do field work. He made a wonderful record. Immediately upon his graduation I recommended his appointment as Field Secretary of Fisk University, to work out of my office. Mr. Bennett, in this capacity, has exhibited rare intelligence in organizing ability, in being able to get along with people and get results in spite of handicaps. He has initiated some of his work, has always shown mature judgment, plans well, and keenly analyzes each step of a program before proceeding. He has in him undoubtedly "the makings" and the native abilities of an outstanding executive. He has talked over with me his plans for life, including the plan of study presented to you. He has a clear conception of what he wishes to do, and the work in which he has been engaged for the past several years in contacting thousands of people in every section of the United States for Fisk University has encouraged him to do special study in this field. A highly trained person whose interests will be largely devoted to Negroes is practical and needed.

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Mr. Theodore S. Currier, Professor of History and Government, Fisk University.

Mr. L. Howard Bennett is a young man of considerable promise. As an undergraduate at Fisk University, he showed talent in various fields. In debating he demonstrated ability to express himself clearly and

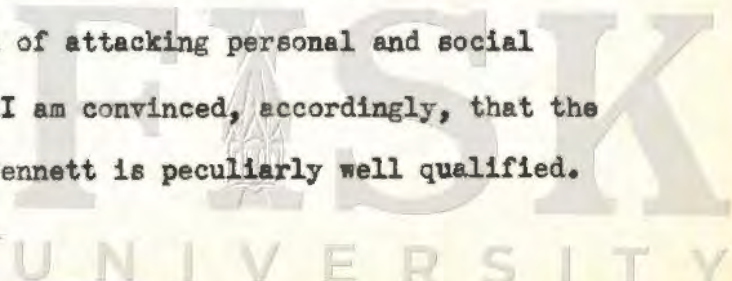


(Letters of Reference - L. Howard Bennett)

accurately while under pressure. He was an outstanding member of the basketball team. In his fraternity, college class, and in the general student body, this young man was an acknowledged leader. He has a quick mind, wide interests and a pleasant personality. Mr. Bennett has great poise and makes a quick (and lasting) impression that is highly favorable. While an undergraduate, he made a conscious effort to develop himself into a "well-rounded" personality. His scholarship, reflecting an active, capable mentality and supported by a willingness to work, has been consistently sound.

Since graduating from Fisk University, Mr. Bennett has had great responsibility placed upon him in the employ of Fisk University. He appears to have grown rapidly under this responsibility. His ambition to advance himself and to be of greater constructive value to society has been heightened. His thought has deepened. He has continued to read widely and to think broadly. Mr. Bennett has been much more successful than most young men in avoiding the conceit which the early assumption of serious responsibility so often produces. His early promise of effective leadership and ability in organizing appears to have been realized splendidly in his work among the Fisk alumni.

I am reluctant to give a detailed reaction to Mr. Bennett's project in view of the fact that I have been informed that it has been submitted to better qualified persons for expert opinion. I believe, however, that it has interesting possibilities. It is also my opinion that Mr. Bennett is well equipped to carry out a project of this sort. He has given conclusive and continuous evidence since his admission as an undergraduate at Fisk of significant mental ability, of wide social outlook, of interest in widening the area of his usefulness and of attacking personal and social problems in a highly original manner. I am convinced, accordingly, that the project outlined is one for which Mr. Bennett is peculiarly well qualified.



(Letters of Reference - L. Howard Bennett)

Judge William H. Hastie, District Court of the Virgin Islands, Saint Thomas.

My two impressions upon first reading Mr. Bennett's project - impressions strengthened by more careful examination - were that the man has selected a field in which well-trained Negroes are greatly needed, and that he has an unusually clear and defined picture of what he wants to do.

Today, the field of public administration and administrative law is growing faster than men are being prepared to work in it. A vast area is being covered by new public administrative agencies and expanding old ones. Both in government and in the representation of interests outside of government, trained personnel is as indispensable as it is hard to find.

There are few fields in which a smaller number of Negroes have been or are being trained than the one under consideration. I personally know something of the difficulty experienced in recent years in finding Negroes trained for such work where opportunities for general public service and service to the Negro community have been great. Thus, I believe it particularly fitting that the Julius Rosenwald Fund should encourage and assist the young Negro of unusual promise who would adventure in this new area.

I first met Mr. Bennett about three years ago. The man gives the same impression as does his presentation of his project: clean cut and purposeful, with an orderly and incisive mind.

I believe the fellowship committee will agree with me (1) that the field of public administration and administrative law is one in which Negroes stand in special need of representation, and (2) that Mr. Bennett, in stating his plan, has made a presentation of unusual merit, which in itself reflects the general scholarship of the applicant as well as mature consideration and thorough understanding of his proposed undertaking.



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Please fill out and return in order that we may complete our records
on former Rosenwald Fellows:

Name:

L. Howard Dunst

Present position:

Field Representative
American Council on Race Relations

Address:

37 West Randolph St
Chicago, Illinois.

Significant recent activities:

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American Council on Race Relations

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October 5, 1944

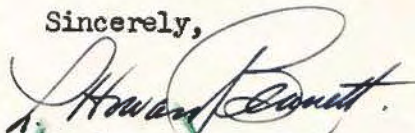
Mrs. William C. Haygood
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Haygood:

I am forwarding to you copies of a memorandum sent to H. Pettus Randall last May 9 and a copy of a news release sent out by the U.S.O. when I joined its staff last January.

At the present time, I am a Field Representative for the American Council on Race Relations.

Sincerely,



L. Howard Bennett
Field Representative

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UNIVERSITY

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AMERICAN COUNCIL ON RACE RELATIONS

Kansas City, Mo., Feb.____, -- L. Howard Bennett, director of Avery Institute since 1941, has been appointed Associate Regional Executive for the USO with headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., it was announced today by W. Noel Hudson, USO Regional Executive for Regions VIII, IX, and XI.

Mr. Bennett's work will cover supervision of USO services in fourteen states with special reference to the services being given Negroes. His territory includes Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

Since returning to Charleston, of which he is a native, Mr. Bennett identified himself with many educational and civic movements, and was active in inter-racial relations work. He was secretary of the Citizens Bi-Racial Committee, executive secretary of the Negro Community Council, chairman of the Negro Auxiliary, Charleston Chapter American Red Cross, and vice-chairman of Division II Charleston County Tuberculosis Association. Bennett served on the Mayor's Committee on Recreation for Negro Soldiers, was a member of the Park and Playground Committee, a member of the Operating Committee of the Fraser Field USO, and the executive Committee of the Charleston County War Bond Committee. In addition he was a trustee of Emmanuel A.M.E. Church.

Mr. Bennett was chairman of the Negro Division during the 1943 Red Cross War Fund Drive when the Division raised \$8,500, and was also Chairman



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of the Negro Division in the Third War Loan Campaign when over \$50,000 in bonds were sold by direct canvass.

Born in Charleston, the son of the late Rev. H.W. B. Bennett, and Mrs. Bennett, he attended Avery Institute graduating from the high school department. He graduated from Fisk University in 1935 with honors, and was appointed as Field Secretary for the College remaining there until 1939 when he was awarded a Julius Rosenwald Fellowship to study Public Administration and Administrative Law at the University of Chicago.

Miss Florence A. Clyde for many years Supervisor of teacher training at Avery and more recently an administrative assistant has been named as director.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: H. Pettus Randall, Who's Who Among
Students in American Universities
and Colleges

DATE: May 9, 1944

FROM: L. Howard Bennett

SUBJECT: I, Educational Training
II, Professional Experience
III, Community Activities

I. Educational Training

- A. High School Diploma, Avery Institute, Charleston, S. C., June, 1931.
- B. Fellow for special work at Institute on International Relations, Northwestern Univ., July, 1934.
- C. A.B. (Cum Laude Honors) Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., June, 1935.
- D. Julius Rosenwald Fellow in Public Administration and Administrative Law, University of Chicago, 1939-40, 1940-41.

II. Professional Experience

- A. Field Secretary, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., 1935-1939.
- B. Director, Avery Institute, 1941-1944.
- C. Associate Regional Executive, United Service Organizations, Inc.-
Regional Office, Kansas City, Mo. - 1944

III. Community Activities: Charleston, S. C.

- A. Executive Secretary, Negro Community Council, Charleston, S. C.
- B. Secretary, Citizens Bi-Racial Committee
- C. Chairman, Negro Auxilliary Charleston Chapter American Red Cross.
- D. Vice-Chairman, Division II, Charleston County T. B. Assoc.
- E. Member, Mayor's Committee on Recreation for Negro Soldiers.

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- I. Trustee, Emmanuel A.M.E. Church.
- J. Chairman, Negro Division Red Cross War Fund Drive, March, 1943.
- K. Chairman, Negro Division, Third War Loan Campaign.

FELLOWSHIPS

August 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Bennett: Unfortunately, your letter of August 12 has arrived during Mr. Embree's absence from the city. I am sure that, upon his return shortly after Labor Day, he will be very pleased to read your very thorough statement regarding the West Coast situation.

Sincerely yours,
MARY E. MONSON
Secretary to Mr. Embree

MM
Mr. L. Howard Bennett
United Service Organizations, Inc.
912 Baltimore Avenue, Regional Office
Kansas City 6, Missouri

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Dear Mr. Embree:

Had circumstances permitted my accepting your luncheon invitation on my recent visit to Chicago, I would liked to have discussed with you the apparent resentment to the Fund, which Larry ran into on the West Coast. I hope that you and Dr. Will have not taken too seriously that cropping-out in California.

As must be the case in regards to all institutions and organizations, there are those who are hyper-critical of the Fund; or resentful of it. While not large in numbers or too influential, such persons are to be found in several sections of the country and they have been vocal at times. Often times I have run into persons and groups discussing both the Rosenwald Fund and the GEB, and have picked up through conversation with them some of their criticism.

I don't know the full story behind the West Coast situation, but I would venture to say that the factors involved in a suspicion of and a resentment to the fund are as follows:

The West Coast is a cultural area, unique and different from any other section of the Country. It is not acquainted with the race problem as we know it, and with them the race problem is relatively recent.

There is a radicalism on the West Coast that follows pretty ridgid ideological lines, consequently they are suspicious of any group that does not interpret the problems of the area as basically a class struggle; which does not seek

to improve conditions along the line of their interpretation; and in a manner their approach would dictate. It is likely that the Communist inspired groups on the West Coast alone want credit for bettered conditions and improved relations. They will resist the efforts of others until otherwise convinced.

In the North there are those who look upon the Fund with suspicion and some distrust. Again it is not wide spread.

In some quarters in the North there are Negroes and some whites who are suspicious and distrustful of persons, groups or organizations that have worked in human relations, or education in the Southern region. They are fearful lest too many comprises be made by those persons, or organizations should they labor in the North. They seem to believe that attitudes and techniques operable in the South would be applied to Northern problems and situations.

Among this group are to be found those who condemn the Rosenwald Fund and the General Education Board for supporting and strengthening Negro colleges in the South, saying these philanthropic boards in this manner strengthen segregation. Of course they set forth no alternative course of action as to how education for Negroes in the South could have been developed to the point that it is without such philanthropic assistance. They cite the Fund's support of education for Negroes under a dual system in the South, and ipso-facto declare the Fund would have segregation transplanted to the North.

From another section of the country, the South, where one would least expect to find it, there also comes some unfavorable criticism of the Fund.

Sources of this criticism is among mal-contents in Negro Colleges and educational circles. They are the people who feel that the Fund has exercised an undue amount of influence in the management and control of Negro schools: Development of departments, grants for research, selection of college presidents, awards for study. Most of these persons did not receive the recognition that they thought they should have are resentful. While not by any means justifiable it is easily understood.

FELLOWSHIPS

June 7, 1944

Dear Mr. Bennett: Things are moving rather rapidly here. In accordance with your last letter, I am writing to say that we can now offer you a position at the earliest date you are able to secure a release from your present duties.

We did not discuss salary when you were here. I will say that we will at least meet your present salary. I, of course, have no idea what that is and will be very glad to have an expression from you as to what salary you would accept. On this point I do not anticipate that we will have any difficulty in reaching an agreement.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

WWA:SO

WILL W. ALEXANDER

Mr. L. Howard Bennett
United Service Organizations, Inc.
Regional Office
912 Baltimore Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

cc MJG files

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4901 Ellis Avenue
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To Mr. L. Howard Bennett
Regional Office, U.S.O.
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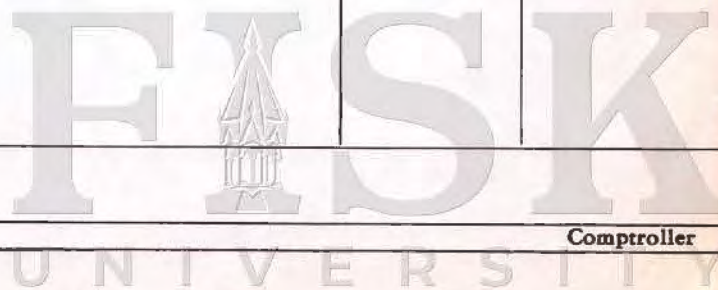
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Remarks:

Mr Bennett sent in the attached expense account as the result of a trip to Chicago for an interview with Dr. Alexander in connection with a position with the Council. In order not to delay reimbursing Mr Bennett, I sent him a Fund check. Should the Council reimburse the Fund?

Do I think this is still search for personnel under the \$35,000 grant of last autumn?

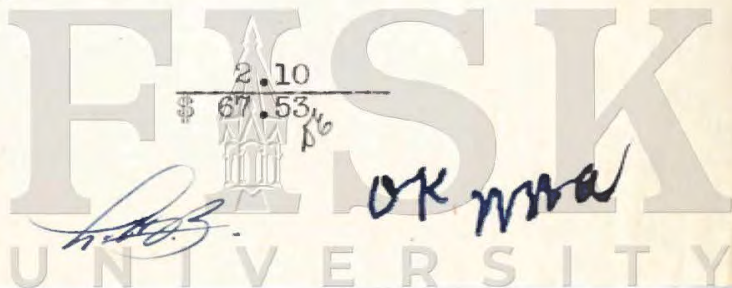


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June 5, 1944

My dear Mr. Bennett: I was much interested
in your letter of June 2,
and encouraged. I shall write you something
definite within a week or two.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

WILL W. ALEXANDER

WWA:SO

Mr. L. Howard Bennett
United Service Organizations, Inc.
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Kansas City, Missouri

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cause and far reaching possibilities of the Council's proposed undertakings and are of the disposition to make some sacrifice in their personnel to this larger mission. Then again they do not think I should consider my obligations to them to a point which would preclude my accepting an opportunity that one could ill-afford to pass up.

It appears then that should you need some one in six to eight weeks I could effect a separation in good faith, should sufficient notice be given.

May I thank you for considering me in this matter. With best wishes, I close.

Sincerely,
L. Howard Bennett.

FELLOWSHIP

June 1, 1944

Dear Mr. Bennett: It was a delight to see you again two weeks ago. I wish it were feasible for you to come at once with the American Council on Race Relations. I am sure you are right in feeling that you must first establish the work on which you are now engaged. Possibly six months from now we can reopen the question.

My best wishes in all that you are doing.

Very truly yours,

ERE:SO

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mr. L. Howard Bennett
United Service Organizations, Inc.
Regional Office
912 Baltimore Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

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February 28, 1944

Mrs. William C. Haygood
Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Haygood:

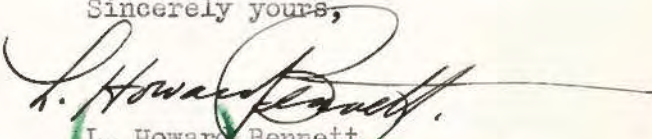
Your letter addressed to me in Charleston, South Carolina, has been received.

First, allow me to thank you and the fund for the fellowships which were awarded me in 1939 and 1940. During my years spent at Avery as Director, I constantly kept in mind the efforts of the fund to provide trained leadership for the Southern region. By inclination, more than by directive, I found myself doing a considerable amount of work in the areas of housing, recreation, labor relations, and race relations. It was a most challenging and stimulating experience.

At this time I would like to formally relinquish any claims that I might have to the unpaid balance of \$507.00 on the 1940 fellowship for studying Public Administration and Administrative Law.

Again thanking you, I close.

Sincerely yours,


L. Howard Bennett
Associate Regional Executive

LHB:g

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February 18, 1944

Dear Mr. Bennett: In going through our files
I note that an unpaid
balance of \$507.00 on your 1940 fellowship is
being held in your name. To clear our records
will you drop us a note formally relinquishing
this balance?

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

VANDI V. HAYGOOD

Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting-Director for Fellowships

VH:AW

Mr. (L. Howard) Bennett
Director Avery Institute
Charleston, South Carolina

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September 16, 1943

Dear Bennett: If you could have been a day earlier for the Alumni Reunion in Chicago, there might have been a chance for a visit together.

I imagine that you have had difficulties getting your faculty lined up this year. Everyone else has.

Noting in your letter addressed to me in Chicago, alternate dates for the pre-school seminar for your teachers, I say apologetically this will not be possible for me this fall. My program is so terribly congested and there are so many, as yet, unsolved problems of personnel, as well as program, I am trying to stick as close to base as possible for awhile.

I have not as yet secured the executive assistant. I shall probably go slowly on this as it is going to be a pretty tough job for somebody. By the way, what happened to the excellent secretary that you said you had at one time who had returned to Hartford?

Give my regards to Marian Clae from both of us.

Sincerely yours,

CSJ:NT

Mr. L. Howard Bennett
Director Avery Institute
Charleston, South Carolina

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CHARLESTON, S. C.

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August 25, 1943

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Dr. Charles E. Johnson
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Johnson,

Last week this time I had made all arrangements to go east to New York, and there come over to Chicago to attend the Alumni Reunion on the 27th. But now that is all off. The near impossibility of securing teachers has forced me to stick right here at my desk. A week ago we did not have a single one of our seven vacancies filled. With the time rapidly approaching for the opening of school, I wired my New York office for permission to contract my own teachers. Now I have six persons -- I am not sure they are teachers -- to fill the vacancies.

Last week I wired you inviting you to once again conduct a Pre-school Seminar for our teachers. You were away, but your office wired saying that it was not possible for you to accept the invitation due to previous commitments in other areas. We wanted you for the period from September 3 to 7. With a new group coming in - the turnover is large this year - I feel it is highly desirable that we spend some time acquiring a common point of view. Inasmuch as you cannot come for the early date, would it be possible for you to come down for September 23, 24, and 25? Classes begin on the 13th, but the following week we could use Thursday afternoon, Friday, and Saturday (all day Friday and Saturday).

I am very sorry that it was not possible for me to come over and work with you on the Race Relations program this summer. As usual, the workmen have been late in getting started, and of course, late in finishing. Then too, I, like each of the school principals in the A.M.A., was responsible for making the initial contacts in securing teachers while the New York office did the follow-up. There just was not the available time, and on top of it all, some of my strongest and most dependable people were leaving. Now I am losing my assistant, Mr. Nicholas

Fellow

Benjamin L. Howard

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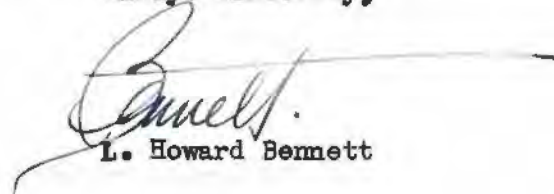
Dr. Charles S. Johnson
August 25, 1943
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Have you been able to secure an executive assistant as yet? I was, and am very much impressed with the idea of filling that post for you. Unquestionably you need someone to assist you in the administration of your three programs: Fisk, Rosenwald, A.M.A. One of the imponderables with me was that I did not see how I could leave the A.M.A. with the situation here being what was, and to some extent is: First, the staff was not obtained; the repair work was slow in getting under way, and I knew the changes in personnel would require a deal of reorganization. Then, we have an over-expenditure from last year's budget which we must liquidate this year. All in all it is an ethical question hard to reconcile. Probably by the first of the year the situation would be much clearer, but you need someone now.

No doubt about to be associated with you in your work would be an illuminating experience of unusual value. I wish I could take it. I was hoping that I would see you either in Chicago or the east this week, and talk about several things I must decide upon within the next few months.

Marian Clae is away and will be home around the 13th or 15th. Please give my regards to Mrs. Johnson. If it is any ways possible for you to do it, I certainly wish that you accept the invitation to come down here for the seminar.

Always sincerely,


L. Howard Bennett

LHB:tm

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December 16, 1941

Dear Mr. Bennett: It is my turn to apologize for
delay in answering letters.

Yours of November 28 came while I was on an extended
field trip.

Mr. Roy Wilson, Jr., has written
for blanks and we have sent them. I am glad to have
your letter in support of his application.

I hope your work at Avery is
going well. All good wishes for the holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

WCHMLU

Mr. L. H. Bennett
Avery Institute
Charleston, South Carolina

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

November 28, 1941

Mr. William C. Haygood
Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Haygood:

First I owe you an apology for not writing to thank you for the booklets which you were kind enough to have sent for use in my classes in the Summer School Institute, this past summer. I did write your secretary thanking her for the books, but I meant to write you and tell you of my experiences this summer as well as express my appreciation for the free material. Even now I will be brief and answer your letter of November 17.

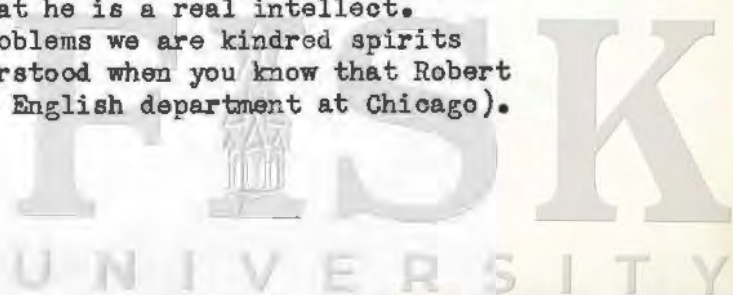
I have given considerable thought and have racked my memory trying to bring to focus persons whom I have met in my travels, who in my opinion would be promising material for consideration to receive a Rosenwald Fellowship. I have hit upon only one so far, but I will continue to give the matter my attention. The young man whom I am recommending at this time is,

Mr. Roy W. Wilson Jr.
Delaware State College,
Dover, Delaware.

*already asked
for books.*

At present Mr. Wilson is instructor in the English department at Delaware State College for Negroes. He hails from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he attended high school. In 1936 he graduated from Fisk University with a very high scholastic record. Wilson studied at the University of Chicago where he received his Master's degree. For one year he taught in the English department at Fisk under Dr. Lorenzo D. Turner, and for the past several years been teaching at Delaware State.

As I remember, Wilson has an interest in dramatics and is desirous of doing play production based on Negro folk material. This past summer he did advanced work at the University of Michigan. Wilson is not the usual "run of the mill" English teacher; his interests are broad and there is no question that he is a real intellect. Because he is interested in social problems we are kindred spirits (this social awareness is easily understood when you know that Robert Morss Lovett was his professor in the English department at Chicago).




Mr. William C. Haygood--2

Knowing the calibre of person the Fund is desirous of having as fellows, I am happy to present Wilson's name. A young man of fine moral character, unusual mentality, and thorough habits of scholarship, I am sure that his selection as a fellow will add to the illustrious roll of Rosenwald Fellows.

Please give my best regards to Miss Utley. I plan to write Dr. Bousefield and Mr. Embree shortly.

With my very best wishes, I close

Sincerely yours,


L. Howard Bennett

LHB:J

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August 30, 1941

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M. O. Bousfield, M. D.
The Julius Rosenwald Foundation
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Bousfield:

Thank you very much for your telephone call and letter concerning Mr. L. Howard Bennett. You will be glad to learn that we have appointed him to the principalship of Avery Institute in Charleston, South Carolina.

Cordially yours,

Ruth A. Morton

Ruth A. Morton

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August 13, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Bousfield:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 12 concerning Mr. Bennett. Miss Morton is on vacation, but I am placing your letter with the rest of Mr. Bennett's credentials which are being held for her.

Sincerely yours,

Helen P. Desort

Helen P. Desort
Secretary to Miss Morton

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Blind cc for L. Howard Bennett

Air Mail

August 12, 1941

Dear Miss Morton: I tried to reach you in New York City by telephone. Your office opens so late and closes so early that I barely had time to leave a message with your secretary before leaving for Philadelphia last Thursday morning.

I am sure that you will make no mistake in assigning Mr. Bennett to the principalship of your high school. This would be particularly true if the school should happen to be in Charleston. Bennett has been one of the most careful and considerate patients I have ever known. He was never under my personal care, but was discovered to have a minimal involvement of his lungs during a routine student health examination at the University of Chicago. Ever since that minute he has been most cooperative and has probably not only saved his life but has prevented his involvement from becoming an open case. His physicians at the University of Chicago Medical School and at the Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium here in Chicago advise me that there would be no problem with reference to the students in the school.

If you will let me know where the school is located, I will take the additional responsibility of attempting to see that Bennett is kept under constant surveillance of a competent chest man. With his cooperative attitude, I am sure that any tendency toward a break down would make him resign and go into retirement rather than risk his own life and probably that of any students under his care. Generally, such a person is actually of greater protection to the student body than someone who does not know his condition and who has not been through a routine of medical care.

Sincerely yours,

MOB:RH

Miss Ruth A. Morton
The Board of Home Missions
287 Fourth Avenue
New York City

M. O. Bousfield, M. D.


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August 6, 1941

Dear Miss Morton: Your letter concerning
~~Mr. L. Howard Bennett~~
has come while Doctor Bousfield is in the East.
I have this morning sent him a message asking
him to get in touch with you. If he gets it
in time I am sure you will hear from him.
Otherwise, he will be back in the office Monday
morning and I shall bring your letter promptly
to his attention.

Very truly yours,

RUTH L. HORNE

Secretary to
Doctor Bousfield

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TELEGRAM

August 6, 1941

Dr. M. O. Rousfield
Hotel Barbison Plaza
New York City

AIR MAIL SPECIAL FIFTH MORTON BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
CONGREGATIONAL AND CHRISTIAN CHURCHES NEW YORK. CALL HER
RE PHYSICAL FITNESS L. HOWARD BENNETT POSITION HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL. DOCTOR BLOCH SAYS GAMBLE FOR BENNETT BUT NO DANGER
TO STUDENTS. HE HAD ALREADY ADVISED BENNETT ACCEPT JOB.

Ruth L. Hobbs

JRF, 4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago

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of the Congregational and Christian Churches
287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION DIVISION
FRED L. BROWNLEE, GENERAL SECRETARY
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Dr. M. O. Bousfield
The Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Bousfield:

Mr. L. Howard Bennett, a former student at the University of Chicago, has applied to us for a position as Principal of a high school of about five hundred students. He seems to have very fine credentials except for one thing. His papers show that he has had a very active case of tuberculosis.

I understand that Mr. Bennett was under your care while he was very seriously ill. I should like, therefore, to ask you whether, if you had a son or daughter of your own between the ages of six and eighteen years, you would consider it wise for such a young person to be in constant daily contact with Mr. Bennett.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth A. Morton
Ruth A. Morton

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15 Redcliffe Street
 Charleston, S.C.
 July 7, 1941
 FELLOWSHIPS

Bennett, WTT

Mr. William Haygood
 Julius Rosenwald Fund
 Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Mr. Haygood,

We are now completing the second week of the Summer School Institute for Teachers, and outlines and first drafts are beginning to assume proportions of reality.

You will recall that just before leaving Chicago for the South I spoke to you relative to some fund publications that I would later on want. At this time I am asking that you please forward the articles listed below:

- 33. "Little Red School House Southern Style"
- 33. "Education For All the People"
- 33. "Divided We Fall"
- 33. "Every Ninth Pupil"



33. "The Education of Teachers."
33. "School Money in Black and White."

The above are for a course in Educational Sociology with special reference to the Southern Region.

For my seminar on the Negro and Contemporary Socio-Economic Problems I would like to get seventeen copies of "The Economic Status of Negroes 1934"

17. "The Economic Status of Negroes 1934"

For both groups I would like to have the compiled bibliography "The Negro."

If there are to be any changes for these materials please send me the costs and I will forward the money.

The work is going well and I am finding it interesting.

With all best wishes, please

Sincerely,
J. Howard Beane

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FIRM NAME OR SUBJECT FELLOWSHIPS BENNETT L HOWARD **FILE NO.**

DATE 7-21-41

REMARKS Dr. W. Atmar Smith to MOB saying
there will be no charges for the
services rendered Mr. Bennett.

SEE CHARLESTON COUNTY TB ASSOCIATION **FILE NO.**

DATE _____ **SIGNED** _____

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Bennett, L.H.

15 Gadsdiffe St.
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July 15, 1941.

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Dear Dr. Busfield,

I must not let another day pass without writing you. It has been on its way since June 15.

Since being here I have been getting along fine. Dr. Smith has been very gracious and cooperative.

He speaks of and inquires of you often. Dr. Jackson and the men here are enthusiastically following out their program. It is gratifying to see Dr. Jackson working in the field with the white physicians.

Please accept my thanks for your continued helpfulness. Home is all right except for high temperatures and higher humidity. Mother always speaks of you, and recalls her pleasant

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Association with you at Fisk College.
She sends her best regards.
Please let me hear from you
sometimes.

Always sincerely,
L. Howard Bennett.

FELLOWSHIPS

15 Radcliffe Street
Charleston, S.C.
July 15, 1941.

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Dear Miss M^{rs} Kay,

I thank you for your kind letter of July 9. - The materials arrived safely, and have been enthusiastically received by the teachers in my class. -

Sincerely yours,
L. Howard Bennett.

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FELLOWSHIPS

July 9, 1941

Dear Doctor Smith: I am very grateful to you for having taken an interest in Mr. L. Howard Bennett and I am glad to know that he is progressing nicely.

I am sending you this note in order to make certain that the Fund is not held responsible for his medical expenses. I want to be very clear about this because we have given a great deal of attention to Bennett and I think the Fund has more than done its share toward his recovery. I noted with mild alarm that my letter had not been specific in this matter. I am not in the least afraid that you would attempt to take advantage of us but it is my responsibility not to do things in a slipshod fashion. Bennett should be able to pay something for his care and, at any rate, bills due you for looking after him ought not be permitted to pile up. If I am wrong about this and he has to throw himself on the mercy of your clinic, then all he or I could ask is that he receive the same care which other patients in his financial situation are getting.

Sincerely yours,

M. O. BOUSFIELD

M. O. Bousfield, M.D.

MOB:RH

Dr. W. Atmar Smith
Charleston County Tuberculosis Association
307, The Center
Charleston, South Carolina



FELLOWSHIPS

Wells

July 9, 1941

Dear Mr. Bennett: Your letter of July 7 has
come while Mr. Haygood is
away on his vacation. We will send you the
pamphlets you asked for today, and of course there
is no charge for them. We are very glad to have
them put to such good use.

Sincerely yours,

MARY ELIZABETH MCKAY

Mr. L. Howard Bennett
15 Radcliffe Street
Charleston, South Carolina

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DR. WILLIAM ATMAR SMITH
72 SOCIETY ST.
CHARLESTON, S. C.

FELLOWSHIPS

June 25, 1941

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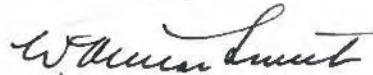
Dr. M. O. Bousfield
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Doctor Bousfield:

Professor ^{Edward} Bennett has been under my care for the past two or three weeks. He is obtaining his refills weekly and is progressing very satisfactorily. I am glad to have the opportunity to look after him for you.

Very best regards

Sincerely yours



W. Atmar Smith, M.D.

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FELLOWSHIPS

May 22, 1941

Dear Doctor Smith: This letter will introduce Mr. L. Howard Bennett, 15 Radcliffe Street, Charleston, South Carolina. Bennett is a member of the faculty at Fisk University and has been on a scholarship grant from the Rosenwald Fund, studying Public Administration at the University of Chicago. In 1939 while on this appointment, Mr. Bennett, during an examination of the Student Health Service at the University, was discovered to have tuberculosis. He spent five and one-half months in bed at Provident Hospital, subsequently returned to study, broke down again, and on March 15 was released from the Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium here after a three-month stay with them. During this latter period the right side was placed under collapse.

Bennett is now returning to Charleston and will probably remain there, resting and building himself up before he attempts to return to active duty again. Naturally, he is without any financial surpluses, but he needs expert care during this period. From the point of view of the Fund, we should like to realize on our investment, and we hope that you will help us get this man into such shape that he can return to Fisk a better teacher as the result of his additional academic training at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Bennett contemplates marriage this summer. He is thoroughly acquainted with the risks and, I think, would appreciate very much your advice. I hope that you will not consider it an imposition when I ask you to take a special interest in his case. I had no notion that I would be attempting to ask return favors at such an early date from our small investment in Charleston's tuberculosis program.

Sincerely yours,

M. O. BOUSFIELD

M. O. Bousfield, M. D.

MOB:RH

Dr. W. Atmar Smith
Charleston County
Tuberculosis Association
307, The Center
Charleston, South Carolina

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
1414 EAST FIFTY-NINTH STREET
CHICAGO

April 18, 1941.

Dear Dr. Bowfield

Even though I have verbally expressed to you my appreciation for your kindness and helpful connection with my stay at M. I. S. I must put it in writing. You see I am always concerned about what your biographers are going to say about you (particularly since I hear what the contemporaries say) and these letters will prove helpful documents.

In all seriousness please accept my grateful appreciation for your interest and help. I am inclosing a clipping my mother sent me which tells of the work the Fund is helping to support.

With all best wishes I close.

Sincerely
L. Howard Bennett.

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PHYSICIAN TO CONDUCT WORK

Among Negroes, Through Assistance From Julius Rosenwald Fund

Through the assistance of the Julius Rosenwald Foundation, the Charleston County Tuberculosis association will soon have a trained physician conducting its disease control work among negroes.

This was announced today by officials of the association, who said the Rosenwald fund will make a commitment of \$1,200 toward the expense of training and the salary of Dr. J. A. C. Jackson in connection with the tuberculosis control program among the colored population of the county.

The Rosenwald fund will pay Dr. Jackson's salary for the first year at \$50 a month for a total of \$600. For the second year the Rosenwald contribution will be \$400, and for the third year \$200.

The negro division of the county tuberculosis association has underwritten the difference on the salary for the second and third years at the rate of \$600 a year, and will assume responsibility for the entire \$600 at the conclusion of the three-year period.

Arrangements

Arrangements for the Rosenwald contribution were made by Dr. M. O. Bousfield, an official of the foundation, who came to Charleston last month and conferred with Dr. W. Atmar Smith, medical director of Pinehaven; Dr. Leon Banov, county health officer, and Mrs. Ashley Halsey, executive secretary of the tuberculosis association, as well as Dr. Jackson and Dr. T. C. McFall.

Some of Dr. Jackson's training will be given locally under Dr. Joseph I. Waring, staff clinician for the association, and Dr. Smith. A program of training for Dr. Jackson is being worked out at the present time whereby he will be instructed in the use of the fluoroscope, in pneumothorax, and in other phases of tuberculosis treatment.

Dr. Bousfield has written the local association that as soon as arrangements for Dr. Jackson's training is completed a check will be forwarded for the first quarter.

The association has long felt the need of a trained worker among the colored tubercular in the county, and on March 12 wrote the Rosenwald foundation requesting assistance in the training of one.

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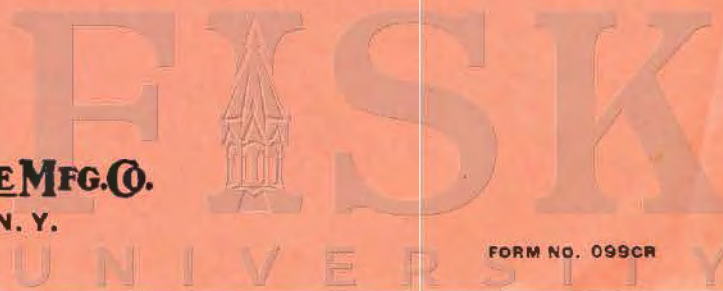
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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO

FELLOWSHIPS

To

Mr. L. Howard Bennett
International House
1414 East 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 2010

Date November 29, 1940

Fourth installment on fellowship grant - - - - - \$100.00

Ck.#23927

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
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FELLOWSHIPS

To

Mr. L. Howard Bennett

International House

1414 East 59th Street

Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 1872

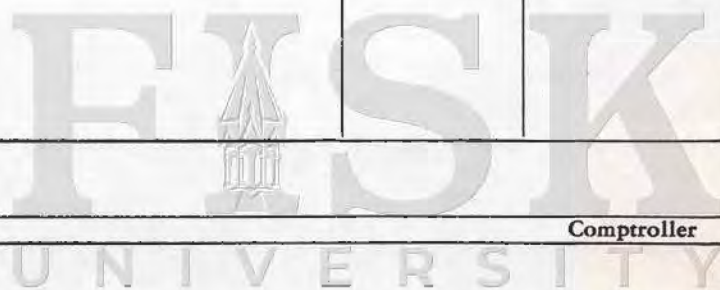
Date October 31, 1940

Third payment on fellowship granted 4/23/40 - - - - \$100.00

Ck.#23782

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| Negro Fellowships | 39-7 | \$100.00 | |

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FELLOWSHIPS

October 23, 1940

Dear Mr. Bennett: I shall see that payment of the balance of your fellowship grant is sent to you in accordance with the plan outlined in your recent letter. You will receive payments of \$100 each on the first of November, December, February and March, a payment of \$150 on January 1, and a final payment of \$157 on April 1.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DE:RH

Mr. L. Howard Bennett
International House
1414 East 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
1414 EAST FIFTY-NINTH STREET
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My dear Mrs. Elridge,

This letter is to indicate the dis-
position of the balance of my fellowship.

Please forward the checks for the
stipend on the first of each month
at the rate of one hundred (\$100⁰⁰/_{xx})
dollars each month, except for
the payments of January and April
first at which time one hundred (\$150⁰⁰/_{xx})
fifty dollars would more nearly meet
the particular needs.

Sincerely,
L. Howard Bennett.

Nov 1 - 100
 Dec 1 - 100
 Jan 1 - 150
 Feb 1 - 100
 Mar 1 - 100
 Apr 1 - 150
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4901 Ellis Avenue
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To

Mr. L. Howard Bennett

International House

Chicago University

Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 1797

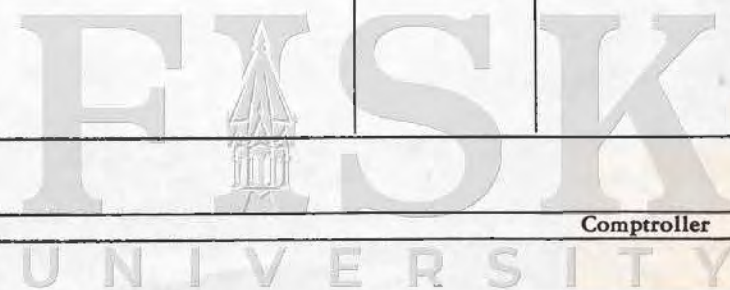
Date October 1, 1940

Second instalment on fellowship granted 4/25/40 - - - - - \$150.00

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| Negro Fellowships | 39-7 | \$150.00 | |

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FELLOWSHIPS

August 12, 1940

Dear Mr. Bennett: I am delighted to find your letter of July 30 on my return to the office today, and to know that you are making such fine progress. Please continue to let us know how you get along.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLU

Mr. L. Howard Bennett
Lazy Maples Farm
Breedsville
Michigan

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Allen's Bay Maple Farm
Greenville, Mich
July 30, 1940.
FELLOWSHIPS

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

This is a space with which I expect to be in complete harmony. The spirit of my Maple pervades my being, and as a result the great number of things that are on paper to accomplish this summer will not all be realized. Most to suffer is the catching up with, and attending to correspondence.

My stay here so far has been very beneficial, being a very suitable excuse for returning to normalcy. Dr. Gossfeld's suggestion relative to my coming here has proved to be a capital one.

I hope to be leaving here shortly after August 24, returning to Chicago for a week, and then proceeding to Charleston S.C. for a period of about ten days. The week in Chicago should allow enough time with Dr. Stuck for a check-up to decide upon the next phase of my activity program.

I am feeling very well, and look forward to a successful year. Please give my best regards to Mr. Embree, and Mrs. Sturfield. With best wishes,
Sincerely yours,
L. Howard Sturfield

FELLOWSHIPS

August 1, 1940

Dear Mr. Bennett: Your letter of July 30 has
come while Mr. Reynolds is
away on a trip and Miss Utley away on vacation.
It's good to hear that you are feeling so well
and that your stay in Michigan has been restful.
I am sure next year will be a successful one for
you.

Very truly yours,

RUTH WARREN

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Mr. L. Howard Bennett
Green's Lazy Maples Farm
Breedsville, Michigan

P.S. Miss Hobbs sends her regards.

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO

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To
Provident Hospital and Training School
426 East Fifty-First Street
Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 1407

Date June 18, 1940

Your statement dated June 14, 1940 for the account of

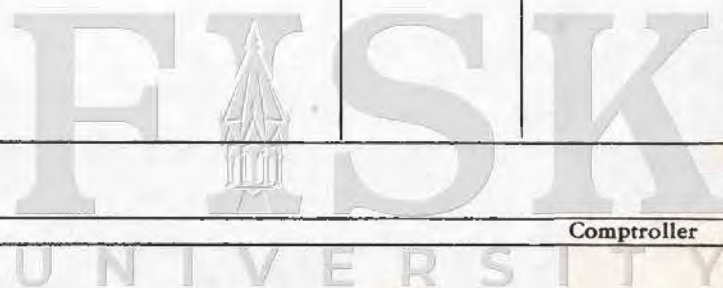
Mr. Lowell Howard Bennett (#336) for the period 12/21/39 to 6/15/40

inclusive ----- \$943.00

Ck.#23227

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| Negro Fellowships | 58-9 | \$500.00 | |
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Remarks:

Do you approve sending Provident a check for \$943.00? \$300 of the amount will be charged to Bennetts' old grant, the remainder \$643 will come from the \$1500 grant made in April of this year.

I approve
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PROVIDENT HOSPITAL and TRAINING SCHOOL
426 East Fifty-First Street
CHICAGO

Date June 14, 1940M. Julius Rosenwald Fund4901 Ellis AvenueChicago, Illinois - Attention Mr. G. M. Reynolds

MAKE ALL CHECKS/ MONEY ORDERS/ ETC., PAYABLE TO PROVIDENT HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR:

Lowell Howard Bennett # 336
12/21/39 to 6/13/40 Inclusive

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| 176 | Days Care @ \$6.00 per day | \$ 1056 00 | |
| | Laboratory Fee | 3 00 | |
| | Animal Inoculation | 5 00 | |
| | Medicines | 35 50 | |
| | X-Rays | 47 00 | \$1146 50 |
| | Less: DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE | | |
| | Allowance of \$1.00 per day for 176 days (to reduce room and board charge to \$5.00 per day, as per agreement) | \$ 176 00 | |
| | 33 1/3 % Discount on X-Rays | 15 67 | |
| | 33 1/3 % Discount on Drugs | 11 83 | \$ 203 50 |
| | TOTAL | | \$ 943 00 |

Received and approved
L. Howard Bennett

June 14, 1940,

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PROVIDENT HOSPITAL and TRAINING SCHOOL

426 East Fifty-First Street
CHICAGO

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Office of the
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June 14, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Enclosed is a bill for hospital services rendered Mr. Lowell Howard Bennett, which is being sent in accordance with your request. You will note that Mr. Bennett has approved the bill. If there are any questions you would like to raise about it I shall be glad to try and answer them.

We will appreciate a check for this bill at your earliest convenience.

check for \$943 sent 6/19

Very sincerely yours,



F. D. Coffey
Comptroller

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FELLOWSHIPS

June 11, 1940

Dear Mr. Bennett: In accordance with our conversation I had Miss Elvidge send you the bill we received from Provident Hospital. We are eager to settle this matter, and will appreciate your returning it to us for payment, either approved in its present amount or with whatever changes are necessary.

All good wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

George M. Reynolds

GMR:MLU

~~Mr. Lowell H. Bennett~~
Provident Hospital
426 East 51st Street
Chicago

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PROVIDENT HOSPITAL and TRAINING SCHOOL
426 East Fifty-First Street
CHICAGO

FELLOWSHIPS

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

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

In your letter of June 4th you requested that we communicate with you in case Mr. Lowell H. Bennett did not leave the hospital by June 10th. I have talked with Mr. Bennett and he advises me that he is to be discharged from the hospital either Friday, June 14th or Saturday, June 15th.

We will forward a bill to you immediately upon his discharge from the hospital.

Very sincerely yours,



F. D. Coffey
Comptroller

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June 4, 1940

Dear Mr. Coffey: I have asked Mr. Lowell H. Bennett to check the bill which you have submitted covering his care through May 19, 1940, as the amount will be taken from his fellowship grant, and as soon as he has returned it to us we will mail you a check.

Your failure to send either Mr. Bennett or the Fund a bill at the end of the first month, and monthly thereafter, has created a great deal of difficulty in handling this case. He had been paying Mr. Bennett his fellowship direct, assuming that he had been paying his hospital bill, but through some misunderstanding he failed to do this. If your bill had been presented February 1, as any hospital bill should be presented, the confusion would not have occurred.

We are informed by Doctor Bloch that Mr. Bennett will probably be able to leave the Hospital early this month. We have agreed to handle his bill from his fellowship grant at the same rate that is now being paid, i.e., \$5.00 a day, through the early part of the month. Please forward us a bill immediately on his discharge from the Hospital. In case Mr. Bennett does not leave by June 10, please communicate with me or with Miss Elvidge.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLU

Mr. F. D. Coffey
Provident Hospital
426 East 51st Street
Chicago, Illinois

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FELLOWSHIPS

May 29, 1940

Dear Doctor Bloch: Thank you for your letter of May 22 outlining Mr. L. H. Bennett's condition. I have been to see him, and found him in good spirits and eager to begin his convalescence in the country. I will appreciate your advising me of his condition from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLU

Dr. Robert G. Bloch
Department of Medicine
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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TO Miss Elvidge
FROM GMR
DATE May 28, 1940
SUBJECT: Lowell H. Bennett's bill at Provident Hospital

I am attaching a statement from Provident Hospital covering Lowell Bennett's expenses from December 21, 1939, to May 19, 1940, inclusive. I have discussed this matter with Mr. Embree. Although we both were under the impression that Bennett was paying his hospital bill out of his fellowship checks each month, further investigation proves that he was confused in the handling of his funds owing to some statements made to him by the hospital and others. A good deal of the trouble has arisen because the hospital failed to present a bill either to us or to Bennett until May 21.

Mr. Bennett informed me that he has only \$240 left out of the payments which he has received from the Fund.

Mr. Embree and I have agreed to handle this case as follows:

We will inform Mr. Bennett that as soon as he leaves the hospital early in June, he will have to provide for his own expenses at the summer camp where he will convalesce. If necessary, we will pay an additional amount of \$60 to him from his 1940 fellowship.

The attached hospital bill for \$832.75 should be paid with the \$300 remaining in his 1939 fellowship, and such amount as may be necessary from his 1940 fellowship. There will be another bill from the hospital covering the period from May 19 to some date early in June which we will also pay from his 1940 grant.

If the situation concerning Mr. Bennett should change and he has to remain in the hospital longer than anticipated, we will go into the matter again and decide what, if any, our obligations are. I am notifying Mr. Bennett of this arrangement. Neither Mr. Embree nor I have made any commitments to doctors.

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FELLOWSHIPS

May 28, 1940

Dear Mr. Bennett: Mr. Reynolds has asked me to send you the enclosed bill for you to check. If all of the items are properly charged, kindly O.K. it for payment and return it to me promptly. If there are any items charged in error, please take up the question with the accounting office at the Hospital and have an adjustment made in the bill before returning it to me for payment.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:AM

Mr. L. Howard Bennett
Provident Hospital
426 East Fifty-First Street
Chicago, Illinois

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May 28, 1940

Dear Mr. Bennett: Mr. Embree has just returned from the East and I have discussed your hospital bill and other financial problems with him. He thought, as I did, that you were making payments on your hospital bill out of the \$150 which we were sending to you monthly until the payment was changed to \$75 a month on April 1. However, we both understand the confusion which was created when you were told that the matter was being taken care of. This situation has been created in great part by the Hospital's failure to present a monthly bill to either of us.

There are no funds available for the payment of this sort of bill, and it will therefore have to be met from the \$300 balance in your fellowship grant for 1939 and by part of the 1940 fellowship. We are sending the hospital a check for \$832.75 for your account from December 21, 1939 to May 19, 1940, charging this amount against your fellowship grants. I am assuming that there will be another bill extending from May 20 to your discharge from the Hospital early in June. We will also meet that from the same funds.

No further payment will be made to you from your fellowship grant until you take up the balance remaining in the 1940 fellowship for attendance at the University of Chicago under the conditions outlined in my letter to you of April 23.

In the future all payments to you on your fellowship will be made direct and the Fund will assume no obligations for any accounts of any character. This is our general policy in dealing with all Fellows, and when you leave the Hospital in early June we should like to get you back on that basis.

Very truly yours,

GMR:MLU

Mr. Lowell H. Bennett
Provident Hospital
426 East 51st Street
Chicago, Illinois

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Miss Elvidge

GMR

May 28, 1940

Lowell H. Bennett's bill at Provident Hospital

I am attaching a statement from Provident Hospital covering Lowell Bennett's expenses from December 21, 1939, to May 19, 1940, inclusive. I have discussed this matter with Mr. Embree. Although we both were under the impression that Bennett was paying his hospital bill out of his fellowship checks each month, further investigation proves that he was confused in the handling of his funds owing to some statements made to him by the hospital and others. A good deal of the trouble has arisen because the hospital failed to present a bill either to us or to Bennett until May 21.

Mr. Bennett informed me that he has only \$240 left out of the payments which he has received from the Fund.

Mr. Embree and I have agreed to handle this case as follows:

We will inform Mr. Bennett that as soon as he leaves the hospital early in June, he will have to provide for his own expenses at the summer camp where he will convalesce. If necessary, we will pay an additional amount of \$60 to him from his 1940 fellowship.

The attached hospital bill for \$832.75 should be paid with the \$300 remaining in his 1939 fellowship, and such amount as may be necessary from his 1940 fellowship. There will be another bill from the hospital covering the period from May 19 to some date early in June which we will also pay from his 1940 grant.

If the situation concerning Mr. Bennett should change and he has to remain in the hospital longer than anticipated, we will go into the matter again and decide what, if any, our obligations are. I am notifying Mr. Bennett of this arrangement. Neither Mr. Embree nor I have made any commitments to doctors.

FELLOWSHIPS

The University of Chicago
Department of Medicine

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Mr. George M. Reynolds
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4801 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

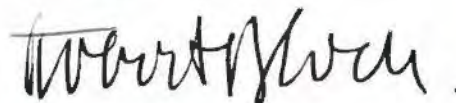
Dear Mr. Reynolds:

It seems to me that I ought to report to you on the condition of Mr. L. Howard Bennett whom you referred to Provident Hospital for treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis. Mr. Bennett's general condition is much improved. His sputum is negative for tubercle bacilli and the lesions in the lung, as far as we can make out, have remained stationary. However, Mr. Bennett has not been under treatment nearly long enough to consider him as an arrested case of tuberculosis and further modified rest treatment is indicated.

Since he is getting restless and since further hospitalization during the hot weather season will be uncomfortable, I suggest that - barring complications up to that time - he should be discharged sometime in June to rest somewhere in the country. So far he has been sitting up about two hours daily and will soon be ready to take walking exercise which, in the country, could be increased fairly rapidly. No decision as to his ability to work can be made before re-examination, after his return in the Fall. If the findings then are favorable, I expect him to be in condition to resume his University work on a part-time basis. It is out of the question that he will be able to begin with a full course of study. After his work has been gradually increased during one or possibly two quarters on the campus, he should be in condition to work on a full schedule.

Hoping that this is the information you need for further decisions in Mr. Bennett's case, I am

Yours very sincerely,



Robert G. Bloch, M.D.

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PROVIDENT HOSPITAL and TRAINING SCHOOL

426 East Fifty-First Street
CHICAGO



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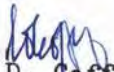
May 21, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Bousfield:

Enclosed is a statement of the account of Lowell Howard Bennett for the period ended May 19. If it seems more satisfactory, we can render monthly billings on Mr. Bennett's account in the future, assuming of course that a longer period of hospitalization is desired.

Very sincerely yours,


F. D. Coffey
Comptroller

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*Take care of our expenses this summer.
We pay hospital out of 300 this year
& balance next year.*



Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO

FELLOWSHIPS

To

Mr. L. Howard Bennett

Provident Hospital

426 East 51st Street

Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 1137

Date April 30, 1940

Ninth installment on fellowship granted 4/12/39 - - - - - \$75.00

Ck.#22892

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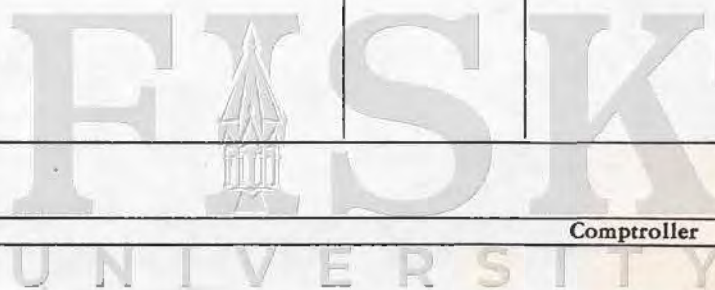
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Provident Hospital
 #26 East 51st Street
 Chicago, Ill.
 April 27, 1940.

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Dear Mr. Reynolds,

I am very pleased to inform you that I will be able to accept the renewal of my grant under the conditions which the Committee on Fellowships stipulated. The conditions are not only wise ones, but reflect an interest for which I am deeply grateful.

For such consideration, many thanks.

My condition has probably improved, and before too long I hope to be released. I have gained close to thirty-five pounds, and am feeling exceptionally well. I shall look forward to your stopping in.

Sincerely yours,
L. Howard Bennett.



FELLOWSHIPS

Bennett, L H

April 23, 1940

Dear Mr. Bennett: At the final meeting of the Committee on Fellowships your grant was renewed for a year in the amount of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500). The award will be payable, however, only when we are advised by your physicians that you have fully recovered and are physically able to carry a full program of study at the University of Chicago. In setting this condition the Committee felt it was to your interest and to ours that you regain your health before attempting further intensive scholastic work; it also felt that a half-time program was inadvisable. Will you please let me know as soon as possible whether or not you will be able to accept the grant under the above conditions?

I hope that you have continued to improve and that you will soon be out of the hospital. I will stop in to see you very soon, and at that time we can further discuss your plans. Until then, all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLJ

Mr. Lowell Howard Bennett
Provident Hospital
426 East 51st Street
Chicago, Illinois

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April 2, 1940

Dear Mrs. Green: I am very grateful to you for your letter of the 12th regarding Mr. Bennett. They are not ready to turn him loose yet, but he is very anxious to get away and he seemed pleased at the prospect of coming to Michigan. I am sure that you will hear from us whenever the doctors say that it is all right for Bennett to come.

Sincerely yours,

M. O. BOUSFIELD

M. O. Bousfield, M.D.

MOB:RH

Mrs. Charles W. Green
Lazy Maples Farm
Breedsville, Michigan

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4901 Ellis Avenue
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To
Mr. L. Howard Bennett
~~Provident Hospital~~
426 East 51st Street
Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 1052

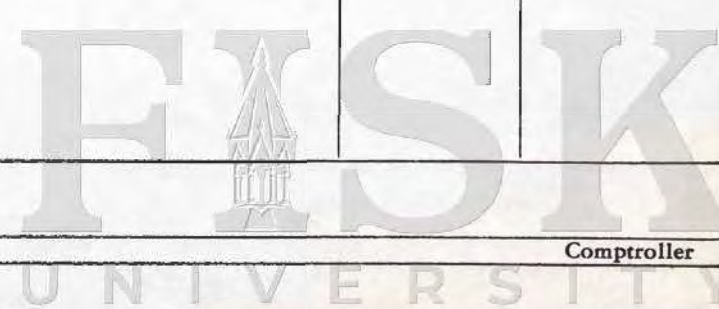
Date March 29, 1940

Eighth installment on fellowship grant - - - - - \$75.00

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| Negro Fellowships | 58-9 | \$75.00 | |

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From

Mr. L. Howard Bennett

Credit Voucher No. 2868

Date March 29, 1940

To cancel check #22715, issued on payment voucher 985 to

L. Howard Bennett ----- \$150.00

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FELLOWSHIPS

March 29, 1940

Dear Mr. Bennett: In accordance with your
 recent request to Mr. Reynolds,
the enclosed installment on your fellowship grant has
been made for \$75 instead of \$150. This reduction will
mean that you will receive monthly checks of this amount
to and including the month of September 1940.

Very truly yours,

DOUGLAS A. ELDER

DE:AM

Mr. L. Howard Bennett
Provident Hospital
426 East 51st Street
Chicago, Illinois

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Bennett L.H.

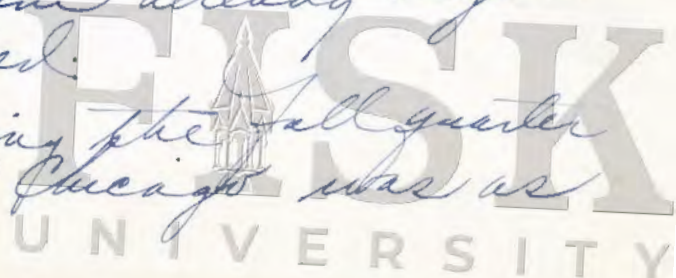
Dear Mr. Reynolds,

Your letter of March 11, was received and I was glad to hear from you and get the good news. I am of the opinion that it would be advisable to reduce the present monthly ^{payments} to half their present amounts, making six installments. This would be very helpful in view of the period of inactivity which is still ahead.

Dr. Bloch was in Madry and said that in the conference he indicated that my studies could not be wisely resumed until Autumn. And even then that certainty and definiteness would have to be determined by an examination to see how I had reacted to a period of moderate activity.

Hopeful that I can begin my studies in late September I wish at this time to make application to the Committee for a renewal of the fellowship, in order to continue the program already begun and previously outlined.

The work during the fall quarter at the University of Chicago was as



follows:

"Introduction to Public Administration."

Prof. Leonard D. White.

"Legal Regulations of Society."

Prof. Max Rheinstein.

"Sociology of Knowledge, or Intellectual Life."

Prof. Louis Wirth.

With grateful appreciation for the
consideration already shown me I close.

Sincerely yours,
L. Howard Bennett.

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Mrs. Chas. W. Green,
R. F. D. # 2,
Holly, Mich. C/O Ollie Turner.
March 12, 1940.

Dr. M. O. Bousfield,
4901 Ellis Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Bousfield:

I have your letter relative to accommodation for Mr. Lowell H. Bennette, whom I will be very glad to have with us. The fact that you are sending Mr. Bennette is sufficient cause for us to do every thing possible to make ~~#####~~ his stay with us as home like and comfortable as we can.

I will be at the above address for the next ten days, after which time I will be home. Thanking you, and with highest personal regards to you and the rest of your lovely family, I am

Sincerely yours

(Mrs.) Charles W. Green

P.S. Please say Hello to Miss Hobbs.

FELLOWSHIPS

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March 11, 1940

Dear Mr. Bennett: You will recall that when I stopped in to see you I told you I would write you about the balance on your grant. Miss Elvidge tells me that there is \$450. I have discussed your case with Mr. Embree, and I am glad to say that payment up to this amount will be made in any way you wish. I understand that \$150 has been going to you each month. We will continue this schedule unless you find that smaller checks over a longer period of time will be a more convenient method.

I recently talked with Doctor Bousfield and Doctor Bloch about you. Doctor Bloch indicated that you might be able to leave the hospital fairly soon, but that you would need to rest for four or five more months.

All good wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLU

Mr. Lowell H. Bennett
Provident Hospital
Chicago, Illinois

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Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

March 8, 1940

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Dr Edwin R Embree
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr Embree:

I was in Chicago recently and visited my very dear friend and former co-worker, Mr L Howard Bennett, at Provident Hospital. I was amazed at the improvement in his condition. He told me all of the things that you have done for him. You have always been very good to Fisk, "but going to bat" for Mr Bennett gives us the close, intimate and human touch of Mr Embree. I therefore want you to know how very much I personally appreciate your interest and I assure you that you have helped one of the most deserving men that it has been your privilege to assist.

Again thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Andrew J. Allison

Andrew J Allison
Alumni Secretary

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Fisk University

Nashville, Tennessee

March 8, 1940

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

My dear Mr Reynolds:

I haven't met you personally but I imagine that either you or your secretary have recognized my signature on a number of Rosenwald Fellowships.

I was in Chicago recently and called on one of your Fellows, Mr L Howard Bennett, who is a patient at the Provident Hospital. Mr Bennett is a close, personal friend of mine and worked in my office for several years. My personal concern goes without saying. Mr Bennett indicated to me that you had been one among several who had helped lift the burden of his present affliction. To be able to relax completely and feel that everything is being cared for, to know that you will not be a burden to your family and others, and not have to look forward to an insurmountable debt, to be paid off after one's recovery, really mean life itself. Your generous consideration has given Mr Bennett the spark of hope which otherwise he could not have had. I wish to thank you personally for my friend, and on behalf of Fisk University, for your graciousness.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew J. Allison

Andrew J Allison
Alumni Secretary

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March 7, 1940

Dear Mrs. Green: Mr. Lowell H. Bennett, a young scholarship student who has been studying this past year at the University of Chicago on a grant from the Julius Rosenwald Fund, has been confined to Provident Hospital and under observation for the past several months. Bennett had a breakdown and there was some fear that he had tuberculosis. After having watched him carefully during these past several months, and having him under the observation of the best possible men in town, it has been decided that there is no tuberculosis present and that he is now about ready to leave the hospital. It is thought, however, that three or four months doing absolutely nothing is the best thing for him.

I am therefore writing to know whether you could take Bennett for a period of several months beginning April 1 and possibly running through even as much as until the first of October. Naturally, he is not without some financial problems. I believe that it would be possible for him to pay as much as sixty dollars a month for that period.

Granted that arrangements can be successfully concluded with you, Dr. Robert E. Bloch of the University of Chicago will come up when occasion permits and look after Bennett in order that nothing goes wrong. I point this out merely to show the interest which a University of Chicago faculty member is taking in him, and to indicate that if he should suffer any setback that he will not be left on your hands as a problem. I want to make it clear that Bennett is not a sick man in the sense of being at all confined to bed. What he will need to do is merely sit around all day and go to bed early at night and do just exactly nothing else but rest after the most approved Bousfield fashion. I assure you that I would not recommend this young man to come to your place if I thought there was any reason at all why you shouldn't take him.

We are looking forward to as much time as possible with you this summer. With very kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

M. O. BOUSFIELD

M. O. Bousfield, M. D.

MOB:RH

Mrs. Charles H. Green
Lazy Maples Farm
Breedsville, Michigan

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Julius Rosenwald Fund FELLOWSHIPS

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO

To

Mr. L. Howard Bennett
Provident Hospital
426 East 51st Street
Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 878

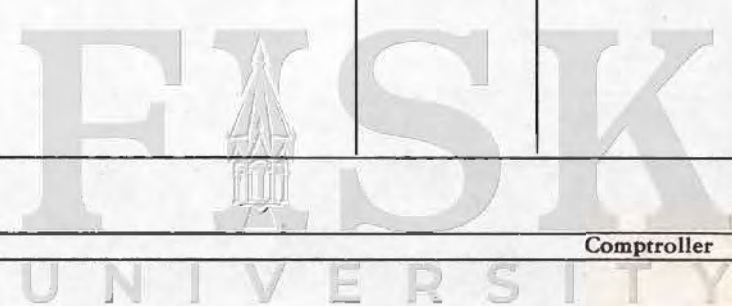
Date February 29, 1940

Seventh payment on fellowship granted 4/12/39 - - - - - \$150.00

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LOWELL HOWARD BENNETT

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Provident Hospital
426 E. 51st Street
Chicago, Illinois
February 8, 1940

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Mr. George M. Reynolds
Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Reynolds:

Applications for renewal of fellowships are possibly past due. You are aware of the factors which have delayed me in giving attention to this matter. I have pondered, however, whether it would be advisable to submit application for renewal at this time or wait until I am given a "clean bill of health". Even though I am hopeful for a not too prolonged period of confinement, it strikes me that the Committee on Fellowship Awards meets at a particular time of the year and there is the possibility that I might resume my studies and exhaust my fellowship funds in the midst of an academic year before the reconvening of the committee.

Another consideration which has been in my mind is the fact that only a portion of the program study set forth in the project last year has been completed and the major portion remains to be done.

These things leave me undecided as to what my next step should be. I would appreciate your advice on this matter.

Very truly yours,
L. Howard Bennett
L. Howard Bennett *Feb 10 1940*



FELLOWSHIPS

February 7, 1940

Dear Mr. Bennett: I appreciate very much your letter of February 2. I am glad to know that in spite of your illness you were able to get along so well with your work.

I have been away most of January, but expect to be here for some weeks now, and will run out to see you shortly.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLU

Mr. Lowell Howard Bennett
Provident Hospital
426 East 51st Street
Chicago, Illinois

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FELLOWSHIP
Bennett - L H

February 6, 1940

Dear Mr. Bennett: Thank you for your good letter of February 2. I am delighted to learn that you are getting on so well.

All of us in this office have been wanting to come over for a visit but conversations by telephone with the hospital staff seem to indicate that they would just as soon we stayed away - either singly or in a body. They tell us most graciously that your doctor is something of an ogre about having his patients receive visitors when they are supposed to be resting, and that you are already receiving your quota. At any rate, I wanted you to know that it wasn't for lack of interest that we haven't called on you.

We hoped also to furnish you with whatever literature you felt like reading. But it seems that again your other friends have beaten us to it, for the hospital tells us that you have been receiving quite a bit of reading material. If, however, you should want any particular thing that is not now available to you, please let us know.

In the meantime, you have the good wishes of us all for a very quick recovery.

ERE:JH

Very truly yours,

Ernest R. Emery

Mr. L. Howard Bennett
Provident Hospital
426 East 51st Street
Chicago, Illinois

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FELLOWSHIPS

LOWELL HOWARD BENNETT

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Provident Hospital
426 E. 51st Street
Chicago, Illinois
February 2, 1940

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Mr. Edwin R. Embree
President, Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Embree:

Just a note to again express my appreciation for the kind interest which you manifested when it became necessary for me to temporarily suspend my academic work and subject myself to complete rest and relaxation.

There is no need for me to attempt to express my appreciation by mere words. That would be impossible. But I do want you to know how heartening it was for you to take the concern and initiative in my behalf as you did. Those manifestations were invaluable to me in that time of crisis.

Let me tell you that since being here I have felt much improved, have gained weight, and Drs. Block and Bryant indicate that they are pleased with my condition and progress made to this date.

With my heartiest thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,
L. Howard Bennett
L. Howard Bennett *LHB*

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LOWELL HOWARD BENNETT

FELLOWSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Provident Hospital
426 E. 51st Street
Chicago, Illinois
February 2, 1940

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

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My dear Dr. Bousfield:

May I take this opportunity to extend to you my sincere appreciation for your helpfulness and kind interest which you gave me when it became necessary for me to enter this hospital.

Words will not fully express my appreciation.

May I state that since being here, the doctors have indicated satisfactory progress.

Sincerely yours,

L. Howard Bennett
L. Howard Bennett *By Jm*

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Mr. George M. Reynolds
 Director for Fellowships
 Julius Rosenwald Fund
 4901 Ellis Avenue
 Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Reynolds:

During your absence from the city in December, it became necessary for me to withdraw from the University and subject myself to a period of complete rest, as a result of an infection which was detected in my right chest. I was appraised of this fact approximately two weeks before the end of the quarter. At that time, Dr. Block, head of the Chest Clinic at the University of Chicago, insisted that I cut my activities to the bone and meet only minimum requirements from that period to the end of the quarter. I was able, however, to take examinations in two of my three registered courses. My record will reveal two grades and an incomplete in Sociology 314. In that course I was able to complete a term paper which was one of the requirements, but did not feel equal to the task of taking a final examination. Whereas I could not put the finishing touches on the two other examinations, I feel certain that I passed them, because I had kept up, perhaps a bit ahead of the work during the quarter.

As I told you this summer, the courses which I had selected were exactly as I wanted them. In fact as they developed during the quarter they surpassed my expectation as to usefulness and pertinency of subject matter, in

Mr. George M. Reynolds

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February 2, 1940

relation to my special interest.

A beneficial and interesting quarter heightens my desire to return, and lends determination to my fight for recovery.

Sincerely yours,

L. Howard Bennett
L. Howard Bennett *LH*

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4901 Ellis Avenue
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FELLOWSHIPS

To

Mr. L. Howard Bennett

Provident Hospital

426 East 51st Street

Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 745

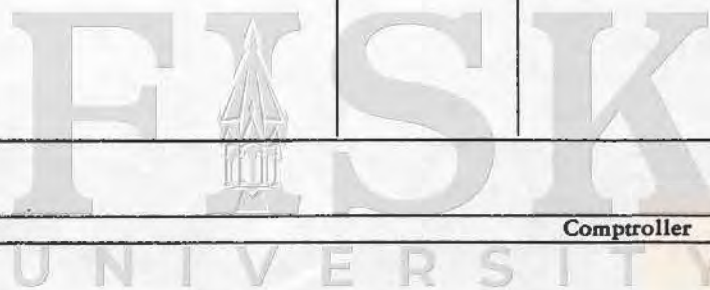
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Sixth payment on fellowship grant - - - - - \$150.00

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To Mr. L. Howard Bennett
1414 East 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 565

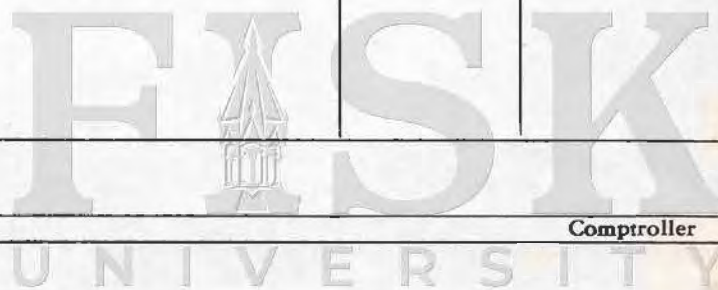
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Fifth Payment on Fellowship Granted 4/12/39 - - - - - \$150.00

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To Mr. L. Howard Bennett

International House

University of Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

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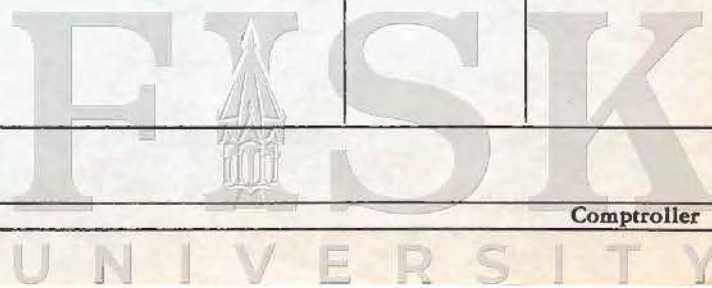
Date November 30, 1939

Fourth installment on fellowship grant - - - - - \$150.00

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO

FELLOWSHIPS

To

Mr. L. Howard Bennett

International House

University of Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

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Date October 31, 1939

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To

Mr. L. Howard Bennett

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Chicago, Illinois

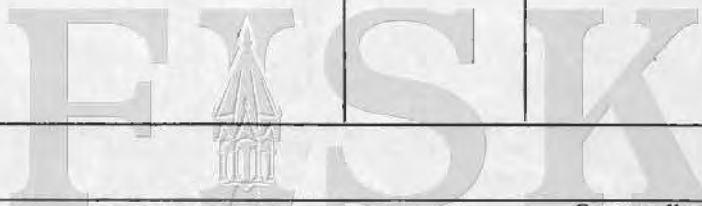
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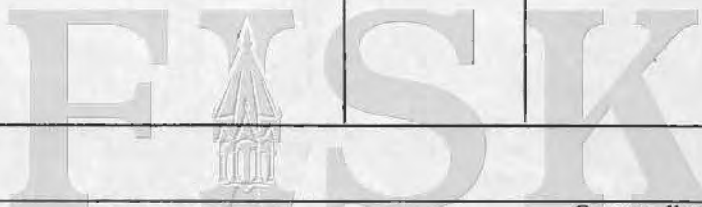
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To
Mr. L. Howard Bennett
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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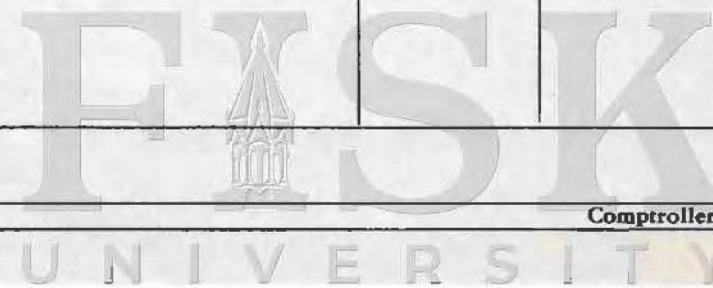
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September 11, 1939

Dear Mr. Bennett: The payment plan outlined in your recent letter to Mr. Reynolds is entirely agreeable to us. A check for \$150 representing the first payment is enclosed with this letter. Additional payments will be sent to you on the 1st of each month at International House, University of Chicago.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

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Mr. L. Howard Bennett
~~Fisk University~~
Nashville, Tennessee

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Mr George M Reynolds
Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr Reynolds:

Can it be arranged so that I might receive
my fellowship grant in ten checks of \$150 each, beginning
September 15, the first check being forwarded to Nashville
and the others to the International House, The University
of Chicago?

Very truly yours,

L. Howard Bennett

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July 25, 1939

Dear Mr. Bennett: I am glad to have your letter of the 24th, and to know that you have seen Mr. Moe. Please be sure to stop in to see us at your first opportunity. I spend a good bit of time out of the office, however, so I would suggest that you telephone before coming over from the University.

Sincerely yours,

GMR*MLU

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

Mr. L. Howard Bennett
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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July 26, 1939

Dear Mr. Bennett: Miss Charlotte Carr, the Director of Hull House, would like to have one of our Fellows as a resident. I wonder if you would be interested. Rooms are \$15 a month, and each resident is expected to lead one class a week or take some other relatively slight part in the settlement program. Miss Carr's proposal applies only to single men or to those who will not have their families with them, as no apartments are available for next year.

Please feel no obligation to consider this suggestion unless it happens to fit in with your plans and wishes for the coming year. If you are interested, however, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

GMR*MLU

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

Mr. L. H. Bennett
FISK University
Nashville, Tennessee

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Mr George M Reynolds
Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr Reynolds:

When in New York recently I had the opportunity of seeing Mr Henry Allen Moe, at which time he took up with me the questions which you indicated he wished to discuss. After carefully looking into all possible avenues through which you pursue the program which I outlined in my project, Training for Public Administration and Administrative Law, it was decided that I should pursue work next year at the University of Chicago on the graduate level in the Division of Social Science.

Of particular interest were announcements from the University relative to courses being offered in the Department of Political Science in Public Administration and Public Law and Jurisprudence. I have found no such similar set-up in any of the other major universities. The nearest approach to the courses offered at Chicago was the program of study outlined in the bulletin from Columbia University, which, to my mind, was not as comprehensive nor did it lend itself to correlated study in economics and sociology.

I do not know whether I told you or not, but I was admitted to the Graduate School of the University of Chicago on January 13. At present, I am seeking admittance to the residence halls at the International House.

At my first opportunity, when in Chicago in the fall, I hope I might have the opportunity of talking with you relative to the project.

Very truly yours,

L. Howard Bennett
L Howard Bennett
Field Secretary

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Will you ask please
of course I will try to see him with you when he calls in the fall
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Nashville, Tennessee

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July 23, 1939

Mr Edwin R Embree
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr Embree:

When in New York recently, I had opportunity to talk with Mr Henry Allen Moe concerning my program for next year. After looking carefully into the possibilities of studying at several of the major universities of the country, it was agreed that it was most advisable to begin the work at the University of Chicago. The announcements from the University for the sessions of 1939-1940 list a number of courses of unusual importance for one interested in Public Administration and Administrative Law.

I will begin work at Chicago in the fall. I have already been admitted into the Graduate Division of Social Sciences and plan to live at International House.

When in Chicago I hope I might have the opportunity of talking with you in detail relative to the program, particularly after the courses have been selected.

Very truly yours,

L. Howard Bennett
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Mr Edwin R Embree
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr Embree:

After your Birmingham speech I did want to come up and speak to you but by coming over to hear you I had delayed my trip to Bessemer, Alabama, by two hours, and in order to catch all of the people I had to see it was necessary that I leave at once. I must again tell you how much I appreciated the vigor and courage which were evidenced in your address. As I listened to it that morning I was skeptical as to what sort of reception your candor and uncompromising statements would receive. It was very heartening to hear a southern white audience so heartily approve a speech such as yours. It makes the future of the region appear brighter. You probably have read the fine editorial comments in several of the southern papers. On June 4 I saw a reprint of the highlights of the speech carried in the Sunday edition of the Pensacola, Florida, morning paper. The editor, in carrying the speech in four columns, stated that he thought that it was of such value that every southerner should read it.

My plans for pursuing study on my project - Training for Public Administration and Administrative Law - are as yet not finally settled upon. Mr Reynolds has asked me to see Mr Henry Allen Moe in New York City and I will do that during the week of June 26. After my conference with him I will write you a letter letting you know what has been decided upon.

Sincerely yours,

L. Howard Bennett
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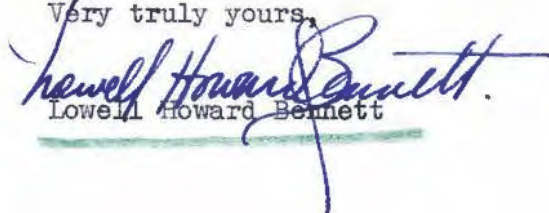
Mr George M Reynolds
Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr Reynolds:

In your letter of March 28 you indicated that Mr Henry Allen Moe had certain questions which he would like to take up with me. Consequently, I should avail myself of the first opportunity of seeing Mr Moe. Since that time I have not been in the vicinity of New York but traveling extensively through Alabama and Northwest Florida. I now find that I will be in New York City the week beginning Monday, June 26, and at that time I will contact Mr Moe for an interview. I hope that I will not find him away at that time.

As early as possible after our conference I will communicate with you so that you might be informed as to what was discussed and what suggestions were made for the carrying out of my project.

Very truly yours,


Lowell Howard Bennett

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June 5, 1939

Dear Mr. Bennett: I appreciate very much
the telegram you sent
me so promptly after my Birmingham speech.
I am sorry I did not see you. We have all
been interested in your proposed fellowship
study. How are plans going?

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mr. Lowell H. Bennett
Department of Administration
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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Mr George M Reynolds
Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr Reynolds:

I was very happy to receive your letter of April 12 informing me that I had been selected by the Committee on Fellowships of the Fund to receive a grant to carry forward my study of public administration and administrative law.

I am very much pleased to accept the grant, and in accepting do so cognizant of the responsibility which such an award devolves upon the recipient. During the coming months I shall earnestly endeavor to merit more fully the consideration with which the Committee acted upon my request. Growing out of the study and work which this grant is making possible I trust will come the ability for greater and more effective social usefulness.

May I thank you and the Committee for such consideration, and assure you that it is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

L. Howard Bennett
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Mr. George H. Reynolds
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Your letter of March 28th has been forwarded to me. I received it yesterday at Marshall, Texas. At the present time I cannot give you a definite answer as to the possibility of my being in New York on or before April 15th. I am just now completing a three (3) months tour in connection with our Endowment Campaign of Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas and I will not arrive in Nashville until Tuesday, April 11th. Within a few days after my arrival in Nashville, having the opportunity to survey campaign activities I will be in position to indicate the earliest opportunity I will have to be in New York City.

I assure you that I will avail myself of the first opportunity to see Mr. Henry Allen Moe so that he can take up with me the questions relative to my case.

Very truly yours,

L. Howard Bennett
L. HOWARD BENNETT

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Mailed at Hot Springs, Ark. -

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March 28, 1939

Dear Mr. Bennett: At the first meeting of the Committee on Fellowships your case was discussed. Mr. Henry Allen Moe, a member of the Committee, is very much interested in what you propose to do, but there are certain questions which he would like to take up with you. Dr. Johnson mentioned that you traveled a good deal, and that occasionally you get to New York, so I am writing to suggest that on your next trip you make a point of seeing Mr. Moe. His address is the Guggenheim Foundation, 551 Fifth Avenue.

I should like to know whether there is any probability of your doing this within the next two weeks. I do not mean to imply by this that we want you to go to the expense of a personal trip. We simply want you to see Mr. Moe at the first opportunity.

Very truly yours,

GMR:MLU

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

Mr. Lowell Howard Bennett
Department of Administration
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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December 30, 1938

Mr George M Reynolds
Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr Reynolds:

Many thanks for forwarding the application blank which I requested. At this time I am returning the blank filled out with the picture of myself, six copies of my statement of plan of work, and five copies of my college transcript.

In as much as I have not done formal study since graduation from college, and have not had opportunity for anyone connected with the school I wish to attend to be able to pass on my qualifications, I am submitting names of several persons to give opinions in regards to my application on three scores:

In regards to my scholarship and student record at Fisk --

1. Dr A A Taylor, Dean of the College
2. Professor Theodore S Currier, Head, Department of History
3. Dr Mark Hanna Watkins, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology

In regards to my "professional" qualifications--

1. Mr Andrew J Allison, Alumni Secretary, Fisk University
2. Dr Thomas E Jones, President, Fisk University

In regards to the value and practicability of the proposed plan of work, I can only suggest the names of persons who are qualified, but whom I neither know, nor they know me.

1. Judge William Hastie, Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands
2. Mr Jerome Frank, Securities Exchange Commission, Washington, D C
3. Dr James M Landis, Dean, Harvard Law School

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Mr George M Reynolds - 2

December 30, 1938

From the references I have given I think you can secure an appraisal of the proposal.

In the event that my work brings me to Chicago in the near future I hope that I will be allowed the opportunity of seeing you and discussing my proposal with you.

Asking for your favorable consideration I close.

Yours truly,

L. Howard Bennett

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate Mr. L. Howard Bennett

Report Requested of Dr. Mark Hanna Watkins

Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

The above-named candidate has applied to this Fund for a fellowship and has given your name as a reference. The candidate's plan of work is attached. Please return it with your statement.

We shall appreciate your frank opinion of this applicant's abilities and personal characteristics, and an appraisal of his plan of work. *An early reply to this inquiry will be of great assistance in allowing the Fellowship Committee sufficient time for an adequate review of the large number of candidates who apply for grants.*

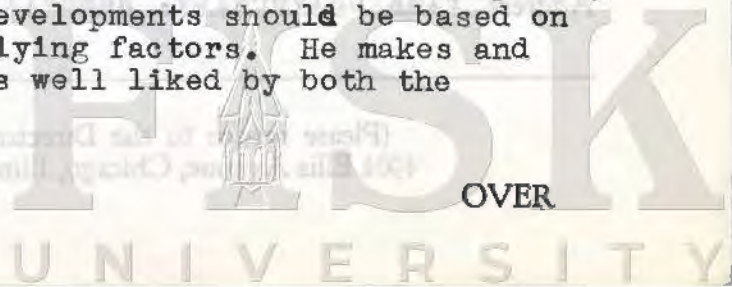
Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

George M. Reynolds
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

Mr. Bennett has been an acquaintance of mine since September, 1934 and we have been associated in the student-teacher relationship (1934-1935) and as colleagues on the Fisk University faculty and administrative staff (1935 to the present). During this time, I have had ample opportunity to observe him closely as regards intellectual ability and interests as well personal characteristics.

In my opinion, Mr. Bennett has very high native ability, excellent scholastic interests, and a great attachment to social movements. In the class of 1935, he was an honor graduate (Cum Laude). As a student in my classes, he was considerably more interested in making application of his knowledge to the present social order than in mere sociological theory. He is studious, open-minded, sincere and honest; not an idle dreamer of social plans, but cognizant of the fact that such developments should be based on a thorough understanding of the underlying factors. He makes and maintains friendships with ease and is well liked by both the faculty and students here.



Since 1935 Mr. Bennett has been Field Secretary for Fisk University, a position which he has filled with credit to himself and to the University, adding a large number of students to our enrollment as well as rendering highly meritorious service in the endowment campaign. The contacts, with the school administration and with the public, which he has experienced in this position have, I should think upon the basis of discussions with him, increased his interests and attachments to people and their problems.

The plan which he has outlined seems sufficiently clear and practical and I feel that there are growing opportunities for positions which such preparation assumes. If the project is realized, he should be well trained for public administration in both its legal and non-legal aspects.

I most sincerely recommend him for the fellowship.

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

I consider him quite free from such handicaps.

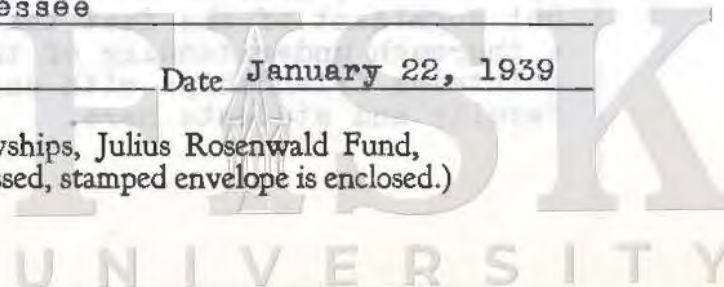
Signed Markus Hanna Hallens

Position or Title Ass't. Professor of Sociology and Anthropology

Address Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

Date January 22, 1939

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate Mr. L. Howard Bennett

Report Requested of Judge William Hastie, Federal Judge, Virgin Islands

Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands

The above-named candidate has applied to this Fund for a fellowship and has given your name as a reference. The candidate's plan of work is attached. Please return it with your statement.

We shall appreciate your frank opinion of this applicant's abilities and personal characteristics, and an appraisal of his plan of work. *An early reply to this inquiry will be of great assistance in allowing the Fellowship Committee sufficient time for an adequate review of the large number of candidates who apply for grants.*

Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

George M. Reynolds
Director for Fellowships

REPORT My two impressions upon first reading Mr. Bennett's project - impressions strengthened by more careful examination - were that the man has selected a field in which well trained Negroes are greatly needed, and that he has an unusually clear and defined picture of what he wants to do.

Today, the field of public administration and administrative law is growing faster than men are being prepared to work in it. A vast area is being covered by new public administrative agencies and expanding old ones. Both in government and in the representation of interests outside of government, trained personnel is as indispensable as it is hard to find.

There are few fields in which a smaller number of Negroes have been or are being trained than the one under consideration. I personally know something of the difficulty experienced in recent years in finding Negroes trained for such work where opportunities for general public service and service to the Negro community have been great. Thus, I believe it particularly fitting that the Julius Rosenwald Fund should encourage and assist the young Negro of unusual promise who would adventure in this new area.

I first met Mr. Bennett about three years ago. The man gives the same impression as does his presentation of his project: clean cut and purposeful with

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an orderly and incisive mind.

I believe the Fellowship Committee will agree with me (1) that the field of public administration and administrative law is one in which Negroes stand in special need of representation, and (2) that Mr. Bennett, in stating his plan, has made a presentation of unusual merit which, in itself, reflects the general scholarship of the applicant as well as mature consideration and thorough understanding of his proposed undertaking.

The above named candidate has applied to the Board for a Fellowship and has given you a reference. The candidate's plan of work is attached. I recommend it with your warmest approval. We shall appreciate your further opinion of this applicant's abilities and personal characteristics and an appraisal of his plan of work. An early reply to this inquiry will be of great assistance in choosing the Fellowship Committee members from the large number of candidates who apply for grants. Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

I know of none

William H. Hastie

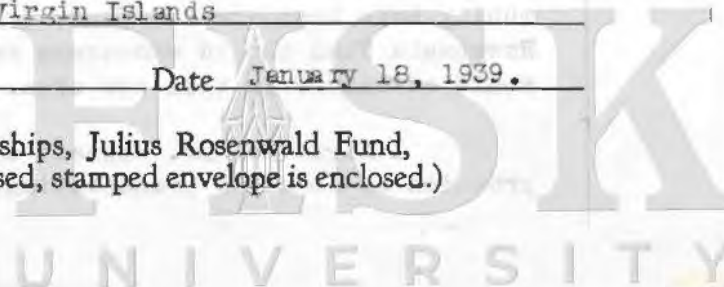
Signed William H. Hastie

Position or Title Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands

Address Charlotte Amalie, Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands

Date January 18, 1939.

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security that he is now likely to lack. The studies of greatest consequence in the field he describes, have been done by men like Hurliman & Schafman who have had this kind of basis. But this is a matter upon which men would naturally differ. I simply suggest that going through a first rate law school is as much of a fine educational process as study in some of our graduate schools - a fact frequently overlooked.

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Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

I imagine that Bennett is a negro. That makes it so much more important to further his desires.

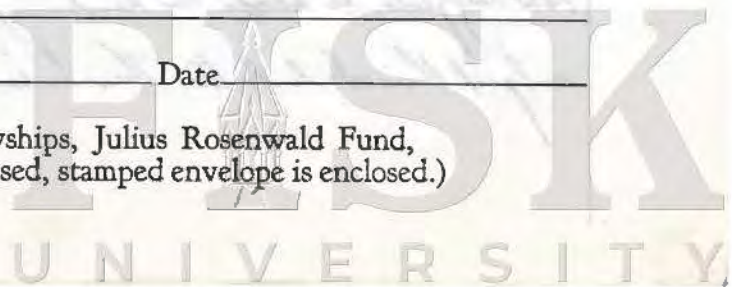
Signed W. J. Condit

Position or Title Dean, Harvard Law School

Address Cambridge, Mass.

Date _____

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate Mr. L. Howard Bennett

Report Requested of Dr. Thomas E. Jones, President

Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

The above-named candidate has applied to this Fund for a fellowship and has given your name as a reference. The candidate's plan of work is attached. Please return it with your statement.

We shall appreciate your frank opinion of this applicant's abilities and personal characteristics, and an appraisal of his plan of work. *An early reply to this inquiry will be of great assistance in allowing the Fellowship Committee sufficient time for an adequate review of the large number of candidates who apply for grants.*

Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

George M. Reynolds
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

Mr L Howard Bennett, who is known to some of the officers of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, has been the Field Secretary of Fisk University for the past four years. He has done an excellent piece of work, both in interesting students in coming to Fisk and in raising funds for the endowment campaign.

Mr Bennett was a leader at Avery Institute, Charleston, S C, and after coming to Fisk gained distinction as one of two of three of the most outstanding students on the Fisk campus at the time. He has a pleasing personality, an excellent disposition, is hard working, ambitious, cultured, and intelligent.

Mr Bennett's application deserves serious consideration.


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Director for Fellowships

REPORT

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

Signed Thomas E. Jones

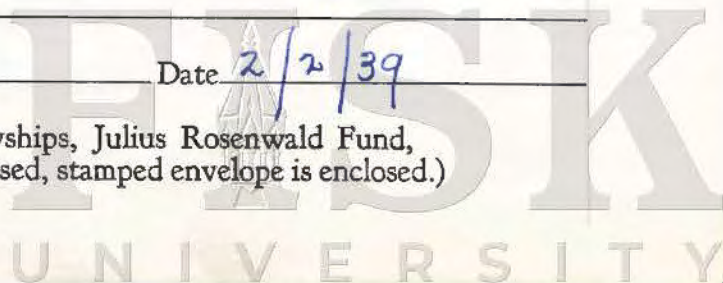
Position or Title President Fisk University

Address Nashville, Tenn

Date 2/2/39

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate Mr. L. Howard Bennett

Report Requested of Dr. A. A. Taylor, Dean of the College

Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

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Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

George M. Reynolds
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

Mr L Howard Bennett is a recent graduate of Fisk University of superior scholarship record. He is a leader of men,--able, sanely aggressive, intelligently courageous, cooperative in his relations with associates, loyal to a trust. Both as student and as member of the administrative (field-service) staff, his connection with Fisk University has been consistently constructive and successful. Judging from his aptitude, interests and temperament, I should expect him to make a splendid career in the field of law.

I approve heartily of his plan of work. I believe that the future may afford him splendid opportunities in his specific fields of interest. His plan of training comprises most effective preparation for his career.



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Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

Director for Fellowships

REPORT

Mr. J. Howard Bennett is a recent graduate of Fisk University of

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

Yes

Signed

A. A. Taylor

Position or Title

Dean of Fisk University

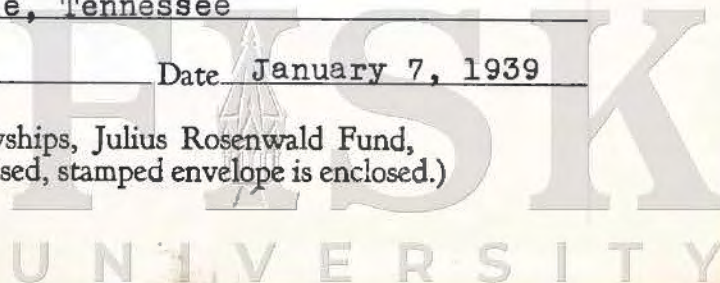
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Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

Date January 7, 1939

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate Mr. L. Howard Bennett

Report Requested of Mr. Andrew J. Allison, Fisk University

Nashville, Tennessee

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George M. Reynolds
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

I have known the applicant personally over a period of eight years. I influenced his coming to Fisk University. Mr Bennett stayed in close touch with my office during his first two years in college, offering volunteer services. As Chairman of Public Functions on Fisk University campus, I relied upon Mr Bennett's varied abilities and used him constantly as the leader of my student organizations. At the same time he did things under his own steam and was outstanding in extra-curricular activities while maintaining an honor academic record. He was voted by the national office of his fraternity as being the Negro student who had contributed most to student activity on any American college campus.

In previous years I had used Fisk professors for limited periods during each year to assist me in Fisk's Public Relations program. In 1934, Mr Bennett's Junior year, I sent him out to do field work. He made a wonderful record. Immediately upon his graduation I recommended his appointment as Field Secretary of Fisk University, to work out of my office. Mr Bennett, in this capacity, has

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exhibited rare intelligence in organizing ability, in being able to get along with people and get results in spite of handicaps. He has initiated some of his work, has always shown mature judgment, plans well and keenly analyzes each step of a program before proceeding. He has in him undoubtedly "the makings" and the native abilities of an outstanding executive. He has talked over with me his plans for life, including the plan of study presented to you. He has a clear conception of what he wishes to do, and the work in which he has been engaged for the past several years in contacting thousands of people in every section of the United States for Fisk University has encouraged him to do special study in this field. A highly trained person whose interests will be largely devoted to Negroes is practical and needed.

Nashville, Tennessee

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Director of Fellowships

REPORT

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

The applicant has no personality handicaps to my knowledge.

Signed Andrew J. Allison

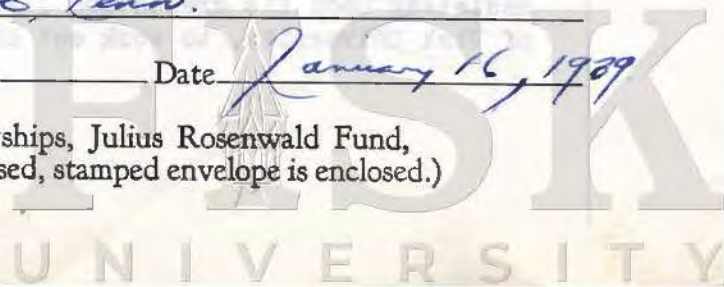
Position or Title Alumni Secretary

Address Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

Date January 16, 1929

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate Mr. L. Howard Bennett

Report Requested of Prof. Theodore S. Carrier, Professor of History
Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

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George M. Reynolds
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

February 11, 1939

Mr. L. Howard Bennett is a young man of considerable promise. As an undergraduate at Fisk University, he showed talent in various fields. In debating he demonstrated ability to express himself clearly and accurately while under pressure. He was an outstanding member of the basketball team. In his fraternity, college class, and in the general student body, this young man was an acknowledged leader. He has a quick mind, wide interests and a pleasant personality. Mr. Bennett has great poise and makes a quick (and lasting) impression that is highly favorable. While an undergraduate, he made a conscious effort to develop himself into a "well-rounded" personality. His scholarship, reflecting an active, capable mentality and supported by a willingness to work, has been consistently sound.

Since graduating from Fisk University, Mr. Bennett has had great responsibility placed upon him in the employ of Fisk University. He appears to have grown rapidly under this responsibility. His ambition to advance himself and to be of greater constructive value to society has been heightened. His

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thought has deepened. He has continued to read widely and to think broadly. Mr. Bennett has been much more successful than most young men in avoiding the conceit which the early assumption of serious responsibility so often produces. His early promise of effective leadership and ability in organizing appears to have been realized splendidly in his work among the Fisk alumni.

I am reluctant to give a detailed reaction to Mr. Bennett's project in view of the fact that I have been informed that it has been submitted to better qualified persons for expert opinion. I believe, however, that it has interesting possibilities. It is also my opinion that Mr. Bennett is well equipped to carry out a project of this sort. He has given conclusive and continuous evidence since his admission as an undergraduate at Fisk University of significant mental ability, of wide social outlook, of interest in widening the area of his usefulness and of attacking personal and social problems in a highly original manner. I am convinced, accordingly, that the project outlined is one for which Mr. Bennett is peculiarly well qualified.

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Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

Yes - See above

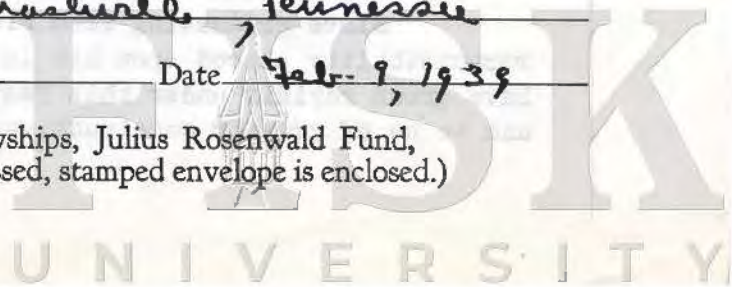
Signed Theodore S. Currier

Position or Title Head of the Department of History and Government

Address Fisk University Memphis, Tennessee

Date Feb. 9, 1939

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April 12, 1939

Dear Mr. Bennett: It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been selected by the Committee on Fellowships of the Julius Rosenwald Fund to receive a grant of One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to assist you in carrying forward your study of public administration and law in accordance with the plan of work which you submitted to our Committee.

A plan covering the details of payments under this grant will be arranged to fit your particular needs.

Please let us know at once if you accept this grant. An official announcement of the Committee's selections for the year will be made soon and can include only those from whom acceptances have been received.

Very truly yours,

GMR*UW

Mr. Lowell H. Bennett
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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