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Mr. Raymond Paty
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
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Dear Mr. Paty:

I report that I have interviewed Mr. John A. Davis and Miss Viola B. Goin:

- 1) Mr. Davis makes an excellent case, in my view. I put it to him (a) that since he has already worked at Wisconsin with Professors Ogg and Salter he would find it advantageous in later years if he had had contacts with other scholars and (b) that especially in view of the fact that his thesis would be concerned with the Negro in politics in New York City, he ought to work at Columbia. This he accepted.
- 2) Miss Goin is a very bright and, so far as she has gone, a well-trained young woman. Her plan of work amounts to this: she will work in bacteriology with a public-health flavor to it for the purpose of getting a job later on. She has in mind a laboratory position, not an administrative position. She said she had recently conferred with a certain Dr. Harris, a Negro physician in Chicago, about such a course as she proposed, and that he approved. He or someone else (or maybe she had done it herself) had advised her that Michigan would be a better place than Yale for what she has in mind. She brought the catalogues with her and I agree, on the basis of the catalogues, that that seems to be so.

She is a very personable young woman, bright and well-trained. We could do a lot worse than appoint her -- and I suspect we do. That is not intended to be a dirty dig, but merely a way of saying that grander schemes than Miss Goin's are all too moving while here we have what simply looks like training a technician, when, as a matter of fact, it may be, in view of how I judge her quality, making an opportunity for a leader of the future. Nobody knows the answer to her future, least of all myself; but I judge her a good gamble.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Allen Moe

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