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Dear Vand:

Upon returning to Washington, I found your letter of November 24, relative to Mr. Jeremiah Certaine.

I need not say how alarmed I am about the developments in his case. I do not agree with Professor Birkhoff, however, that the problem is one of will power. It is more probably due to some neurosis which Mr. Certaine has developed than what Professor Birkhoff says. This is doubtlessly based upon some of the implications of color in the social order. It may also be tied up very closely with his potential participation in the Armed Forces and the racial implications thereof. I do not know what we can do to assist him other than to point out his obligations to himself and to those who have backed him up. Perhaps a sympathetic and yet at the same time strongly-worded letter from Mr. Embree to Mr. Certaine may represent the maximum assistance we can render. What he may need more than anything else is a psychiatrist. In any event, I do think that the Fund should attempt to give every possible assistance in getting this very able mind back into the right channels.

With personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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