

Teachers' Salary
Fla.

August 10, 1937

Mr. Harry T. Moore
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Dear Mr. Moore:

Thanks very much for your letter of August 2nd addressed to Mr. White. Mr. White has been in Washington working on the Anti-Lynching Bill and I have just returned from Philadelphia. Permit me to say at the very beginning, that we are more than pleased to learn that your Branch has taken over the proposition of fighting for the equalization of teachers salaries. I am sending you under separate cover certain information and the pleadings in the case of Gibbs versus the Montgomery County Board of Education.

The Gibbs case is the first case which we have filed in our broad program to equalize the salaries of teachers. We were successful in this case and believe that we have a procedure mapped out which will be successful in other cases. This type of case is very necessary not only from the standpoint of increasing the salaries of teachers but also, from the standpoint of attacking the wage differential which is so prevalent in the south, setting up a lower standard of wages for Negroes than for the Whites.

We are today sending Attorney S.D. McGill all the information that we have on the Teachers' Salary Case. We are sending him a full report and all the suggestions which we are able to give. According to the plan of the National Office

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which has been worked out for these equalization cases, the National Office agreed to furnish Counsel without charge, except for travelling expenses. It is always necessary to have a local Counsel and we are very happy to learn that you have secured the services of Attorney S.D. McGill. Under the arrangements which we would suggest, Counsel from the National Office would cooperate with Mr. McGill and offer all information that we have here in the office for the purpose of fighting these cases.

You mentioned in your letter that you have agreed to pay Mr. McGill five hundred dollars (\$500.) and you request a donation from the National Office to help finance the suit. Please let me know at once your estimate of how much money you expect to raise in the State of Florida for this case, so that we may refer this matter to our Legal Committee at once for their consideration.

Please let me know exactly the date that the Board of Education of your County meets and also let me know the date when the annual budget is made up for the same County.

As soon as you send me the required information mentioned above, we will be glad to let you know exactly how far we can go on this case. In the meantime, you may rest assured that you will get wholehearted cooperation on this particular case.

Very truly yours,

Thurgood Marshall
Assistant Special Counsel

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