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Dear Mr. McGill:

I have just returned to the office and find your letter of November 27th and Mr. Houston's reply. I attended the annual meeting of the Virginia State Teachers Association during all of last week. We are very encouraged by the attitude of teachers throughout the country. Up until very recently, the Virginia State Teachers Association, as a whole, has been very conservative. However, to make a long story short, the following agreement was made on Friday:

The Teachers Association unanimously voted to appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1000) from its treasury and to appoint five members of the Association to serve on a Joint Committee to administer a defense fund for the purpose of equalizing teachers salaries in Virginia. On Friday afternoon, the State Conference of Branches (N.A.A.C.P.) appointed five members to this Joint Committee. On Friday evening, the Joint Committee met and we made arrangements for the filing of cases to equalize teachers salaries. The teachers have agreed to raise four thousand dollars (\$4000) more to make a total defense fund of five thousand dollars (\$5000) to be used to protect any teachers who are discharged as result of these cases. I might add that there are four thousand paid members of the Teachers Association and when we realize that this large block of Negroes are sufficiently interested in their rights to become militant, I believe that we will see the birth of a new south.

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I sincerely regret that I was not able to get to Florida for the meeting of the Florida Teachers Association but it seems that all Teachers Associations meet at the same time. Congratulations to you and to the Teachers Association on getting the case started in Florida. We are more than willing to assist you in any way possible in this case.

I am continuing my research on this matter and believe that we can handle the case in the following manner. If you will be responsible for the Florida side of the law including procedure et cetera, we will be happy to handle the general phases surrounding this case. We would appreciate you sending us a copy of the petition to the Board of Education and also copy of the proposed petition to the Florida Supreme Court. I believe then, we will be able to begin assembling our cases for a brief. In the meantime, as I assemble the material during the research on the general problems, I will keep my eyes open for cases which will be of peculiar interest to your case.

Please let us have any information which you desire to have released in our press releases which are issued each Friday to the leading newspapers throughout the country. We will, of course, not release a single word without your approval. This case will be of immense importance for several reasons. Our campaign is now going south and as soon as it is generally known that it has gone as far south as Brevard County, Florida, it will do much to stimulate the people in the states of the Carolinas, Kentucky, Tennessee et cetera. There is no doubt in my mind that this case will be one of the leading cases, in that Florida in not only in the deep south, but has always been noted for its labor relations in paying Negroes much less than whites throughout the entire economic set-up.

Call on us for any assistance necessary and we will be glad to work along with you and give you our very fullest cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Special Counsel.

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