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Mr. Thurgood Marshall  
Asst. Special Counsel NAACP  
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New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I have your letter of the 12th inst., also a memorandum brief to be used in connection with our teachers' salary case to be filed in the Supreme Court of Florida next week. I am making some additions to the brief you sent and hope to have it in shape to be filed with my petition perhaps Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. I will notify you when the petition is filed and the comment, if any, made by the Chief Justice who will have this matter in hand. I think the memorandum sent by you covers the legal questions raised by our petitioner fairly well.

Three of our Judges on the Supreme Court Bench are running for re-election and they are being bitterly opposed by some half dozen lawyers in Florida. The matter will be practically settled on May 3, when we have a state wide Primary election. I do not expect very much action in this case until after the Primary election. You can well understand that a favorable opinion from that court upon our petition at this time might cause some of those to lose their offices. Their opponents would be quick to seize upon any statement made by that court favorable to the colored teachers and it might cost them some votes. Of course, it is unfortunate that we have to speak like this about a court of justice but judges are human and I have found that they think of their offices first and particularly at a time like this when a contest is on to determine the question of whether or not they shall continue in office.

With every good wish, I am,

Very truly yours,

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