

*file 35-florida
McGill
Re: school laws*

April 21, 1938

My dear Mr. McGill:

One of our friends in Boston asked me the other day about the application of the law in Florida prohibiting Negroes from teaching whites and whites from teaching Negroes. I told him that it was my opinion that the law had been pretty much ignored. Am I correct in this?

I base this opinion, in part, upon Miss Ovington's statement that there is in Jacksonville a school supported by the Methodist Episcopal Church, called the Baylan-Haven School, of which Miss Mildred Hawes is the Principal and in which there are 13 teachers and 120 pupils.

Miss Ovington says that this is an old school and that all the teachers are white; that when she visited it in 1934 the Principal told her that, being an old church school, the politicians did not like to touch it but the graduates had no rating.

Is this still true?

Are there any other institutions or schools with Negro pupils and white teachers? What are they?

And would you also send me the text of the law?

Do you know of any other southern cities which have similar statutes?

With cordial personal regards,

Ever sincerely,

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Secretary

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April 11, 1938

MEMORANDUM FROM MISS OVINGTON TO MR. WHITE:

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