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Dear Mr. McGill:

Thanks for your letter of June 20 which has been brought to my attention on returning to the office from Maryland.

I would like very much to go over the writ of error before it is filed, if this is agreeable with you and also to have a conference with you. I will be in Tuskegee, Alabama, at the meeting of the American Teachers Association on the weekend of July 28 to 30. I could arrange to come to Jacksonville on either Sunday, the thirty-first, or Monday, the first of August, and spend at least a day in conference with you or two days if necessary. I will have to be in Durham at the annual convention of the National Bar Association not later than Wednesday morning August 3. So you see, the time between Saturday the thirtieth and August third could be used to advantage. If this is agreeable with you, please notify me immediately.

The latest developments in the Maryland cases have been that under the law in Maryland, teachers are on a probationary period of two years and may be released without cause at the end of the first or second year. All of the teachers we have used in our cases have been teachers with tenure, who have been teaching more than two years. However, the counties that have been antagonistic have discharged the Negro teachers who have not completed their probationary period in an attempt to intimidate the other teachers.

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We are arousing the taxpayers, patrons and voters in the community and on yesterday I had a long conference with the Governor. I think the entire matter will be straightened out. But, as I stated some time ago, Maryland is more or less our experimental station and we use all developments in Maryland as examples in other states.

Please let me hear from you at once as to whether you can withhold filing the writ until the conference.

Yours very truly,

Thurgood Marshall
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