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Mr. Thurgood Marshall
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Dear Thurgood:

I returned to the office this morning after presenting the Teachers' case to the Supreme Court in Tallahassee yesterday. The case of Mills v. Maryland State Board of Education came in very well. It was in the Supreme Court Library at Tallahassee and I called the court's attention to it and was allowed to come in on it, in spite of the fact that it was not cited in our briefs. The court listened also to arguments by counsel representing the School Board although no brief had been filed as provided by the rule, in behalf of the School Board. We made no objection to that as we were willing for the court to be informed fully on both sides, of the law involved in the case. The Chief Justice, too, announced from the bench that the questions involved were very important and for that reason additional time would be given counsel to present their case.

I left the transcript in the Chambers case to be certified by the Clerk. He told me that it was possible that it would be completed today and should reach my office by Monday. The petition for certiorari together with the memorandum brief have not been completed but I hope to finish them early next week. The petition to proceed Informa Pauperis will also go forward at the same time. Do I understand that these papers should go forward to Associate Counsel Ransom in Washington or should they be sent directly from this office to the Supreme Court?

Yours very truly,

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