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My dear Miss Burks:

I have your letter with regard to a possible teachers' salary suit. I am asking Mr. Marshall, who has charge of our teachers' salary cases, to write you on his return from Maryland where on Wednesday we are trying in the Federal court a case in which a favorable decision will have very profound effect upon the matter of differentials in teachers' salaries.

Our situation, very frankly, is this: the fight was made possible by a grant from the American Fund for Public Service but their resources are exhausted and the grant was not renewed. We have, however, continued the fight because of its importance. But it has resulted in a deficit in our fund for the fight for educational equality of \$3,714.83, to date, a deficit which is steadily increasing. In Maryland and Virginia the State Teachers Association in conjunction with the State Conference of N.A.A.C.P. Branches in each state has raised funds in advance of the suits not only to cover the cost of the suit, exclusive of Mr. Marshall's salary and national office expenses, but also to insure payment of a year's salary to the teacher in whose name the suit was filed in the event she was discharged, as was the case of Miss Aline Black in Virginia. I am asking Mr. Marshall when he writes you to give you the full facts of what has been done in the other states. It is not wise to institute such action unless we carefully count the cost and lay our plans accordingly.

Ever sincerely,

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