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September 25, 1920.

Miss Frances A. Keller
c/o The Interracial Council
Woolworth Building
New York City.

Dear Miss Keller:

Recently it was indeed a pleasure to note extracts from your article in the Literary Digest, and I have again come upon some of your statements upon the present immigration problem. For several years now I have been giving my attention to problems of Negro labor and during the War and since I have been with the Department of Labor as adviser to the Secretary on such matters. I would appreciate very much getting the reports and bulletins of information which your Interracial Council is sending out and would like particularly to inquire whether you are giving any attention to the Negro phase of the present labor situation.

I am in and out of New York occasionally and would appreciate an opportunity sometimes to have a conference with you on this matter.

With cordial greetings,

I remain

Yours very truly,

H/MLC

Director of Negro Economics.

961 St. Antoin's St. Apt. 9

Detroit, Mich.,

Aug. 25, 1919

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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Dear Dr. Haynes:
Director of Negro Economics

The summer is fast coming to a close, and I am wondering what the winter will find me doing. I have acted upon your advice, and stuck to the factories this summer. I found that Dodge Bros. was a little hard on Negroes so I left and went to the American Car & Laundry company here. I have done very well, and am quite satisfied with the change. The plant has been building cars for the Italian government. The contract closes Sept. 5 and of course several hundred men must go in the street. I have studied social conditions there and

elsewhere, and could tell you so much
I can really appreciate the fight be-
tween capital and labor. I am now
wondering if you have any thing
worth while. I don't want to teach if
I can get around it. Hard labor
is all right if you are not capable
of doing any thing else. I hope you
are able to place me somewhere.
I did not know you were in
Detroit until it was too late. I should
like so much to have talked with
you. I was talking to Mr. Rayland
Saturday night, and he told me
you had gone. Do you think that Chicago
is a good place to go at this time? I should
like to hear from you at your earliest
convenience.

Very sincerely

W. V. Kelley

September 11, 1919.

Mr. William V. Kelley
961 St. Antoine Street
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Kelley:

Your good letter of August 25 was received and I was so glad to hear from you and to know that you are doing so well. My previous suggestion was for you to study the question of supervising labor and the questions of employment, and thus by your actual working experience in the plant equipt yourself as foreman and assistant supervisor. It seems to me this is your way to succeed in getting work other than teaching.

I regret that at the present time I have no position in my own line of work open. I am, however, sending you an application blank which I will be pleased if you will fill out and return so that I may have the detailed facts about your preparation.

It seems to me that you would be better off remaining in Detroit for work rather than going back to Chicago. If you can settle down there and save some money and you do not desire to continue in some of the factories it is a fine field to start out in business for yourself. The business field among Negro people is to be one of large development in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Director of Negro Economics.

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September 12, 1919

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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Dr. George E. Haynes,
Department of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

Director of Negro Economics

Dear Haynes:

I am much obliged to you for your letter of September 10. It gives me just the information I want.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur P. Kelley

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Director of Negro Economics

January 29, 1921

Dr. Vernon Kellogg,
Stanford University, California.

My dear Dr. Kellogg,

I do not know whether you will recall me. I met you several times in Washington in May, 1917. We had a common interest in food problems and you were kind enough to arrange an interview with Mr. Hoover so that I might get his endorsement, if possible, to a project for using college boys to get soy beans planted.

May I call your attention to a very significant branch of the Department of Labor which is threatened with extinction. I refer to the Bureau of Negro Economics. I wish very much that both you and Mr. Hoover would inquire into the kind of service that this Bureau is rendering the white employers of negro labor and, to the country generally, under the direction of Dr. Geo. E. Haynes, a scholarly colored man of the highest standing with both whites and negroes. If the result of your investigations satisfies you that this is too important a work to be allowed to drop, may I hope that you and Mr. Hoover will lend the weight of your influence toward two things:

- 1st. The passage of necessary appropriations for the maintenance of this work; and
- 2nd. Either the retention of Dr. Haynes as Director on the basis of the work he has done, or the selection of some other man of as fine equipment for the work.

I am asking Dr. Haynes to write you directly about this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Rural Sociology

Carbon to Dr. Vernon Kellogg,
Cosmos Club

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1701 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 3, 1921

Mr. R. H. Leavell,
Professor of Rural Sociology,
George Peabody College for Teachers,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Leavell:

Your letter of January 29th has just come. I
remember very well our meeting and conversations
in Washington in May, 1917.

I shall be glad to try to find out something
of what Dr. Haynes is doing and shall speak of the
matter also to Mr. Hoover. Mr. Hoover is about to
start for California and so will be inaccessible to
me for some time but as soon as he returns I will
call his attention to the matter referred to in
your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. C. Clegg

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February 15, 1921.

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Mr. Vernon Kellogg,
National Research Council,
1701 Massachusetts Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Kellogg:

Mr. R.H. Leavell of George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., who has been especially interested in some Negro Economics advisory service carried on by the Department of Labor has written you and asked your interest in looking into this work and getting it to the attention of Mr. Hoover. I would appreciate the opportunity, at your early convenience, to give you such information as you wish about the matter.

Thousands of Negroes are now scattered in scores of industrial centers throughout the northern and border states who migrated from the South during the past five years. Their migration, their entrance into industrial occupations in contact with white workers and new employers, no less than the labor conditions created by their departure from the South, brought about conditions that call repeatedly for information, advice and counsel to deal with them. Thousands of Negro women entered industry and this, together with domestic service, has created additional problems calling for information, advice and help. With the increased number of unskilled and semi-skilled migrant laborers now coming from Europe and their competition in lower paid occupations with thousands of Negroes will increase the difficulty of the problems even after the present trying unemployment period is passed. A rapid change in agricultural and industrial life in the South involving Negro wage-earners is also going to call for the most careful information and soundest counsel.

To meet these conditions arising out of the relations of white workers, Negro workers and employers the Secretary

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has had an advisory service in his office for furnishing him and the several Divisions of the Department, as well as the public, with such information and advice about and from Negroes as would help in meeting and dealing with these conditions. The questions of housing, efficiency, labor turnover, absenteeism, community relationships and other problems were dealt with thru cooperative committees of white and colored citizens in local communities of eleven states during the War. Information and advice was furnished to employers in many towns, cities and plants where Negroes were employed. Two studies, "The Negro Migration in 1916-1917" and "The Negro at Work during the World War and during Reconstruction"; have been prepared. The first has been widely distributed and has become practically a text book on the subject. The other we hope to have from the public printer for distribution this month and demands for it have already almost reached the limit of supply.

The Secretary of Labor, in a recent letter to a Congressional Committee, said that "This very necessary and most useful advisory service which has proven almost indispensable to my office in dealing with many of the very difficult and delicate labor questions involved fell within the scope of powers and functions conferred upon the Secretary of Labor by existing legislation of the Organic Act defining the powers and functions of the Secretary of Labor and the Department of Labor since the work is only a branch of the Office of the Secretary and is under his personal supervision".

I have ventured to put this summary into a letter, although of some length, to get briefly before you just what the work is about and I shall be pleased to give you more information at your pleasure.

Yours very truly,

Director of Negro Economics.

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1701 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 17, 1921

Dr. George E. Haynes,
Director of Negro Economics,
Department of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
FEB 18 1921

Director of Negro Economics

Dear Mr. Haynes:

Replying to your letter of February 15th, I shall be glad to have an opportunity to talk over with you personally the work which you are doing in connection with negro economics. You understand that my interest in this is not that of an officer of the National Research Council but simply that of a private citizen. I had a letter from Mr. Leavell recently in which he asked for my interest in it and especially that I should try to interest Mr. Hoover in the matter. When I understand more about it I shall be glad to speak to Mr. Hoover about it.

Very sincerely yours,

Ernest Kellogg

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February 18, 1921.

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Mr. Vernon Kellogg,
National Research Council,
1701 Massachusetts Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I thank you so much for your kind letter of February 17 expressing a wish to talk over the Negro Economics work with me. The public printer today promised that we would probably get our second study from the press the first of next week. As soon as I get a copy of that I shall telephone you for an appointment at your convenience. X 9

Appreciating your interest, I am

Yours very truly,

Director of Negro Economics.

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August 26, 1920.

Professor Karl Kelsy,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Professor Kelsy:

Will you kindly inform me how
and where I may secure a copy of your monograph on
the Negro farmer? We are trying to get fully in-
formed on changes in critical conditions in the
South affected by the checking of foreign immigra-
tion and the consequent migration of Negroes to
Northern industries.

Yours very truly,

Director of Negro Economics.

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Director of Negro Economics

Dear Mr. Haynes:-

Upon my return from the western coast I find your letter of August twenty-sixth, inquiring about my monograph on "The Negro Farmer". I have much pleasure in sending you copy under separate cover, which I ask you to accept with my compliments.

Very truly yours

Carl Kelsey

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Sept 10/6/20*
Mr. George E. Haynes
Director of Negro Economics
Department of Labor
Washington, D. C.

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October 8, 1920.

Dear Professor Kelsey:

Your monograph on "The Negro Farmer" mentioned in your letter of October 5 came today, and I thank you most heartily for it.

Very truly yours,

Director of Negro Economics.

Professor Carl Kelsey,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 6, 1921.

Professor Carl Kelsey,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Professor Kelsey:

Sometime ago you wrote me that you were sending me a copy of "The Negro Farmer" under separate cover. I am writing to say this must have been lost in the mails as we have not yet received the copy. I am wondering if it is asking too much for you to furnish another copy.

Yours very truly,

Director of Negro Economics.

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WHARTON SCHOOL OF
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Jan. 8, 21

My dear Mr. Haynes,

Under separate cover

I am sending you a copy
of "The Negro Farmer" in response
to your letter of Jan. 6. I trust
it reaches you safely.

With New Year Greetings

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kelsey.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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Director of Negro Economics

January 14, 1921.

Professor Carl Kelsey,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Professor Kelsey:

Please accept thanks for copy of
"Negro Farmer" which has been received.

With cordial greetings for the
new year, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Director of Negro Economics.

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Bowling Green, Va.,

July 12, 1920.

Bureau of Negro Economics:

Will you kindly send me Dr. Emmett J. Scott's government publication entitled "Negro Exodus" or "Causes of the Negro Migration" to the general delivery, Alexandria, Va.

Yours truly,

Robert T. Kerlin,

Professor of English in Virginia Military Institute, and Secretary of the Virginia Society for the Study of Education.

Address: Alexandria, Va.

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July 13, 1920.

Dr. Emmett J. Scott,
Howard University,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Scott:

The enclosed letter from Prof. Robert T. Kerlin and copy of
reply of this office are self-explanatory. Thank you for
appropriate attention to the matter.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE E. HAYNES,

Director of Negro Economics.

By

A s s i s t a n t .

July 13, 1920.

Prof. Robert T. Kerlin,
General Delivery,
Alexandria, Va.

My dear Sir:

Your request of July 12, for a copy of Dr. Emmett J. Scott's publication on "Negro Migration" has been forwarded direct to Dr. Scott for attention, inasmuch as it is not an issue of this Department and, hence, is not available for distribution through this office.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE E. HAYNES,

Director of Negro Economics

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

September 5, 1919.

Memorandum:

From: The Director of Negro Economics
To: The Chief of The Children's Bureau
Subject: In re President-Elect of Liberia

1. Dr. Emmett J. Scott and Attorney Jas. A. Cobb, local gentlemen who have been managing the affairs of President C. D. B. King of Liberia, are out of the city today. However, I have been able to learn, through other sources, that Attorney William L. Houston, 613 "F" St., N. W., is in charge of engagements to be made with Pres. King.

2. As you doubtless know, Pres. King is in this country in the interest of a \$5,000,000 loan from the U. S. Government. He is, accordingly, very anxious to meet governmental officials, local organizations and private individuals. Mrs. King states that the President has a full day today, but that tomorrow, no doubt, he would be pleased to receive new callers.

3. May I suggest that you take up the matter through Attorney Houston, or direct with Mrs. King, Hotel Lafayette; or, if you prefer, this office will be pleased to go into the matter further for you.

Respectfully,

Karl H. Phillips
Assistant to the Director
of Negro Economics.

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LIBERIAN PLENARY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

King ✓

March 31, 1921.

Mr. George E. Haynes,
Director, Negro Economics,
Dept. Labor,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the President of
Liberia to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated
March 24, 1921 and to thank you for same.

I am to state that the copies of the
separate enclosures have not yet been received.
The President is sure, however, that these documents
will be of great interest and benefit to him.

Truly yours,

Gabriel S. Dennis

Secretary, Liberian Plenary Commission.

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February tenth,
Nineteen hundred twenty-one.

Miss Harriet B. King,
Industrial Secretary, Young Women's Christian Association,
901 Rhode Island Avenue, Northwest,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss King:

I am introducing to you, without further explanation, Mrs. Grace Brown, concerning whom you so kindly granted me an interview this morning, and for whom you are showing a highly-appreciable effort in the matter of her possible placement.

May I not thank you again for your valued cooperation.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Director of Negro Economics.

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D. Grand Master
State of Pa.
Secretary of Bay City Lodge No. 68 F. & A. M.

Clarence C Kittrell
427 West 2nd St.
Erie Pa.

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D. D. G. Master
8th Masonic District

Erie Pa.

March .30th .1920

Dr. George E Haynes,
Director Negro Economics
Washington D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
MAR 22 1920

Director of Negro Economics

Dear sir:-

The Negro Workers Advisory Committee of Erie Pa. have been working earnestly and have won the respect of the best citizens and business men in Erie, we have met regularly ever since our organization Nov. 26th 1918,

We would like to know if this committee should continue, would it be of any material good to you or to our selves, if a continuation of same,

Kindly let me hear from you by March 26th which is our next regular meeting. Your candid fact and opinion of our committee. Mr. Kittrell joins me in sending our best wishes to you.

I remain yours for success.

Margaret J. Kittrell
Secretary.

Robert
MB
3/22/20

March 22, 1920.

Mrs. Margaret J. Kittrell,
Secretary, Negro Workers' Advisory Committee,
427 West Second Street,
Erie, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Kittrell:

Your kind and encouraging letter of March 20th is received in the absence of Dr. Haynes, who will be out of the city until the 24th instant. On his return he will make you a full and personal reply to your inquiry.

However, for fear that his letter might not reach you by the date of your next meeting, I am taking it upon myself to make this brief advance statement, based upon my own opinion.

I feel quite sure that the Department of Labor and Dr. Haynes will want your committee to continue, particularly on account of a special future interest which the Department hopes to be able to further in the Erie vicinity as well as other points in Pennsylvania. Just at this time, it is not improbable that the work may again be established in Erie and that you, as before, may have a representative of the Department to assist you in your local problems.

In the meantime, please be assured that Dr. Haynes and the Department are grateful for your full cooperation and assistance, and that they are glad to know your work has been so successful.

Yours sincerely,

Assistant to the Director
of Negro Economics.

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March 24, 1920.

Mrs. Margaret J. Kittrell, Secretary
Negro Workers' Advisory Committee
427 West Second Street
Erie, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mrs. Kittrell:

Following the letter of my Assistant, Mr. Phillips, I am pleased to send you further assurance in response to your letter of inquiry of March 20 as to whether or not it would serve well for your committee to continue. By all means I think it would be very valuable for your committee to do so. I hope that we will get sufficient appropriations to continue the work the coming year and be able to render you assistance. In any case, however, it seems to me that your committee could be of very great value in dealing with the labor questions of the community in view of the fact that you have such hearty response from the citizens of the town.

Yours sincerely,

Director, Negro Economics.

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August 9, 1920.

Dr. Seaman A. Knapp
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Knapp:

Sometime last year I recall you had some figures showing increase in acreage, total production and money value of twelve food and feed crops in the Southern States as compared with cotton crops. May I ask if these figures have been published or if in any other way they are available for use. If so, will you kindly send me such information.

Yours very truly,

Director of Negro Economics .

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATES RELATIONS SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF EXTENSION WORK SOUTH

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August 10, 1920.

Mr. George E. Haynes,
Department of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter, addressed to Dr. Knapp, has been referred to me for attention.

I presume that the enclosed circular contains the statistics to which you refer. At any rate, this is the only thing I can think of that has been published recently along the line which you suggest in your letter.

Very truly yours,

M. P. Mercier

Acting Chief.

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Mr. Karl F. Phillips,
Department of Labor
Washington
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