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TO Dr. Clanton Williams

FROM Dr. John C. Schwarzwald

DEPT. Vice-President

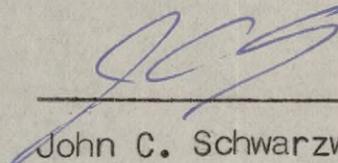
DATE January 9, 1956

SUBJECT

A Mr. Mangum of the faculty of the Dept. of Communications of Texas Southern University has requested permission to enroll for graduate work in this department.

Mr. Mangum is apparently academically qualified for such enrollment and possesses an attractive personality and appearance.

I told Mr. Mangum that I doubted that he could be enrolled but that I would pass his request on to the policy-making officials of the university. I have had no word as to whether recent legal developments have affected previous policy adhered to by the university. Would you advise me on this?



John C. Schwarzwald

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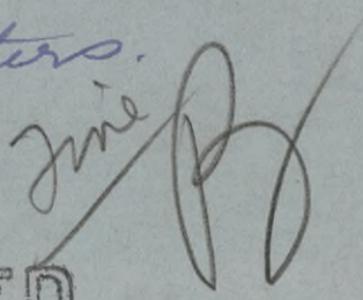
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Memo to: *Pres. Bruce*

- Please answer, sending me a copy.
- Please furnish data for my reply.
- Please take charge of this.
- Please note and return.
- Please note and see me.
- Please route to members of department.
- Please note and file.
- For your information.
- For your recommendation.
- For your approval.

1. These cases must have some kind of answer.

2. Unless you disapprove I propose to send these letters.

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2817 Cleburne Ave., MAY 7 1956
Houston 4, Texas.
May 3, 1956

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VICE PRESIDENT
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

University of Houston
Dr. Clanton W. Williams
Dear Sir;

I am quite interested in the field of Special Education. I am at Burrus Junior High School, and I teach a class in Mental Retardation. I have shown the letter to my Supervisor, Miss Nancy Bringhurst, and she was quite interested. She even gave me the names of several courses that she would like me to take in the area of Mental Retardation.

I have a Masters Degree in Elementary Education, Texas Southern University, 1949, and 6 hours of Special Education from the University of Texas, Austin. The Registrar's Office at Texas University said I had a B-plus Average. I have Photostats of all of my Transcripts. I have a Temporary- General Certificate in Special Education, good until 1960. I would like to get a Masters Degree in Special Education. I need 18 hours, and I would like to attend an established school in this area here at home if it is at all possible.

I would like to be able to attend this first Summer Semester, June to July, 1956.

Here is a list of qualified candidates for advanced degrees who along with me are ~~would be~~ willing to approach this delicate problem in a joint spirit of cooperation and finesse. They will be glad to give you any information about their qualifications. Most of these people work under Dr. Hicks, in the various Houston Public Schools.

1. Mrs. Ann Stone -----Special Education, Supervisor Dr. Hicks
2. Mrs. Beatrice Harper " " " " "
3. Mrs. Fance " " " " "
4. Mrs. Georgia Smith - Classroom Teacher- Interested in Sp. Ed.
5. Mrs. Virgie Reynolds - Classroom Teacher- Interested in Sp. Ed.
6. Mrs. T. Christine Farris - Itinerent Music Teacher, doing further study in voice, under a white university instructor.
7. Mrs. Arizona Wooten - Attendance Worker, Houston Public Schools
8. Mrs. Ollie Berrel- Interested in Sp. Ed. planning to go to Texas Uni.

Miss Bringhurst would like for me to take two of the following courses:

1. Psychology of the Mentally Handicapped
2. Rehabilitation of the Cripple Child
3. Methods in Dealing With Cripple Children
4. Problems With The Partially Seeing Child
5. Problems of the Hard of Hearing

We all hope you will be able to help us. We want to be well prepared to do a good job with all of the children. We must remember that, "He Who Teaches A Child, Labors In God's Workshop." All of these people are reliable and trustworthy. We hope you will give us an appointment soon.

Respectfully Yours,
(Mrs.) Rachael D. Gardner

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

2817 Cleburne Ave.,

HOUSTON, TEXAS



Dr. Clanton W. Williams
University of Houston
Office of the Vice President,
Academic Affairs
Cullen Boulevard,
Houston 4, Texas

April 26, 1956

Miss Rachael D. Gardner
2817 Cleburne Avenue
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Miss Gardner:

In reply to correspondence between you and officials of the University of Houston and to assist you in your planning, the following information appears to be pertinent:

1. To date no Negro has been admitted to the University of Houston;
2. The matter is currently under serious study by the University and its Board of Regents;
3. It appears likely that integration at the graduate level will be preliminary to admission of undergraduate Negro students.

If you qualify as a graduate of an accredited college and desire to pursue graduate work at the University of Houston, I would appreciate a personal letter to me setting forth your general qualifications, the degree you wish to pursue, and the date at which you wish to be admitted.

If there are several highly qualified candidates for advanced degrees who would be willing to approach this delicate problem in a joint spirit of cooperation and finesse, it might be appropriate for them to meet with me personally to discuss the matter in some detail.

Very truly yours,

Clanton W. Williams

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Mr. Vitelli

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1. Please reply: "In reply to your letter of inquiry of Jan. February 16th of 1956, the reply that no Negroes have been admitted to the University of Houston"

2. Please return for file with folder on Desegregation

[Signature]

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University of Houston
Office of the Registrar

2-21-56

Date

TO: Dr. C. W. Williams

Will you please:

- Note and file.
- Note and return.
- Note and see me.
- Let me have your recommendation.
- Let me have your approval.
- Draft reply for my signature.
- Answer, sending me a copy.
- Notify your staff.
- Take charge of this.
- Let me see this.
- Furnish me with written report.

*This could be a
genuine test case.
I hope I'm wrong.*

FROM:

R. Pittella

2817 Cleburne Ave.,
Houston 4, Texas
Feb. 16, 1956

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FEB 20 1956
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
University of Houston

To The Registrar
University of Houston
Dear Sir:

I am writing seeking information. I am a Junior High Special Education Teacher here in Houston, Texas. My special field of work is Mental Retardation.

CA7-6151
Dr. Aaron and Miss Nancy Bringham of the Special Education Department of the Houston Independent School District, would prefer the teachers who work in this field take most of our work in Special Education from a very well-established white school of Special Education.

I want to know, if you should offer courses that ^{the} state requires for a Permanent Certificate in Special Education, will these courses be open to Negro Graduate Teachers? I have a Master's Degree in Education from Texas Southern Uni. I have also 6 hours of Graduate Study at Texas University in Special Education. I have a B+ Average. I have my transcript from Texas University. Please let me know as soon as possible.

Respectfully Yours,
Rachael D. Gardner

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c/o Registrar's Office