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1032 South Arlington Avenue,
Los Angeles 19, California,
April 6, 1953

^[[Reg letter]]

Dr. F. D. Patterson, President,
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

My dear Dr. Patterson,

We are just beginning to recover from the impact of the news of your resignation from the work at Tuskegee Institute and it still leaves with me, a feeling that is hard to describe.

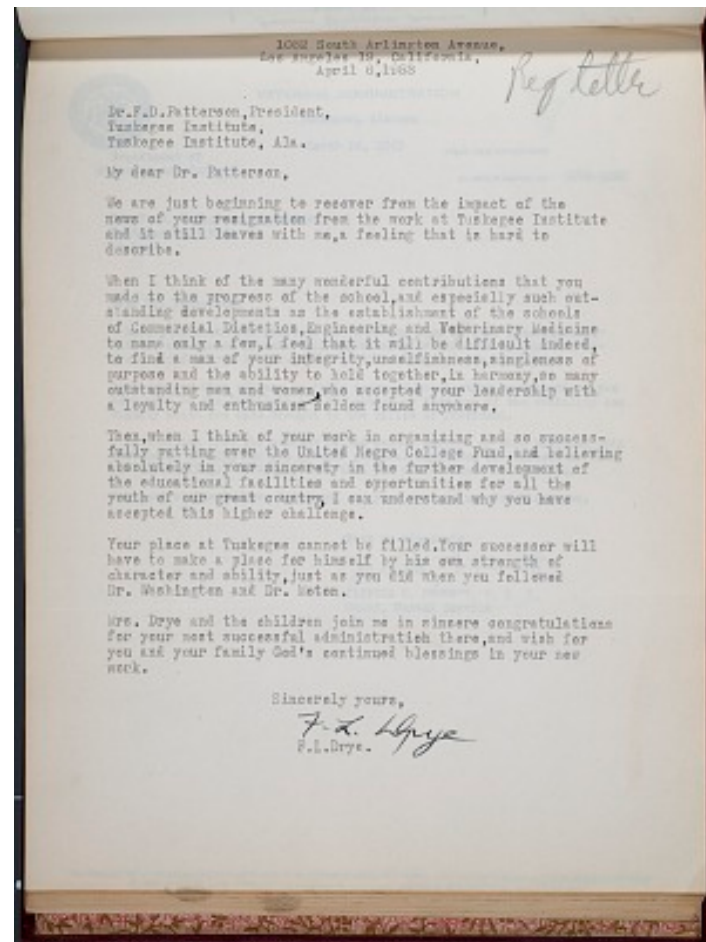
When I think of the many wonderful contributions that you made to the progress of the school, and especially such outstanding developments as the establishment of the schools of Commercial Dietetics, Engineering and Veterinary Medicine to name only a few, I feel that it will be difficult indeed, to find a man of your integrity, unselfishness, singleness of purpose and the ability to hold together, in harmony, so many outstanding men and women^[[,]] who accepted your leadership with a loyalty and enthusiasm seldom found anywhere.

Then, when I think of your work in organizing and so successfully putting over the United Negro College Fund, and believing absolutely in your sincerity in the further development of the educational facilities and opportunities for all the youth of our great country^[[,]] I can understand why you have accepted this higher challenge.

Your place at Tuskegee cannot be filled. Your successor will have to make a place for himself by his own strength of character and ability, just as you did when you followed Dr. Washington and Dr. Moton.

Mrs. Drye and the children join me in sincere congratulations for your most successful administration there, and wish for you and your family God's continued blessings in your new work.

Sincerely yours,
[[signed]] F. L. Drye [[/signed]]
F. L. Drye.



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