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March
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Dear Dr. Patterson:-

My heartiest congratulations to you and the PHELPS-STOKES FUND
on your choice and acceptance as Director of the FUND upon the
retirement of Dr. Tobias.

I can confess that it is hard for me to realize that Dr. Tobias has reached
even the "mathematical" age of retirement, and it is no reflection on you
for me to state that your change of post inspires me with very real regret
-- for the regret is not over you assuming an important post, but over
your leaving one which you have occupied with wisdom and dignity
during a very critical period of Tuskegee's history and the history of
Negro education. Your architect's role in building the United Negro
College Fund would probably be referred to as a very grand
achievement in the field of education, but I am convinced that this role is
over-shadowed by the quiet, courageous, patient and effective
leadership which you have given to Tuskegee over so many years.

I repeat that I regret to see you leave Tuskegee, but I shall be proud to
welcome you in New York City.

Sincerely yours,
[[signature]]
Lester B. Granger
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