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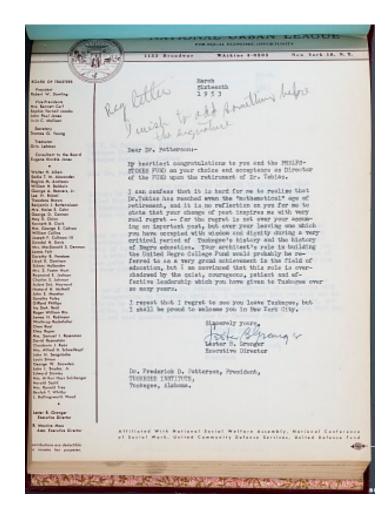
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Dear Dr. Patterson:-

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 Executive Director

Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, President, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Tuskegee, Alabama.

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