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Reid T. Reynolds
Bucknell University
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Mr. Pleut has referred to me your recent letter regarding your committee's interest in increasing the Negro enrollment at Bucknell. As you perhaps know, our organization has for a number of years attempted to refer qualified students to the University. I am enclosing material which describes this counseling and referral service, as well as our supplementary scholarship awards.

In recent years, however, because several Negro students have indicated to us that the social climate at the University, particularly their exclusion from fraternities and sororities, tends to create a generally unhappy campus experience, we have not referred many candidates.

While we do not have any suggestions regarding sources of scholarship funds, we would hope your committee might address part of its effort to the above problem. Then too, we would be quite willing to share with the Director of Admissions our list of high schools at which we have identified qualified Negro college candidates in the past. It is important, we feel, that high school counselors know of the University's interest in encouraging Negro applicants.

I should add that currently a group of college Admissions Directors in the Philadelphia area are working together on plans for high school visits for the purpose of identifying and encouraging potential Negro college candidates. If your Director of Admissions would like more information about this project, he should write to Mr. John Hoy, Director of Admissions, Swarthmore College.

Please write again if you feel we can be of greater assistance.

Sincerely,

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for Negro Students. Interesting!*

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