President H. Curley Byrd
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland

Dear President Byrd:

February 16, I wrote you inquiring about the policy of the University of Maryland in admitting Negro students to other departments than the Law School. On March 1, I wrote you to refresh your recollection about the letter of February 16 since I had not heard from you.

This morning, I have received inquiries from two students asking for definite word as to what the N.A.A.C.P. would do to assist them in getting into the Graduate Department of the University of Maryland.

It had been my idea in writing you February 16 to see whether we could not handle the matter amicably. I assumed that the decision of the Court of Appeals in Pearson vs. Murray would be a precedent for all the departments of the University, but I wanted to make sure that you felt the same way. In case you had any doubt, I had thought we might confer about the matter rather than lose both time and money in court.

As this is my third letter, I shall not write again but very reluctantly will have to proceed to take whatever steps may be necessary to preserve these students' rights.

Yours very truly,

Note: Mr. Houston had to leave town before this letter could be transcribed.

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