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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: August 24, 1974

FROM: Stanley S. Scott

VIA: Warren Rustand

MEETING:

Recommend that the President meet with top civil rights leaders to establish a spirit of cooperation and a willingness to work with all segments of American society to help insure success of the Administration's civil rights and minority-oriented programs.

PARTICIPANTS:

NAACP's Roy Wilkins and Clarence Mitchell;
PUSH's Rev. Jesse Jackson; Rev. Leon
x Sullivan of OIC; Vernon Jordan of the Urban
League; Dorothy Height of the National
Council of Negro Women; Helen Edmonds
of the Links, Inc.; Carl Holman of the Urban
Coalition; Mrs. Martin Luther King; John
x Lewis of the Southern Voter Education Project.

DATE:

September 4th, 5th, 6th, or as soon as possible thereafter.

PURPOSE:

To let these leaders know that President Ford intends to build bridges to human dignity across that gulf which today too frequently separates Black America from white America. To solicit the recommendations and suggestions of these respected Americans as the President seeks solutions to domestic problems.

FORMAT:

The Cabinet Room
The Oval Office

SPEECH MATERIAL:

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SPEECH MATERIAL:

August 26, 1974

Dear Dr. Edmonds:

It was good to receive your very kind and thoughtful message of congratulations, and to recall my meeting with the membership of The Links, Incorporated, on June 28, 1974. I am encouraged to know that I have your support and that of your organization. I am sure that, working together, the people of America can go forward in peace with other nations and in progress here at home.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Dr. Helen G. Edmonds
National President
The Links, Incorporated
Post Office Box 3847
Durham, North Carolina 27702

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September 6, 1974

Dear Helen:

We are looking forward to your joining us on September 13 for the first in a series of meetings designed to provide input from a cross-section of the Black community.

Please bring with you a brief position paper on what you perceive to be the ten most pressing problems facing Blacks and the poor in this nation. Please insure that your recommended solutions are included and the length does not exceed three pages.

We hope that you will be able to participate in President Ford's open door policy and share with us your views and concerns.

You should arrive at the Northwest Gate from Pennsylvania Avenue by 9:00 a.m.

Thank you for planning to be with us.

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Dr. Helen Edmonds
National President
The Links, Incorporated
Post Office Box 3847
Durham, North Carolina 27702

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October 24, 1974

Dear Dr. Edmonds:

I, too, was pleased to see you at the September 11th meeting at the White House. I appreciate your writing and sending me the names of several Black Women's Organizations.

Your concern to ensure representation of all Black women is shared by myself and my staff. As I said earlier, the decision was difficult as to the organizations to be invited to the President's first meeting with leaders of national women's organizations. The size of the organizations was our major criteria. Then we added two or three of the newer women's rights organizations.

Stanley Scott, as you say, is an asset to the White House Staff and has been most helpful in assisting my staff and me in identifying outstanding Black women such as yourself.

I look forward to seeing you again soon and working with The Links.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tobin Armstrong
Counsellor to the President

~~Dr. Helen G. Edmonds~~
~~Past President~~
~~The Links, Incorporated~~
~~Post Office Box 3847~~
Durham, North Carolina 27702

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November 1, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROBERT OFF
 FROM: STAN SCOTT
 SUBJECT: Postal Service Board of Governors

Per our conversation, I am recommending the below listed candidates for consideration to above subject position. Available resumes attached.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attorney Samuel Pierce
Former General Counsel
Treasury Department 2. Kenneth Sherwood
New York State Athletic Commission
Businessman 3. Attorney William Coleman
Former Member of Wage-Price Board 4. James H. Dowdy
President, Harlem Commonwealth
Council, Inc.
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Chairman of the Board
Vanguard Bank, Long Island 5. Attorney Timothy Jenkins
President, MATCH Institute
Washington, D. C. 6. Berkeley Burrell
President
National Business League
Washington, D. C. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Ethel Allen
Medical Doctor
Philadelphia City
Councilwoman 2. Dr. Helen Edmonds
College Professor
Durham, N. C. |
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February 4, 1975

Dear Helen:

As we approach the Nation's Bicentennial in 1976, a special sense of urgency compels all Americans to participate in the pursuit of national unity and to strive toward translating noble precepts into solutions to the Nation's remaining social, economic, and political ills.

I shall be doing my part within the Administration by working in close liaison with my colleagues here and shall be relating to them the best thoughts and opinions from the non-government sector. In the interest of the national welfare, therefore, I am soliciting your help as a recognized leader, and as a concerned American in this effort.

We would appreciate your participation in the first in a series of "Think Tank" sessions at the Washington Hilton Hotel on Friday, February 14, at 12 noon.

RSVP to my office by February 10 -- 202/456-2588.

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Dr. Helen Edmonds
Post Office Box 3847
Durham, North Carolina 27702

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May 6, 1975

Dear Ms. Edmonds:

On behalf of the President and Mrs. Ford I want to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of April 26 inviting them to attend the presentation ceremony on May 9, when you will receive the Oliver Max Gardner Award.

While the President and Mrs. Ford appreciate your thoughtfulness in extending this kind invitation they will be unable to attend due to the many heavy demands of their official schedule. They have asked that I express their best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson
Deputy Director
Scheduling Office

Ms. Helen G. Edmonds
Box 3847
Durham, North Carolina 27702

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Box 3847
Durham, North Carolina
April 26, 1975

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford and Mrs. Ford
Office of the President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President and Mrs. Ford;

I have been informed by Dr. Albert N. Whiting, President, North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina, that the Board of Governors of the North Carolina University System of Higher Education has designated me to be a recipient of The Oliver Max Gardner Award to be presented on Friday, May 9, 1975, 10:30 A.M.

This award was established by a former Governor of North Carolina who was intimately associated with the statute which created the greater University of North Carolina. The award goes to the member(s) of the faculty of the Consolidated University System of North Carolina, who, during the current scholastic year, has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race.

Realizing that no individual ever receives an award on his or her merits alone; and, that the family, relatives, colleagues, friends and well-wishers play roles of immense support to the recipient through association, kindness, courtesies and inspiration, I communicate the good news to you.

It is for this appreciation that I bear that I invite you to share this occasion with me, and in full recognition that it belongs to you as much as to me. The ceremonies take place on the day, date and time as mentioned above. I invite you, also, to share the luncheon which follows immediately after the ceremonies.

Place: The General Administration Building
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

(Come in on Route 501 By-pass to Route 54. Turn right on 54 toward Chapel Hill. Two or three blocks on Route 54 is the General Administration Building on the left.)

I hope that you can attend. If you cannot, you may write to me at Box 3847, Durham, North Carolina, 27702, or call: (919) 682-4772.



Sincerely yours,

Helen G. Edmonds

Helen G. Edmonds

Mr. President: Thanks again for addressing my organization in June, 1974. I hope you will not forget me. I stand ready to hit the trail for you in 1976. A long standing Republican.

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Dear Mr. [Name],

I am writing to you regarding the [Topic].

The [Organization] is currently [Action].

I would like to discuss the [Topic] with you.

I am sure that you will find this information [Useful].

Please let me know if you have any questions.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]

[Address]

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JAMES E. HOLSHOUSER, JR.
GOVERNOR

May 1, 1975

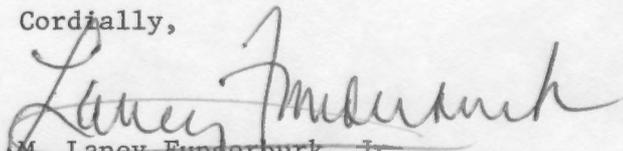
Mr. William N. Walker, Director
Presidential Personnel Office
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Walker:

Pursuant to Governor Holshouser's telegram of April 21, 1975, concerning his recommendation of Dr. Helen G. Edmonds for appointment to the Commission on the International Women's Year, I attach Dr. Edmonds' impressive and lengthy vita. She has a distinguished career of service in so many areas, and is vitally interested in the Commission.

I urge your favorable consideration of Dr. Edmonds.

Cordially,


M. Laney Funderburk, Jr.
Special Assistant for Appointments

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Helen G. Edmonds
Box 3847
Durham, N.C. 27702



Helen G. Edmonds, A.B., M.A., Ph.D., LL.D.
North Carolina Central University
Durham, North Carolina 27707

Educational Training:

- 1954 - 1955 Post-doctoral study and research in Modern European History, University of Heidelberg, West Germany.
- 1941 - 1946 Ph.D., History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
- 1936 - 1938 M.A., History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
- 1931 - 1933 A.B., History, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 1929 - 1931 Saint Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia (two-year college at that time).
- 1925 - 1929 High School Diploma: The College Preparatory School of Saint Paul's Normal and Industrial Institute (later named Saint Paul's College), Lawrenceville, Virginia.
- 1919 - 1925 Elementary and Grammar School: Parochial School of Saint Paul's Normal and Industrial Institute, Lawrenceville, Virginia.



Helen G. Edmonds, A.B., M.A., Ph.D., LL.D.
North Carolina Central University
Durham, North Carolina

Employment Experience in the United States (Educational):

- 1971 Distinguished Professor of History, North Carolina Central University, Durham, N. C. (Title conferred by the University's Board of Trustees).
- 1964 - 1971 Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, North Carolina Central University, Durham, N. C.
- 1968 - Visiting Summer Professor of History, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon -- 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971.
- 1966 - 1967 Member of the Interim Committee (three) in Charge of the Administration of North Carolina Central University, Durham, N. C., February 1966-July 1967.
- 1963 - 1964 Chairman, Department of History and Social Science, North Carolina Central University, Durham, N. C.
- 1958 - 1960 Executive Director of the Academic Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of North Carolina Central University, Durham, N. C.
- 1948 - 1964 Graduate Professor of History, North Carolina Central University, Durham, N. C.
- 1941 - 1948 Professor of History, North Carolina Central University, Durham, N. C.
- 1940 Consultant, Social Science, The Virginia State Department of Education. Summer.
- 1935 - 1940 Instructor, History, Saint Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia.
- 1934 - 1935 Dean of Women, Professor of Greek and Latin, Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Virginia.



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North Carolina Central University
Durham, North Carolina 27707

Experience in International Relations:

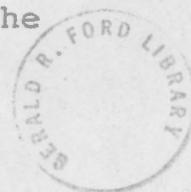
- 1971 Participant, The International Conference, Mount Carmel International Centre for Community Services, Haifa, Israel, March. Theme: "The Changing Needs in the Education of Women in the Second Development Decade (1970-1980)."
- Guest of the Israeli Foreign Ministry in a post-conference visit. Examination of major educational institutions.
- 1970 United States Alternate Delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations, September 13 - December 18. Headed the United States Delegation on the Third Committee on the United Nations General Assembly for the period stated above.
- 1970 - Member of the Peace Corps National Advisory Council (Agency currently termed ACTION).
- 1961 United States Delegate to the Eighth National conference of the United States Commission on UNESCO, October 22-27, Boston Mass. Theme: "Africa and the United States - Images and Realities."
- 1957 Personal Representative of President Dwight D. Eisenhower to the dedication ceremonies of the Liberian Capitol, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, October 10-18. Addressed the Assembled Liberian Government at the ceremonies. Delivered seven major addresses in that country:
1. The University of Monrovia
 2. University of Liberia
 3. The Antoinette Tubman Orphanage
 4. The Booker T. Washington School, Kakata
 5. Saint Patrick School: United Nations Day Address
 6. Saint Teresa's Convent: United Nations Day Address
 7. The Monrovia Y.W.C.A.
- 1957 Leader-Specialist under the auspices of the U. S. State Department in the International Educational Exchange Program in Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, and Sweden. Six months: January 15 - June 15.
- 1955 Leader-Specialist in Germany under the auspices of the U. S. State Department, March - August.



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Publications:

- 1971 Black Faces in High Places, Harcourt, Brace and Jovanovich, 737 Third Avenue, New York City
- 1970 "Establishing a Framework for Youth Participation in the International Community," the Official Weekly Record of United States Foreign Policy, The Department of State Bulletin, Vol. LXIII, No. 1637, November 9.
- 1962 Appropriate Directions for the Modern College in the Challenging New Educational Era, Seeman Printery, Durham, North Carolina.
- 1956 "Education in Human Relations," Annual Bulletin, Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.
- 1951 The Negro and Fusion Politics in North Carolina, University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. (Listed among the One Hundred Outstanding Books about North Carolina, compiled by Richard Walsen, Professor of English, and Hugh T. Lefler, Professor of History.) (Statement issued by the University of North Carolina Press, October, 1956.)
- 1949 "Whither Goest St. Paul's College"? Southern Missioner.
- 1946 "Tarrying by the Stuff," Morgan State College Bulletin.
- 1939 A Half Century of Negro Education under the Influence of the Protestant Episcopal Church. 1888-1938, The Southern Missioner. (Monograph)
- 1939 Syllabus for the Study of Negro History in the High Schools of Virginia. (Issued for use in the St. Paul Normal and Industrial Institute. Used as resource material by the Core Planning Committee of the Virginia State Department of Education, Williamsburg, Virginia, summer, 1940.)
- 1938 "Contemporary Russia through the Eyes of the Dramatists," Delta Sigma Theta Bulletin.



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Historical Pageants written and produced:

- 1949 The History of the White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, N. C., 1882-1949. (Celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary.)
- 1947 The History of the Saint Joseph African Methodist Episcopal Church, Durham, N. C., 1867-1947. (Celebration of the Eightieth Anniversary.)
- 1946 The Life of Dr. James E. Shepard and the History of the North Carolina College, 1910-1946.
- 1938 An Adventure in Faith: The History of Saint Paul's Normal School, 1888-1938.

Honors and Awards:

- 1971 Distinguished Professor of History, conferred by the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Central University.
- 1965 Woman of the Year Award, Southern Area of Links
- 1962 Kappa Delta Pi Honorary Education Society, Epsilon Nu Chapter, Willimantic State College, Connecticut, April 5.
- 1959 Alpha Phi Gamma National Fraternity of Journalism, Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, February 12.
- 1958 Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws conferred by Morgan State College, June 12.
- 1958 Woman of the Year Award conferred by the Bachelors-Benedict Club, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 1956 Pi Gamma Mu National Social Science Honorary Society, North Carolina Delta Chapter, North Carolina Central University.
- 1941 Alpha Kappa Delta Honorary Sociology Fraternity, Ohio Gamma Chapter, The Ohio State University.
- 1938 Phi Alpha Theta National Historical Honorary Society, Zeta Chapter, The Ohio State University.

Listed in: Directory of American Scholars
Who's Who Among American Women
Presidents and Deans of American Colleges
Who's Who in America, 35th edition, p. 659.



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Fellowships and Grants for Advanced Study and Historical Research:

- 1970 - 1971 National Foundation for the Humanities, Senior Fellow.
- 1969 - 1970 Southern Fellowships Fund, Incorporated. Research grant.
- 1954 - 1955 Fund for the Advancement of Education (Ford Foundation). Post-doctoral study and research, University of Heidelberg, West Germany.
- 1948 Carnegie Fund, Grant-in-Aid. Research grant.
- 1943 - 1945 General Education Board (Rockefeller Foundation) Advanced study on the Ph.D. degree.

Membership and Office-holding in Professional Organizations:

- American Historical Association. Member.
- Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Member, Executive Council.
- Association of Social Science Teachers. Member.
- Council of Graduate Schools of the United States. Member.
- National Association of College Deans and Registrars. Member.
- National Education Association. Life member.
- North Carolina Association of Academic Deans. Member.
- Organization of American Historians. Member.
- Southern Historical Association. Member.



Helen G. Edmonds, A.B., M.A., Ph.D., LL.D.
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Unique Educational Experiences:

- 1970 Member, Committee of Examiners: The College Board's College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), Educational Testing Service. Princeton, New Jersey.
- 1969 Panel of Graduate School Deans for Graduate Education in the Humanities: A Study Project by the Council of Graduate Schools of the United States. Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- 1968 Southern Fellowships Fund, Incorporated. Member, Board of Directors.
- 1967 - 1969 Member, Executive Committee of the Duke University-North Carolina Central University Inter-institutional Cooperation Committee.
- 1966 - 1967 Graduate School Examiner for the Accreditation Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- 1960 - 1962 Member, The College Preparatory Center Project (Educational Improvement Program -- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools).



Member, Committee on American-Soviet Relations, 1974

Member, National Advisory Council on Education Professions Development (HEW), 1973-

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National Chairman, Humanities Bicentennial for the Association for Afro-American Study of Life and History (50 states), 1974-

Helen G. Edmonds, A. B., M.A., Ph.D., LL.D.
North Carolina Central University
Durham, North Carolina

Unique Civic Experiences:

- 1972 - Member, Advisory Committee on International Organizations, United States Department of State.
- 1972 - Member, Board of Trustees, The Washington Technical Institute, Washington, D. C. The United States Government.
- 1971 - Member, ^{Science} Social Advisory Board to the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, United States Department of State.
- 1970 - Member, Peace Corps National Advisory Council (currently termed ACTION), May 12.
- 1970 - National President, The Links, Incorporated (a women's public service organization with 126 chapters in 34 states and the District of Columbia). July 1.
- 1970 - Member, Board of Directors, The Association for the North Carolina Regional Medical Program.
- 1970 - Member, Board of Directors and Educational Consultant, National Council of Women of the United States of America, New York City (a women's public service organization).
- 1968 - 1969 Member, Public Health Services's National Advisory Council of Regional Medican Programs (National Institutes of Health: Department of Health, Education and Welfare).
- 1967 Member, Board of Directors, Durham (N.C.) United Fund.
- 1967 Member, Durham (N.C.) Community Planning Council.
- 1955 - National Council of Negro Women (Life Membership Guild).
- 1931 - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (a women's public service organization).



Shall receive the O. Max Gardner Award from the Board of Governors, The University System as one of two who did most for humnaity in 1974.

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 Member, National Advisory Council on Education
 Professors Development (NEA), 1973
 National Chairman, Humanities Bicentennial for
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 Life and History (50 states), 1976
 John E. Shuman, A.B., M.A., Ph.D., LL.D., of
 North Carolina Central University
 Greensboro, North Carolina

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Public Organizations:

- 1972 - Member, Advisory Committee on International Organizations, United States Department of State.
- 1972 - Member, Board of Trustees, The Washington Technical Institute, Washington, D.C., The United States Government.
- 1971 - Member, Social Advisory Board to the United States Army Control and Disarmament Agency, United States Department of State.
- 1970 - Member, Peace Corps National Advisory Council (formerly termed ACTION), May 12.
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- 1970 - Member, Board of Directors and Educational Consultant, National Council of Women of the United States of America, New York City (a women's public service organization).
- 1968 - 1969 - Member, Public Health Services' National Advisory Council of Regional Medical Programs (National Institutes of Health: Department of Health, Education and Welfare).
- 1967 - Member, Board of Directors, Delta (N.C.) United Fund.
- 1967 - Member, Delta (N.C.) Community Planning Council.
- 1966 - National Council of Negro Women (Life Membership Fund).
- 1961 - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (a women's public service organization).



Shall receive the G. Max Graham Award from the Board of Governors
 the University System as one of two who did most for humanity in 1974.

May 6, 1975

Dear Governor Holshouser:

Thank you very much for your correspondence on behalf of Dr. Helen G. Edmonds whom you recommend for appointment to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, 1975. Dr. Edmonds' work at North Carolina Central University and her extensive international activities could obviously be valuable to the Commission, but, as you know, several days before your telegram arrived, the President announced his appointments to the Commission. We shall be glad, however, to keep Dr. Edmonds' qualifications in mind for future vacancies.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

William N. Walker
Director
Presidential Personnel Office

The Honorable James E. Holshouser, Jr.
Governor
State of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

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GENERAL
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May 7, 1975

Dear Mrs. Edmonds:

I regret that I am not able to be present for your May 9 luncheon at which you are going to be honored with the Old Max Gardner Award.

Permit me, however, to extend my congratulations and best wishes to you for what I am sure is a well-deserved tribute.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President

Mrs. Helen G. Edmonds
Box 3847
Durham, North Carolina 27702.

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SCOTT, STANLEY S. /E*

May 9, 1975

Dear Helen:

Congratulations on being chosen the recipient of The Oliver Max Gardner Award. Those of us who know you and who enjoy your friendship appreciate the ability and the long years of hard work which lie behind your success.

We are extremely pleased to see that your great contributions to the welfare of the human race are being recognized in this very appropriate manner.

Unfortunately, my schedule precludes attendance at the ceremony but I want to express best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

*
Mrs. Helen G. Edmonds
Box 3847
Durham, North Carolina 27702

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Dear *Miss Milliken*

I want to share with you the citation and my response at the time of the Oliver Max Gardner Award to me, May 9, 1975, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

I thank you for your presence, message, or gift for the occasion which made me very humble and deeply appreciative.

Most sincerely yours,

Helen G. Edmonds
Helen G. Edmonds
~~May 19, 1975~~



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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHapel Hill, N.C.



THE WILL OF OLIVER MAX GARDNER
reads in part:

"I am convinced that if I had rendered any public service worthy to be remembered, it was in connection with the enactment of the statute creating the greater University of North Carolina. Enough time has elapsed since the enactment of that legislation to convince me that the Consolidated University of North Carolina, through wise administration and sound leadership, has met the approval of our people and has resulted in great benefit to the institutions involved and to the cause of higher learning, and also to the service of humanity through future generations.

ARTICLE VII

"I give and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the Consolidated University of North Carolina the sum of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars, in trust upon the condition that the said Board of Trustees shall accept and hold the said sum in trust in perpetuity and shall annually award and pay the net income therefrom to that member



of the faculty of the Consolidated University of North Carolina, who, during the current scholastic year, has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race. As used in this Article of my will, the term 'faculty' shall embrace all persons, including instructors, engaged in teaching in any unit, institution or branch of service of the Consolidated University of North Carolina."

The Oliver Max Gardner Award

THE OLIVER MAX GARDNER AWARD

Two persons have been selected as recipients of the Oliver Max Gardner Award for the year 1975. One is an artist, the other an historian. Both are known far beyond the borders of our state, and together they illustrate the breadth and quality of the University's "contribution to the welfare of the human race."

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CITATION

FRANCIS SPEIGHT, for more than fifty years you have been teaching thousands of students to paint. At the same time, through your own painting, you have been teaching millions of Americans to find beauty in humble things.

In 1920 you went from North Carolina to the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, first to study and then to teach. You took as your distinctive subject matter an industrialized suburb of Philadelphia, an area of gaunt factories and plain, hardscrabble houses. It seemed an unlikely place for an artist. But your eye saw that the



The Oliver Max Gardner Award

town was set under a magnificent sky, that there were lovely bits of trees struggling to grow against factory walls, that the color of the walls themselves was attractive, that there was great drama in the steep hillsides, in the wind and in the rays of the sunshine.

Through your paintings all of us have come to see that this mill town, whose name, Manayunk, you have made famous, is an interesting, even an exciting, place. And we have learned, through the example of Manayunk, that there is interest and beauty in other mill towns, north and south, in other houses, however plain, and in other stone walls and dilapidated fences.

For the past fifteen years you have been back in your native state and on the faculty of East Carolina University. You are still teaching us how to look at our surroundings—at the Leaksville-Spray Mill, at Old Salem, at the Sans Souci Landing and at other places close around us.

Although you have been widely recognized in the art world, being represented in many of the great museums of the country, and

have been the recipient of numerous awards, honorary degrees and prizes, you have remained warm and unaffected, intensely interested in individual students. You are a greatly beloved teacher and citizen of our state.

The Gardner Award, over its twenty-six year history, has gone to persons in twenty or so fields but never to a person in the arts. It seems appropriate that the first award in this field should go to an artist who helps us see the interest and beauty that lie in simple things. We are grateful to you for enlarging our vision.

By unanimous vote of the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, we are pleased to name you a recipient of the Oliver Max Gardner Award for 1975.

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R E S P O N S E O F F R A N C I S S P E I G H T

I am grateful to the University of North Carolina for the O. Max Gardner Award. It is most agreeable to be honored for trying to do well what one likes to do. I have stood out in the street, the vacant lot and the countryside and painted. The street is not too comfortable a place to work on a painting. But in the street I am constantly reminded of how things are. The countryside is, as subject matter, more a place for dreaming and for distant vision.

Drawing and painting are good ways to learn to see. But as much as I depend on my eye, nothing measures deep space better than the bobwhite's distant call coming across a summer field, and this is related to the esthetic experience of looking almost vertically up at a tall cypress. These thoughts impel me to say that if an artist is not able to bring all of mankind's senses into the making of a painting or a piece of sculpture, it is comforting to realize that sometimes the narrowing of means increases the intensity of expression.

Art varies a great deal, just as life does. I would not like to say what art is or should be and, even less, what it should not be. My interest has been in painting recognizable objects, with realistic colors or colors that seem to suit my purpose, often with dramatic light and shadow.

Sometimes I would like to have used the colors of the impressionists, or to have made up compositions of objects using lots of pure color and paint. But since I love the color of moss, also the brownish gray of winter woods and the buff color of stucco or stone houses, it seems best to reserve much of my commitment for these, and for the dark waters of the swamps and for the clouds in a blue sky.

Along with all these things that one would like to do, there is the necessity of trying to learn to do something well, and that obliges one to make choices.

Somewhere along the way I was made aware of eroding earth and of smoke crowding in on man's dwelling places. But this is not the whole story, for eroding earth affords opportunity for grasping the drawing and the molding of the forms of the earth. And the smoke may make a deep-toned background to accent the light on the houses, the fruit trees and the people themselves.

My gratitude for the O. Max Gardner Award is increased by the fact that it recognizes art as an important contribution to the Academic community. Perhaps more than any other I cherish the Award for this reason.

FRANCIS SPEIGHT

Greenville, North Carolina
May 9, 1975

CITATION

HELEN GREY EDMONDS, teacher, spokesman for democracy, we delight in honoring you.

For thirty-four years you have been a member of the faculty of North Carolina Central University. You have served as chairman of the Department of History, as dean of the Graduate School, as a member of the triumvirate that successfully headed the institution during a difficult period between presidents and as chairman of more study groups and special committees than anyone can remember.

During those thirty-four years you somehow found time to represent the Department of State on a number of lecture tours in Europe and Africa, where you forcefully debated the issue of civil rights with aggressive communist hecklers. During those years you also found time to serve as an Alternate Delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations and to chair the United States delegation to the important Third Committee of the General Assembly. You found time, too, to undertake heavy responsibilities for the Council of Graduate Schools of the United States, for the Danforth Foundation, for the Southern Fellowships Fund and for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Your whole career has been marked by an insistence on high standards, for yourself and for others. At a time when most historians, black and white, shunned the difficult study of European and African language and history, you maintained that American history could only be fully understood when one understood its roots. Practicing what you preached, you went, in mid-career, to Heidelberg University to pursue your study of German language and history.

Although you have been uncompromising in your standards and forceful in stating your positions, you have remained personally modest. Your ability, your eloquence and the eminence you have achieved have not kept you from being the warm personal friend of thousands of students and fellow faculty members. No one begrudges you the honors that have come to you; rather, everyone rejoices in them.

For achievements in many spheres—as a teacher, as an administrator, as a spokesman for the United States, as a representative of your race and sex and, above all, as a human being—the Board of Governors by unanimous vote is pleased to adjudge you a recipient of the Oliver Max Gardner Award for 1975.

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RESPONSE OF HELEN GREY EDMONDS

I stand humble in your presence in receiving the Oliver Max Gardner Award. Whatever my contributions may be in higher education and public service in the State of North Carolina, or in the nation or in the international arena, I can assure you that they were not structured toward this celebrated occasion nor to this high distinction which comes to me at this time.

One is inspired to do whatever one chooses by forces generating within and influences generating without. In reality, whatever my contributions may be, the inspiration to move forward in many and diverse activities in this life was a gift of the Creator—nurtured and refined by my parents, and manifested in the interpersonal relationships of my sister and two brothers who likewise shared the spirit of genuine inquiry about things. My parents taught us that goals in life were attainable. Had they been tutored in the classical historical illustrations of the past, they would have borrowed the quote from the French military hero Napoleon: "There are no Alps." They were fully aware at that time that the social customs, educational patterns and milieu of our native Southland possessed barriers to be overcome. But, somehow, they held high the gleam that things can be done if one is willing to work with a certain dedication of heart and mind and consecration of will.

I was taught history by my godfather, Walter P. Steptoe, in high school; by Clinton Everett Knox, in college; and by Homer C. Hockett,

at the graduate level. These men inspired me to sit on the edge of tomorrow and contemplate the mysteries of time and space, man and mind, the heritage of western civilization and the impact of its transplantation upon American soil, and to visualize a universe in complete equilibrium. Leadership in higher education played its part in my life. I was privileged to share the dreams of the founder of North Carolina Central University, Dr. James E. Shepard, for nearly a decade. The subsequent pioneer visions of new and untrammelled vistas which lay beyond were mine to travel with the founder's successors: Dr. Alfonso Elder, Dr. Samuel P. Massie and Dr. Albert N. Whiting.

Perhaps it would be most appropriate at this time to give some everlasting gems on what higher education and the university are designed to do for individuals. I shall not follow this path, and on the basic premise that one would readily concede that, as a professor and former dean of a graduate school of arts and sciences, I had a familiarity with the theories, philosophy and practices of higher education. I choose at this time to give some "stewardship" thoughts on the youth of North Carolina as I served them, on an area of public service to Negro women and to say thanks to a nation which provided me with a platform from which to extol the growing accomplishments of North Carolina and, in a larger sense, to proclaim the virtues of my native country at home and abroad.

Higher education has claimed my time and attention in a primary way for forty years. The entire process of higher education involves people, largely young people. A concomitant source of inspiration in my life is found in the thousands of students in North Carolina with whom I have shared academic experiences, coming to know in a personal way their aspirations and failures, their dreams and the killers of their dreams, their high levels of motivation in achievement and their depressed state of inactivity. Through the years, I have not forgotten them. When I cannot immediately recall their first or last names, in my mental notes I refer to them by some classroom episode or event, by their defense of some historical personality or historical movement which they vigorously espoused in both oral and written presentation, or by some humorous incident in the area of human relations when their carefully laid plans of "teacher entrapment" went astray. My cognitive factors were so much at work in their personal characteristics that I could identify the writer of a test paper when he or she had forgotten to affix a signature. I remember these young people as students, but in a larger measure, I remember them as human personalities seeking educational preparation and attempting to find their niche in the great mosaic of life.

I feel a special sense of obligation as I work with young people. Simultaneously, I learn much from them. For youth are marked by bold, daring and imaginative assertions; yet youth possess a magnificent virtue of not trimming the truth or their convictions to accommodate human conveniences—qualities often lost, alas, too soon. Never was

there the conclusion that all knowledge had been discovered and that it resided in youth. Knowledge is possessed by all age groups, and it requires rational dialogue between age groups in order to exchange knowledge. To exchange that knowledge and to bridge the so-called generation gap continue to be the urgent items on the unfinished agenda of our era.

Higher education is forever attempting to resolve the incongruities of what we teach and what we practice. Education seeks to achieve logic and consistency between what we say and what we do. By precept and example, I would hope that two prerequisites come home to them: Responsible leadership and responsible action.

Often, my students feel that they are the victims of a computerized society; that computerization has made them numbers and symbols tucked away in some admissions, registration, finance and student-personnel offices. They see the same duplicated upon them in the official files of towns, states and the National Government. They know that, with instantaneous speed, any single item of information on them can be retrieved. They see the fields of psychology and psychiatry utilizing computerized data, seeking to achieve personality profiles and predicting absolutes in human behavioral responses. How difficult it is for our technological society to see the whole of life because of the relentless insistence that we focus on detail. Students feel that the computerized society is producing the alienated man. Our task is to restore interpersonal relationships.

With the complexities of the 1970's, professors are called upon to digest and fully internalize the consequences of student actions of the 1960's—that turbulent decade which produced rapid social change. Students are called upon in the 1970's to step outside these complexities and reassess those values which they deem eternal.

As we view this university generation, imbued with the residue of the 1960's, the basic concern of professors should be: Can the university reclaim its liberating mission? It is my conviction that the university student throughout this nation can be reclaimed when we lift the high-sounding philosophy of an institution out of the front pages of the catalogue and out of the institutional self-studies and translate it downward, articulate, if you please, into curricular experiences. The young must do the healing. As I view them in their search for meaning, in their search for roles and in their search for understanding, they are not, like most of us, sad. They may be disillusioned for not having created the brave new world they sought in the 1960's, but they are not sad. They are not tired. This generation of students will be able to master change. The challenge of change does not awe them. Young people today who have been around the world, worn their jeans, flowers and beads, marched in demonstrations for causes in which they believed—these young people are not resistant to change, and rapid change is what they know best and can master best. The youth teach me significant lessons and bring me much joy.

I look back with pity upon one of my professors at the time when I received the terminal degree, almost thirty years ago, whose

parting words still ring in my ears: "Stay in this area of the nation. You have too much education to take back to the South." I said to him very frankly that I came there for special training because education at that level was denied me in the South, but I made it resoundingly clear that I was born in the South, expected to be buried in the bosom of her soil and that the interval between would be spent there seeking to solve her peculiar problems and increasing her singular opportunities. And, while more lucrative offers have come from some of the most prestigious universities in the United States, and other offers from universities abroad, I come almost to the close of an active career having kept that promise to my native region. It has been the youth of the Southland which have been my over-riding concern.

In North Carolina and beyond its borders stand hundreds of Negro women who were kind enough to bestow upon me a national leadership role. In view of the fact that The Links, Incorporated, with 140 chapters located in 34 states and the District of Columbia, was chartered for educational and intercultural purposes, it became a meaningful task to lend our collective efforts to 41 predominantly Negro church-related and privately-endowed colleges and universities throughout the South. Private higher education stands at the crossroads, and the beacon light of our philanthropy was guided by the sincere belief that a mind is a terrible thing to waste. The United Negro College Fund has been, and is, the recipient of our love and intense devotion.

In the international arena, I was fortunate enough to play some small part on behalf of the United States. I have never considered

"patriotism" a bad word. As I walked the streets, lectured in the universities and traveled the highways and airways of Europe, the Middle East and Africa, I felt a surging pride in being a representative of that nation on this earth which has a most noble heritage. Uppermost in my mind was the full recognition that the United States is continuously engaged in the consistent march—though with periodic interruptions—toward the goals that we hold to be self-evident: that man has the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I represented a nation conceived in a passion for human rights and fundamental freedoms. Our earliest schools were designed to instill, nurture and bring to fulfillment respect for, and the right to exercise, these freedoms. The strength to enshrine this respect, and more importantly, its practice has not been easy or simple and, indeed, the job has not been finished. I know first-hand the special struggle inside and outside education that makes the promise real, and I feel an instinctive response to those who oppose tyranny over the mind or body of anyone, or any group over another group, anywhere in the world.

In these international pursuits I made no pretense to hide any facet or feature of American society. Racial components of our country have constantly made known the violations of their human rights, from time to time. The world, in some respects, is a fish bowl, and surely a free, open and viable society such as ours is a fish bowl where all of our societal ills and gains are revealed. A viable democracy could not hide its oft-times imperfections if it wanted to do so. The basic point is that there are inherent in our constitutional mechanism

the freedom of expression, the right of petition and redress of grievances, the free press, the right of peaceful assembly, freedom of religion and the right of dissent, which permit the members of a pluralistic society to protest violations. It is the very democratic process which permits its citizens human rights and fundamental freedoms.

And amply portrayed upon a larger world-setting, the United Nations, it was a pleasant task to hold and defend the position that the virtues of this nation can challenge the virtues of any nation. The appointments to come my way were signal honors by the Presidents of the United States, but ever indicating that this is a land of opportunity for all races.

I accept this award with the understanding that it, in truth, belongs to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts and to all the people whose lives have touched my life in ways to enrich the lives of others. I have merely been a part of a goodly company. I have never traveled the high road alone. I do not know whether any Negro has received this award before. If not, then in the words of the poet Shelley, it signals "the brighter morn which awaits our human day." The historical significance of the occasion points to the prophetic star so evident on the horizon of this state where I have labored for many years.

My sincere gratitude is expressed to my colleagues at North Carolina Central University who recommended me for this award. Their warmth, camaraderie and desire for excellence were strong

The Oliver Max Gardner Award

stimulants to me. I look with profound nostalgia upon many of my comrades who touched my life in significant ways—Charles A. Ray, John Hope Franklin, W. Edward Farrison, S. Randolph Edmonds, C. Ruth Edwards, Richard Barksdale, Albert L. Turner, Allen E. Weatherford, Marjorie L. Browne, Frances M. Eagleson, William Jones, Ross Townes, Albert Manley, Cecil L. Patterson, John Virgil Turner, Joseph H. Taylor, Brooklyn T. McMillon, Hattie Scarborough, George Thorne, George Kyle, Robert P. Randolph, Leonard H. Robinson, Joseph A. Pittman, J. R. Butts, John Harrell, Herman H. Riddick, William Malone, James S. Lee, Sudie H. Marrow and of course my brother and his wife, Harry J. and Rebecca Edmonds. My present colleagues' consummate faith in whatever they judge my accomplishments to be is positive affirmation and recognition that forty years in the vineyard of higher education and public service have not been in vain.

I shall treasure the memory of this award. For the honor which comes to me now, I am profoundly grateful. Alfred Lord Tennyson speaks for me when he has Ulysses to say: "I am a part of all that I have met."

HELEN GREY EDMONDS

Durham, North Carolina
May 9, 1975

MARSH, JOHN O. /E*

June 3, 1975

Dear Mrs. Edmonds:

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your citation and your response upon receiving the Oliver Max Gardner Award.

I would like to extend to you my congratulations. I am sure the Award is well deserved.

Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President

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Mrs. Helen Grey Edmonds
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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EDMONDS, Dr. Helen G.

June 4, 1975

Dear Dr. Edmonds:

I apologize for the delay in writing to you in response to your invitation to join your other guests at the ceremonies when you received the Oliver Max Gardner Award. Thank you for sending me the citation and your response.

Congratulations on this fine achievement and may I add my best wishes to those of your associates for your continued happiness and success in life.

Sincerely,

ROBERT T. HARTMANN
Counsellor to the President

Dr. Helen G. Edmonds
University Distinguished Professor
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CENTRAL FILES

September 17, 1975

Dear Helen:

I respond to your August 14 letter with a degree of sadness, knowing that much of your criticism of the Republican Party is valid.

In terms of my personal situation, I continue to enjoy the support of the President despite vicious efforts by some of our Blacks to kick me out and--at the same time--destroy each other. And people wonder why our gains are so few!

Helen, as you know, I have requested top consideration for your many credentials since the first day I assumed this position. Unfortunately, our opportunities are not as frequent as they should be. Helen, I am sure that Aaron Spaulding will be doing whatever he can in support of your goals.

Helen, we all despair at times. Don't give up... the options are even worse on the other side of the political fence.

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant to the President

Dr. Helen G. Edmonds
The Links, Inc.
Box 3847
Durham, North Carolina 27702

SS:ph



September 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL BALLENGER

FROM:

JOCELYN EYSYMONTT

SUBJECT:

Helen Edmonds

Attached is a resume for Helen Edmonds, an able, articulate Black woman and a long standing Republican. Ms. Edmonds presently serves on the National Advisory Council for Education Professions Development but is interested in a full-time position.

I would appreciate your interviewing her for an appropriate non-career position, perhaps with OE. She is an excellent public speaker, a fact which should be taken into consideration.

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Thanks,

JW E:ab



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK SHAW
FROM: JAN MILLIKEN *Jan*
SUBJECT: Helen Edmonds

Helen Edmonds (resume attached) is an able black woman and a long standing Republican whom I talked to in connection with a part-time position. She already serves on the National Advisory Council for Education Professions Development and is now interested in serving in a full time position.

Peter suggested you discuss her background with Aaron and then line up appropriate interview for her.

Thanks.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 7, 1972

JACK SHAW

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JAN MILLIKEN

FROM:

Helen Edmunds

SUBJECT:

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It is suggested you discuss her background with Aron and then has an appropriate interview for her.



August 28, 1975

Dear Dr. Edmonds:

Thank you for your letter of August 25 enclosing your resume.

I have relayed your interest in serving in a full time position to the appropriate people on this staff. I am sure they will be in touch with you should a vacancy commensurate with your fine background become available.

I enjoyed our recent telephone conversation.

Sincerely,

Jan Milliken

Dr. Helen G. Edmonds
Box 3847
Durham, North Carolina 27702



August 28, 1972

Dear Dr. Edmonds:

Thank you for your letter of August 25 enclosing your resume.

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I enjoyed our recent telephone conversation.

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Miss Jan Milliken
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Milliken:

I wish to thank you for your gracious telephone call last week. I regret to state to you that I am not interested in serving on any more advisory councils. You will note from the enclosed vita that I have served on enough. I am forever asked to serve on advisory councils while new-comers to the high positions there are largely Democrats and some recently changed to Republicans. I have come to the conclusion that such is an unbearable pill to swallow. I should have stated that the appointees to which I refer are the Black appointees. I am willing to document this with names and positions from 1969 to the present. I served a short stint as alternate delegate to the United Nations and all the letters from Washington held that I did an outstanding job. Certainly, the press thought so, too. After all, my training and experience are in History and International Relations. The story that I bear in my heart and am putting on paper is far too long to relate to you in this letter. Stan Scott invites me to the White House for the several conferences, and President Ford was gracious to address my organization last June -- the highlight of the meeting. We honored Julie Eisenhower and Nancy Hanks during that same week. I have borne the Republican label unchangingly from 1954 to the present. Really, it was earlier than that. I have supported the Party across this country because I am a speaker very much in demand. Mr. Aaron Spaulding will attest to this. But the people who carry the message are not awarded with the full-time positions.

My best wishes to you in all your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Helen G. Edmonds

Helen G. Edmonds
University Distinguished Professor in History

Enclosure



Excuse typing. It is mine.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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Educational Training:

- 1954 - 1955 Post-doctoral study and research in Modern European History, University of Heidelberg, West Germany.
- 1941 - 1946 Ph.D., History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
- 1936 - 1938 M.A., History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
- 1931 - 1933 A.B., History, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 1929 - 1931 Saint Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia (two-year college at that time).
- 1925 - 1929 High School Diploma: The College Preparatory School of Saint Paul's Normal and Industrial Institute (later named Saint Paul's Collegé), Lawrenceville, Virginia.
- 1919 - 1925 Elementary and Grammar School: Parochial School of Saint Paul's Normal and Industrial Institute, Lawrenceville, Virginia.

Honorary Degrees:

- 1975 Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.). Conferred by Shaw College at Detroit, Detroit, Michigan, May 11.
- 1958 Doctor of Laws (LL.D.). Conferred by Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland, June 12.

University Honors:

- 1962 Kappa Delta Pi Honorary Education Society, Epsilon Nu Chapter, Willimantic State College, Connecticut, April 5.
- 1959 Alpha Phi Gamma National Fraternity of Journalism, Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio, February 12.
- 1956 Pi Gamma Mu National Social Science Honorary Society, North Carolina Delta Chapter, North Carolina Central University.



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University Honors cont'd.

- 1941 Alpha Kappa Delta Honorary Sociology Fraternity,
Ohio Gamma Chapter, The Ohio State University.
- 1938 Phi Alpha Theta National Historical Honorary Society,
Zeta Chapter, The Ohio State University.

Listed in: Directory of American Scholars
Who's Who Among American Women
Presidents and Deans of American Colleges
Who's Who in America, 35th edition, p. 659.

Educational Employment Experiences in the United States:

- 1971 - University Distinguished Professor of History (Title
conferred by the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina
Central University, Durham, North Carolina. January.
- 1964 - 1971 Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences,
North Carolina Central University, Durham, N. C.
- 1968 - 1974 Visiting Summer Professor of History, Portland State
University, Portland, Oregon.
- 1966 - 1967 Member of the Interim Committee (three) in Charge
of the Administration of North Carolina Central
University, Durham, N. C., February 1966-July 1967.
- 1963 - 1964 Chairman, Department of History and Social Science,
North Carolina Central University, Durham, N. C.
- 1958 - 1960 Executive Director of the Academic Celebration of
the Fiftieth Anniversary of North Carolina Central
University, Durham, N. C.
- 1948 - 1964 Graduate Professor of History, North Carolina Central
University, Durham, N. C.
- 1941 - 1948 Professor of History, North Carolina Central
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- 1940 Consultant, Social Science, The Virginia State Depart-
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- 1935 - 1940 Instructor, History, Saint Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia.
- 1934 - 1935 Dean of Women, Professor of Greek and Latin, Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Publications:

- 1971 Black Faces in High Places, Harcourt, Brace and Jovanovich, New York City.
- 1970 "Establishing a Framework for Youth Participation in the International Community," the Official Weekly Record of United States Foreign Policy, The Department of State Bulletin, Vol. LXIII, No. 1637, November 9.
- 1962 Appropriate Directions for the Modern College in the Challenging New Educational Era, Seeman Printery, Durham, North Carolina.
- 1956 "Education in Human Relations," Annual Bulletin, Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.
- 1951 The Negro and Fusion Politics in North Carolina, University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. (Listed among The One Hundred Outstanding Books about North Carolina, compiled by Richard Walsen, Professor of English, and Hugh T. Lefler, Professor of History. Statement issued by The University of North Carolina Press, October, 1956.
- 1949 "Whither Goest St. Paul's College"? Southern Missioner.
- 1946 "Tarrying by the Stuff," Morgan State College Bulletin.
- 1939 A Half Century of Negro Education under the Influence of the Protestant Episcopal Church. 1888-1938, The Southern Missioner. (Monograph)
- 1939 Syllabus for the Study of Negro History in the High Schools of Virginia. (Issued for use in the St. Paul Normal and Industrial School. Used as resource material by the Core Planning Committee of the Virginia State Department of Education, Williamsburg, Virginia, Summer, 1940.)



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Publications cont'd.

1938 "Contemporary Russia through the Eyes of the
Dramatists," Delta Sigma Theta Bulletin.

Historical Pageants written and produced:

1949 The History of the White Rock Baptist Church, Durham,
N. C., 1882-1949. (Celebration of the Seventy-fifth
Anniversary.)

1947 The History of the Saint Joseph African Methodist
Episcopal Church, Durham, N. C., 1867-1947. (Celebra-
tion of the Eightieth Anniversary.)

1946 The Life of Dr. James E. Shepard and the History of
the North Carolina College, 1910-1946.

1938 An Adventure in Faith: The History of Saint Paul's
Normal School, 1888-1938.

Fellowships and Grants for Advanced Study and Historical Research:

1970 - 1971 National Foundation for the Humanities, Senior Fellow.

1969 - 1970 Southern Fellowships Fund, Incorporated. Research
grant.

1959 - 1955 Fund for the Advancement of Education (Ford Foundation).
Post-doctoral study and research, University of
Heidelberg, West Germany.

1948 Carnegie Fund, Grant-in-Aid. Research grant.

1943 - 1945 General Education Board (Rockefeller Foundation)
Advanced study on the Ph.D. degree.

Membership and Office-holding in Professional Organizations:

American Historical Association. Member.
Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.
Member, Executive Council.
Association of Social Science Teachers. Member.
Council of Graduate Schools of the United States.
Member.



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Membership and Office-holding in Professional Organizations cont'd.

National Association of College Deans and Registrars. Member.
National Education Association. Life member.
North Carolina Association of Academic Deans. Member.
Organization of American Historians. Member.
Southern Historical Association. Member.

Unique Educational and Historical Experiences:

- 1975 - 1981 Appointment to the North Carolina Historical Commission by Governor James E. Holshouser. May 23.
- 1974 National Chairman, Humanities Bi-Centennial Celebration under the auspices of The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (The Carter G. Woodson Organization).
- 1972 - 1973 Member, Board of Trustees, The Washington Technical Institute, Washington, D. C. (Appointed by the President of the United States.)
- 1970 - 1974 Member, Board of Visitors, Voorhees College, Denmark, South Carolina.
- 1970 Member, Committee of Examiners: The College Board's College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), Educational Testing Service. Princeton, New Jersey.
- 1969 Panel of Graduate School Deans for Graduate Education in the Humanities: A Study Project by the Council of Graduate Schools of the United States. Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- 1969 - 1971 Member, Board of Trustees, Saint Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia.
- 1968 Southern Fellowships Fund, Incorporated. Member, Board of Directors.
- 1967 - 1969 Member, Executive Committee of the Duke University-North Carolina Central University Inter-institutional Cooperation Committee.
- * 1973 - 1976 Member, National Advisory Council to Education Professions Development (EPDA), HEW - USOE
Vice Chairman, 1975-1976



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Memberships and Office-holdings in Professional Organizations

- National Association of College Deans and Registrars, Member
- National Education Association, Life member
- North Carolina Association of Academic Deans, Member
- Organization of American Historians, Member
- Southern Historical Association, Member

Single Educational and Historical Experiences

- 1975 - 1981: Appointment to the North Carolina Historical Commission by Governor James E. Holshouser, May 23.
- 1974: National Chairman, Humanities 81-Centennial Celebration under the auspices of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (The Carter G. Woodson Organization).
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- 1969: Panel of Graduate School Deans for Graduate Education in the Humanities: A Study Report by the Council of Graduate Schools of the United States, prepared by the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- 1971 - 1972: Member, Board of Trustees, Saint Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia.
- 1968: Southern Fellowship Fund, Incorporated, Member, Board of Directors.
- 1967 - 1968: Member, Executive Committee of the East University, North Carolina Central University Inter-Institutional Educational Council.



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Unique Educational and Historical Experiences cont'd.

- 1966 - 1967 Graduate School Examiner for the Accreditation Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- 1960 - 1962 Member, The College Preparatory Center Project (Educational Improvement Program -- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools).

Unique Civic Experiences:

- 1970 - 1974 National President, The Links, Incorporated (a women's public service organization with 126 chapters in 34 states and the District of Columbia). July 1.
- 1970 - 1972 Member, Board of Directors, The Association for the North Carolina Regional Medical Program. (H.E.W.)
- 1970 - Member, Board of Directors and Educational Consultant, National Council of Women of the United States of America, New York City (a women's public service organization).
- 1968 - 1969 Member, Public Health Services' National Advisory Council of Regional Medical Programs (National Institutes of Health: Department of Health, Education and Welfare).
- 1967 - 1968 Member, Board of Directors, Durham (N.C.) United Fund.
- 1967 - 1968 Member, Durham (N.C.) Community Planning Council.
- 1955 - National Council of Negro Women (Life Membership Guild).
- 1931 - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (a women's public service organization).

Educational Honors and Awards:

- 1975 Recipient of The Oliver Max Gardner Award "To that member of the faculty of the Consolidated University of North Carolina (sixteen state-supported universities), who during the current scholastic year, has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race." Tendered by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. May 9.



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Educational Honors and Awards cont'd.

- 1974 Certificate of Appreciation for Loyal Support and Participation in the National Grants-in-Aid Projects, The Links, Incorporated, 1970-1974, Washington, D. C. June 28.
- 1972 Distinguished Trustee Award: "In recognition of distinguished service to Saint Paul's College and the Alumni Association; Excellence in Professional Leadership and Dedication to Humanitarian Endeavors. Tendered by the Saint Paul's College Alumni Association. October 21.
- 1971 University Distinguished Professor of History. Conferred by the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Central University. January.
- 1967 A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Central University. "Expression of Appreciation for Service of The Interim Committee in Administering the Institution (February 1, 1966 - June 30, 1967). July, 1967.
- 1967 Recognition for Distinguished Service by the Faculty of the North Carolina Central University for interim administration of the University (one of a Committee of three, February 1, 1966 - June 20, 1967). May 5.

Civic Honors and Awards:

- 1975 Ombudswoman Award conferred by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women Clubs, Inc. April 20.
- 1975 Award: "For Outstanding Contributions to National and International Affairs." Tendered by the Durham, North Carolina, Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. April 12.
- 1975 Certificate of Recognition: "In testimony of the gratitude and appreciation of the people of Detroit, Michigan, for outstanding contribution to the goals of Christianity and Community Good." Tendered by the Detroit City Council. March 15.



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Civic Honors and Awards cont'd.

- 1972 Honorary Citizen of New Orleans, Louisiana, the International City. Conferred by The Honorable Moon Landrieu, Mayor. June 28.
- 1972 Special Tribute from The Honorable William G. Milliken, Governor of the State of Michigan, "In testimony to a rich educational background and understanding of humanity enabling the honoree to contribute constructively to the betterment of our society." May 18.
- 1972 Resolution by the President and the City Councilmen of the City of Los Angeles, State of California, "Commendation for many achievements in various fields." April 21.
- 1965 "The Georgia P. Schanck Woman of the Year Award," Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, Greenville, South Carolina. April 23.
- 1958 Woman of the Year Award for Outstanding Achievement in Education and Civic fields, Bachelor Benedict's Club, Norfolk, Virginia. June 13.

"Keys to the City":

- 1975 Key to the City of West Palm Beach, Florida, tendered by The Honorable Richard Lynn, Mayor. April 20.
- 1972 Key to the City of Atlantic City, New Jersey, tendered by The Honorable John H. Hester, Atlantic County Commissioner. June 28.
- 1968 Key to the City of Columbia, South Carolina, tendered by the Mayor. April 27.

Experiences in International Affairs:

- 1974 Member, Committee on American-Soviet Relations.
- 1972 - 1974 Member, Advisory Council to the Bureau of International Organizations, U. S. State Department.



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Experiences in International Affairs cont'd.

- 1971 - 1973 Member, Social Science Advisory Board to the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. U. S. State Department.
- 1971 Participant, The International Conference, Mount Carmel International Centre for Community Services, Haifa, Israel, March. Theme: "The Changing Needs in the Education of Women in the Second Development Decade (1970-1980)."
- Guest of the Israeli Foreign Ministry in a post-conference visit, Examination of major educational institutions.
- 1970 United States Alternate Delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations, September 13 - December 18. Headed the United States Delegation on the Third Committee on the United Nations General Assembly for the period stated above.
- 1970 Member of the Peace Corps National Advisory Council (Agency currently termed ACTION).
- 1961 United States Delegate to the Eighth National conference of the United States Commission on UNESCO, October 22-27, Boston, Mass. Theme: "Africa and the United States - Images and Realities."
- 1957 Personal Representative of President Dwight D. Eisenhower to the dedication ceremonies of the Liberian Capitol, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, October 10-18. Addressed the Assembled Liberian Government at the ceremonies. Delivered seven major addresses in that country:
1. The University of Monrovia
 2. University of Liberia
 3. The Antoinette Tubman Orphanage
 4. The Booker T. Washington School, Kakata
 5. Saint Patrick School: United Nations Day Address
 6. Saint Teresa's Convent: United Nations Day Address
 7. The Monrovia Y.W.C.A.



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Experiences in International Affairs cont'd.

1971 - 1972
Member, Social Science Advisory Board to the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, U. S. State Department.

1971
Participant, The International Conference, Mount Carmel International Centre for Community Services, Haiti, March, 1971. Topic: "The Changing Needs in the Education of Women in the Second Development Decade (1970-1980)." *World* (1970-1980), 2.

Guest of the Israeli Foreign Ministry in a post-conference visit. Examination of major educational institutions.

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Experiences in International Affairs cont'd.

- 1957 Leader-Specialist under the auspices of the U. S.
State Department in the International Educational
Exchange Program in Austria, Denmark, France,
Germany, and Sweden. Six months: January 15 -
June 15.
- 1955 Leader-Specialist in Germany under the auspices of
the U. S. State Department, March - August.
- *1974 Board Member, Pan American Foundation. October 23.



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Experiences in International Affairs cont'd.

- 1957
Leader-Specialist under the auspices of the U. S. State Department in the International Educational Exchange Program in Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, and Sweden. Six months: January 15 - June 15.
- 1955
Leader-Specialist in Germany under the auspices of the U. S. State Department, March - August.
- 1954
Board Member, Pan American Foundation, October 22.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Date: November 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JEANNE DAVIS

FROM:

WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT:

Helen G. Edmonds, PH.D., National Chairman,
The Humanities Bicentennial Celebration of
the Association for the Study of Afro-American
Life and History, re: Dr. J. Rupert Picott

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.



MSC to handle

THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRO-AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY, INC.
The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Inc., Division
The Associated Publishers, Inc., Division
1401 Fourteenth Street, N.W. Washington, D. C., 20005 202-667-2822

November 13, 1975

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(revised)

Mr. William Nicholas
The President's Scheduler
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Nicholas:

The purpose of this letter seeks to call to your attention a factor which concerns greatly The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. We have noted from time to time that in the visits of the Presidents of the United States to foreign countries, often there have been scholars, leaders of national organizations, representatives from the private sector of the economy, etc. On President Ford's forthcoming visit to The Peoples Republic of China, The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History asks that you give most serious consideration to Dr. J. Rupert Picott, our most distinguished Executive Director of the Association as one of the persons be included in the entourage.

The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History is the oldest and most scholarly organization in American life. Founded in 1915 by Carter G. Woodson, Doctor of Philosophy from Harvard University, the Association has continuously issued quarterly The Journal of Negro History, and since 1936, the monthly Negro History Bulletin. Its membership is comprised of 1,000 trained historians, some of whom have written the basic books on Afro-American life. There is no major library in the American university system which does not have full sets of these materials.



Mr. William Nicholas
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We feel that it is highly important that peoples beyond our shores know what we already know, that the American society comprises many scholarly and contributing ethnic groups. Our basic pride in being the written preservers of the Afro-American heritage against the backdrop of our national heritage prompts the desire that the Peoples Republic of China see the living evidence.

I do hope that you will give this consideration. If this letter belongs on another's desk, kindly acknowledge and forward the same.

Respectfully yours,

Helen G. Edmonds

Helen G. Edmonds, Ph.D.
National Chairman
The Humanities Bicentennial
Celebration of The
Association for the Study
of Afro-American Life and
History

cc: Dr. J. Rupert Picott's vita

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Dr. J. Rupert Picott
Executive Director
ASALH Headquarters
1401-14th Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20005



J. RUPERT PICOTT

Place of Birth

Suffolk, Virginia

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

Educational training secured at Virginia Union University (B.S. and D. Pd. degrees), Virginia State College (LL.D) and Hampton Institute in Virginia; Temple University, (M.Ed. degree) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; New York University, New York City; University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

High school teacher in South Boston and Newport News, Virginia, principal of an elementary school of 900 pupils in Newport News, Virginia and college teacher at Hampton Institute.

Served on the staff of two newspapers, including the well-known Journal and Guide (Associate Editor and Branch Manager), which has nationwide circulation.

Executive Secretary (1944-66) of the Virginia Teachers Association, Richmond and editor of the Association's publications, including the VTA Bulletin. The VTA was the official professional organization of ten thousand teachers in the public and private schools of the Commonwealth.

Chairman of the Survey Committee which in 1950 prepared an exhaustive report of the entire public school system of Durham, North Carolina and chairman of the Committee which in 1951 made a survey and prepared a report of the entire public school system in Wilmington, North Carolina.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

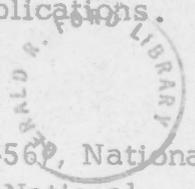
Presbyterian; Elder and Clerk of Session, All Souls Presbyterian Church, Richmond, 1954-57 and 1958-61. Elder 1970-73 and Member, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.

ARTICLES

Author of numerous articles on education and other topics which have appeared in Phi Delta Kappan, Journal of Negro Education, The Negro Educational Review, the Sphinx--Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity magazine and other national, state and local publications.

OFFICES HELD

National and state offices held among others include Vice President (1955-56), National Education Association of the United States; NEA representative (1956-58), National



Education Association-American Teachers Association Joint Committee; President (1963-64), American Teachers Association; Chairman (1949-58), National Council of State Teachers Associations (an organization of educational officials in seventeen southern states from Maryland to Texas); former National President, now member, Executive Committee, National Alumni Association of Virginia Union University; former member of the Board of Trustees, Virginia Union University, Richmond; Eastern Vice President, Area-Atlantic Seaboard States from Maine to and including Virginia (1956-59), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; National President, The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History; member, Board of Advisory Editors, The Negro Educational Review; member, Virginia Statewide Committee, United Negro College Fund; Chairman, Richmond Committee, National Student Scholarship Services Fund; member (1964-67), Board of Directors, Southern Area Council, National YMCA; Treasurer and member (1964-67), Executive Committee, Virginia Council on Human Relations; member, Permanent Committee on Christian Relations, Presbyterian Church in the United States; member, Commission on Religion and Race, The United Presbyterian Church, USA; member, Board of Directors, Central Virginia Educational Television; member (1964-66), Virginia (Statewide) Independent Voters League.

In Richmond: former Division Chairman, American National Red Cross campaign; Area Chairman (1960-64), Richmond Community Chest Drive; former Vice President, Richmond Branch, Virginia Council on Human Relations; Chairman, 1955 Membership Campaign Leigh Street YMCA; Chairman (1960-62), Board of Management Leigh Street YMCA; member (1965-67), Board of Managers, Metropolitan Division, YMCA of Richmond; Past Chairman, Richmond Business and Professional Council; former member, Board of Directors, Richmond Educational Therapy Center; member (1958-67), Board of Directors, Richmond Friends Association for Children; Chairman, Advisory Committee, Richmond Housing Authority; Chairman, 1959 Together Plan, Richmond Boy Scouts Committee; member, Board of Directors, Richmond Urban League; former member, Board of Directors and Chairman, Education Committee, Richmond Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; member, Central Richmond Association.

MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the American Association of School Administrators; life member of the National Education Association and life member of the American Teachers Association; member, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; member, Alpha Beta Boule, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity; Life member, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Membership is held also in many other national District of Columbia and Virginia organizations.

DELEGATE

Official delegate of the Commonwealth of Virginia by appointment of Governor of Virginia to the 1950 White House Conference on Children and Youth, Washington, D. C., called by President Harry S. Truman. Official delegate of the Commonwealth of Virginia by appointment of the Governor of Virginia to the 1955 and 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth, Washington, D.C., called by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Shared in White House Conference on Education, July 1965, called by President Lyndon B. Johnson.



SPECIAL

Member, Mayor's Committee on Human Relations, Richmond, 1960-61; Chairman, Richmond Citizens Advisory Committee (RCAC) -- formed to provide financial and other support to local college student-initiated segregation protest movement. Chairman, Survey Committee which in 1950 prepared an exhaustive report of the entire public school system of Durham, North Carolina; Chairman of the Committee which in 1951 made a survey and prepared a report of the entire public school system in Wilmington, North Carolina.

LEGAL

Chief Plaintiff: J. Rupert Picott et als versus City of Richmond, Virginia, et als., in which the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals on September 11, 1963 enjoined segregation on the basis of race in public assembly at the Mosque - city owned auditorium.

TRAVEL

Within U. S. A.

Upon invitations, addresses have been delivered to audiences in most major cities of the United States.

Outside U. S. A.

In Bermuda, June 1957, at the invitation of the Governor and Colonial Parliament of the Island, delivered addresses to the graduating classes of three secondary schools, to a citizens public meeting and to the Bermuda Union of Teachers; July-August 1957, served as conductor for a Study Tour of Europe and visited eight countries and two principalities in the Old World -- France, England, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Monaco, and the Vatican City; April 1958 served as leader for a Study Tour group in Cuba; May 1959 visited and spoke to the Mexican-American Citizens groups in Mexico City, D.F.; July-August 1961, Official Delegate of the American Teachers Association in conferences with national groups in countries 'Round-the-World' and in the Tenth Annual Session of the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession, New Delhi, India. Conducted survey of teachers associations in fourteen countries of Africa, May-June 1963 for the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession and visited countries: Senegal Republic, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, Tanganyika, Ruanda Urundi, Uganda, Kenya, Zanzibar, Ethiopia, Sudan, U.A.R. (Egypt); official NEA delegate and assistant director American delegation, twelfth annual session of the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and visits to Lima, Peru; Santiago, Chile; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Brasilia, Brazil; Panama, Canal Zone, August 1963; Official NEA an American Teachers Association delegate thirteenth annual session World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession, Paris, France, August 1964.



HONORS

In 1950, selected by the Afro-American newspaper as one of the ten outstanding Virginians for that year. Awarded plaque (1962) by Hanover County Virginia Teachers Association for "unprecedented service to the teachers of Virginia." Awarded a citation (May 1954) by the New York City Intercultural Educational Fund for "leadership in human relations in the South." Presented a citation (October 1955) by the Virginia Teachers Association for "distinguished leadership of the teachers of Virginia and the South." Given plaque (August 1957) by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Los Angeles, California, for "educational attainments, inspirational fraternalism and exemplary administration." Awarded plaque (February 1961) by Richmond Business Professional Council for "exceptional business and professional leadership." Chosen "Man-of-the Year" and presented certificate for outstanding leadership in human relations program by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Richmond (October 1961). Presented plaque (January 1962) by Richmond Civic Council for "meritorious leadership in civic affair and in human Relation." Awarded plaque (March 1963) by Metropolitan Richmond Young Men Christian Association - "1962 Layman of the Year." Awarded (February 1965) Certificate of Appreciation, Downtown Jaycees, Washington, D. C. Given Past President's citation of Eastern Region, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, New York, N.Y., April 1973.

LISTINGS

Listed in Who's Who in America 1974-1975; Who's Who in Commerce and Industry; Who's Who in Colored America; and Who's Who in American Education.

MARITAL STATUS

Married to the former Altia E. Hodges of Washington, D. C. Two sons, J. Rupert Jr., a student enrolled in the University of Paris, France and Hodges, in the U. S. Air Force.

PRESENT POSITION

Executive Director, The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc., 1401 Fourteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005.

HOME ADDRESSES

District of Columbia

Waterside Towers, Apartment 811
907 Sixth Street, S. W.
Washington D. C. 20024

Virginia

800 Edge Hill Road
Richmond Virginia 23222



MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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GENERAL

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November 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR BILL NICHOLSON

FROM:

fn Jeanne W. Davis ^{*int*}

SUBJECT:

*Association for the Study of Afro-American
Life & History Request to Send Representative to PRC

In response to your memo of November 14, attached is a suggested
reply to Dr. Edmonds' letter to you asking to have Dr. ^{*J. Rupert*} ~~Picott~~ ac-
company the President to the PRC, together with the incoming
correspondence.

Helen



EXECUTIVE

TR18-2

November 19, 1975

Dear Dr. Edmonds:

Thank you for your letter of November 13 to me.

We very much appreciate your interest in the President's forthcoming trip to the Peoples Republic of China. However, in the past, it has not been the practice to have other than U.S. Government officials travel abroad with the President. On his trip to Peking, the President will be accompanied by a small, working official party composed of his immediate staff and other U.S. Government officials. Therefore, we regret that it will not be possible to have Dr. Picott included in the official party.

We would suggest, however, that you may wish to contact the Committee on Scholarly Communications with the PRC. This Committee is the sponsoring organization for exchange visits by scholars between China and the United States. You can correspond with them in care of the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D. C. 20418.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson
Director
Scheduling Office

Dr. Helen G. Edmonds
National Chairman
The Humanities Bicentennial Celebration of The
Association for the Study of Afro-American Life
and History
1401 Fourteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

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cc: 2 cys Nancy Gennell



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February 27, 1976

Dear Mrs. Edmonds:

Thank you for your recent letter recommending Mrs. Pearl C. Brackett for appointment to the National Advisory Council for Education, Professions, Development.

We will soon be reviewing names of those interested in and qualified for appointment to this important Council, and you may be assured that Mrs. Brackett will receive every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Douglas P. Bennett
Director
Presidential Personnel Office

Dr. Helen G. Edmonds
Box 3847
Durham, North Carolina 27702

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