

BOOK 2

110	2/5/46	Envelope & letters	From Herbert Brownell, Jr. re Republican Party, transcript "Negroes Are Invited Out of the Democratic Party"
111	2/14/46	Envelope & documents	From unsigned to I. A. Holder re seating in Mims Negro schools, hand-written notes dated 8/5/47 re suggested improvements in Mims Negro Schools, letterhead Progressive Voters League
112	2/17/46	Letters	From Moore to Attorney General J. Tom Watson, re registration in Democratic Party, letter dated 2/22/46 from Moore to Attorney General J. Tom Watson re voter registration
113	2/17/46	Letters	Copies of letters described in #112
114	1/19/46	Envelope & documents	Letterhead - Progressive Voters League, letter dated 2/19/46 From Attorney General J. Tom Watson to Moore re registration in Democratic Party, letter dated 2/26/46 from Attorney General J. Tom Watson to Moore re letter sent to Supervisors of Registration., letter dated 2/21/46 from Moore to H. J. Moss re Democratic nominations, letter dated 10/14/46 from J. Harry Schad to Moore re political viewpoint, letter dated 10/24/46 from Moore to NAACP co-workers re activities of Progressive Voters League, letter dated 1/23/47 from Moore to NAACP co-workers re Progressive Voters League state-wide meeting, letter dated 5/16/47 from Moore to House of Representatives re requirement to be able to read US Constitution in order to vote, letter dated 5/18/47 from Moore to Fellow Citizens re passing of requirement to read US Constitution in order to be able to vote, letter dated 5/24/47 from Moore to Fellow Citizens re Progressive Voters League objectives
115	2/22/46	Envelope & Documents	four copies of minutes of meeting of Progressive Voters League dated 2/16/46 re League activities, Three copies of minutes of Mass Meeting of Progressive Voters League undated re League activities, hand-written letter dated 2/22/46 from Mrs. B. S. Booker to Moore re minutes of meeting
116	3/16/46	Letter	From Lucille Black to Moore re NAACP membership
117	2/20/46	Letter	From Lucille Black to Moore re NAACP membership for 1945
118	1946	Envelope & Letters	Letter dated 3/1/46 from Walter White to Dear Friends re Veteran's Handbook, 2/19/46 from Attorney General J. Tom Watson to Moore re registration as Democrats, letter dated 5/20/46 from Moore to Thurgood Marshall re registration in Democratic Party, letter dated 7/30/46 from Moore to E. K. McIlrath re legal Action, letter dated 7/1/46 from Marian Wynn Perry to Tom C. Clark re refusal to allow Negroes to vote in Democratic Party, copy of Veteran's Handbook
119	3/12/46	Envelope &	Letter dated 2/26/46 from Hilion Turner to Moore re voter

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20	3/27/46	Letters	Letter dated 3/27/46 from Joe Hendricks to Moore re anti-lynching legislation, letter dated 9/21/46 from Moore to M. J. Moss re Candidates viewpoints, letter dated 10/12/46 from Moore to J. Harry Schad re candidate viewpoints
121	3/27/46	Envelope & letter	From Joe Hendricks to Moore re anti-lynching legislation
122	4/16/46	Envelope & Advertisement	From Tom Voss to Moore - political advertisement flier
123	4/15/46	Envelope & documents	Letter dated 4/12/46 from E. K. McIlrath to Moore re legal action, pleading J. W. Burne v. Clerk of Titusville et al re denial of right to vote
124	5/15/46	Letter	From Moore to NAACP co-workers re annual NAACP meeting
125	6/20/45	Letter	From Moore to US Congress re pending legislation
126	2/19/46	Letter	From Attorney General J. Tom Watson to Moore re voter Registration
127	List	Voter Registration	1946 list of voter registration by race and Party affiliation
128	Bill	Form of Gov.	Draft of bill to change the form of Government for Titusville
129	4/1/46	Letter	From unsigned to NAACP co-workers re membership drive
130	4/8/46	Invoice	Progressive Voters League letterhead printing
131	4/12/46	Letter	From Moore to Candidates re political viewpoints
132	4/21/46	Envelope & Letter	From Henry M. Burch to Leona W., Booker, Progressive Voters League re political viewpoint re Negroes
133	No Date	Envelope & Press Release	Progressive Voters League survey re political candidates, flier re Florida Voters League
134	4/17/46	Envelope & Fliers	From Herbert Wentworth, candidate for Congress to Moore
135	4/18/46	Envelope	From Frank B. Dowling to Moore
136	5/22/46	Envelope	From Bethune-Cookman College to Moore
137	5/22/46	Letter	From Moore to Allen E. Walker re meeting
138	5/25/46	Envelope & Letter	From Gloria Samuels to Moore re Thurgood Marshall re teacher salary legal action
139	Jan-June 1946	Tax Report	State tax paid by NAACP branches
140	6/22/46	Envelope & Letters	Newspaper article re lynching case, hand-written letter dated 6/22/46 from Moore to Mrs. L. B. Kinsler re Garfield Green case, letter dated 5/27/46 from Moore to H. C. Capehart re Russell Patrick case, letter dated 6/22/46 from Moore to L. B. Kinsler re typed letter of hand-written letter of 6/22/46, letter dated 5/5/46 from Moore to W. J. H. Black re Garfield Green case, hands-written letter dated 2/14/46 from Milton R. Rooks to Moore re lynching, flier for Right to Vote from NAACP, letter dated 2/24/46 FROM Moore to Allen E. Walker re assault on Negro, letter dated 2/26/46 from Allen E. Walker

			to Moore re Garfield Green case
141	8/10/46	Envelope & Affidavit	Affidavit of Reginer Hendley
142	No Date	Letter	From Moore to NAACP co-workers re Orlando state conference meeting
143	5/2/46	Envelope	From California NAACP to Moore
144	5/15/46	Letter	From Moore to NAACP co-workers re 6 th annual NAACP Meeting
145	5/15/46	Letter	From Moore to NAACP co-workers re 6 th annual NAACP Meeting
146	5/16/46	Letter	From Allen E. Walker to Moore re Republican Party platform committee meeting
147	10/8/46	Envelope & Letter	Letter dated 5/23/46 from Moore to NAACP co-workers re Democratic Primary election
148	5/27/46	Letter	From Moore to NAACP co-workers re NAACP budget
149	6/10/46	Letter	From Moore to NAACP co-workers re fundraising
150	6/18/46	Envelope & Letters	Letter dated 6/18/46 from Moore to R. A. Safrit re travel to Cincinnati for conference meeting, letter dated 6/13/46 from R. A. Safrit to Moore re travel to Cincinnati, letter dated 6/18/46 from R. A. Safrit to Moore re travel to Cincinnati
151	8/23/46	Flier	NAACP Youth Council flier for program of second annual state-wide youth meeting, hand-written notes
152	9/4/46	Envelope & Letters	Letter dated 11/7/46 from Theron L. Caudle DOJ to Moore re request for a copy of a letter, letter dated 10/22/46 from Moore to DOJ re requesting a copy of a letter to Daisy Sheppard, letter dated 9/4/46 from H. R. Oxford to Moore re treatment of Negroes by police officers, letter dated 10/8/46 from H. E. Oxford to Moore re law suits against police officers for violation of the rights of Negroes, letter dated 8/13/46 from H. E. Oxford to Hattie Hobbs re legal action, letter dated 10/4/46 from Moore to H. E. Oxford re Hobbs case
153	9/8/46	Envelope	From Florida Agricultural & Mechanical College to Moore
154	9/10/46	Letter	hand-written letter from C. Williams to Progressive Voters League co-workers re District meeting
155	9/18/46	Letters	Letter dated 9/18/46 from Moore to Clester B. Current re NAACP and Progressive Voters League activities, letter dated 10/3/46 from Wm. H. Gray, Jr. to Moore re college budget, letter dated 9/27/46 from J. T. Diamond to Terry C. Lee re college budget, undated statement of out-of-state scholarship college aid for 1945-1946 and names of recipients, newspaper clipping
156	9/25/46	Envelope & letter	Letter dated 9/24/46 from Theron L. Caudle to Moore re Leroy Bradswell case
157	9/10/46	Letter	Hand-written letter from Moore to NAACP co-workers re

			fifth annual meeting
158	No Date	Newspaper Clipping	NAACP press release dated 9/13/46
159	9/25/46	Envelope & documents	Letter dated 9/13/46 from Geo. W. Scofield to Moore re William Miles, case, letter dated 9/11/46 from Moore to Gov Millard F. Caldwell re William Miles case, letter dated 9/11/46 from Moore to George W. Scofield re William Miles case, letter dated 9/11/46 from Moore to G. C. Clayton re William Miles case, letter dated 9/23/46 from Gov. Hilliard F. Caldwell to Moore re William Miles case, newspaper clipping re William Miles case, envelope from G. C. Clayton to Moore, hand-written letter dated 9/2/46 from G. C. Clayton to Moore re William Miles case, letter dated 9/26/46 from Moore to C. T. Williams re meeting in Sanford
160	9/24/46	Letters	Letter dated 9/24/46 from Gloster B. Current to Moore re NAACP new charter groups, envelope dated 9/25/46 and letter dated 9/26/46 from Gloster B. Current to Moore re NAACP branches, blank report form for NAACP Cities Needing Organization into NAACP, lists of Florida NAACP branches, list of NAACP Membership by County February 1-September 30, 1946
161	10/3/46	Schedule	By Moore-suggested schedule for Rufus Smith
162	11/1/46	Program	NAACP program of meeting
163	10/29/46	Letter	From Val J. Washington to Moore re Republican National Committee position statement
164	11/1/46	Report	Financial report from Panama City meeting
165	11/1/46	Minutes	Committee meeting, letter dated 11/18/46 from Moore to co-workers re scholarship funding
166	11/1/46	Report	Expense report of Moore for June-July 1946
167	10/10/46	Envelope & documents	Letter dated 10/10/46 from Ruby Hurley to Moore re copy of correspondence, letter dated 10/10/46 from Ruby Hurley to Chester Satterwhite re youth council, memorandum from re Vanchetta P. Matthews to Florida State Youth Councils re recommendations
168	11/1/46	Letter	From Moore to NAACP co-workers re NAACP activities
169	11/7/46	Envelope & letter	From Theron L. Caudler to Moore re Sheppard case
170	11/18/46	Envelope & Letter	From L. R. Rainge to NAACP re arrest of Negroes with baseball scoring on reverse
171	No Date	Notes	Hand-written notes, minutes of Brevard County NAACP meeting by R. Harris, hand-written draft of speech re Are We Following The Right Procedure?
172	11/26/46	Envelope & Letter	Hand-written letter from J. C. W. to Moore re locating a Stenographer
173	12/3/46	Envelope	From Rollins College to Moore
174	12/5/46	Letter	From Theron L. Caudle to Marian Wynn Perry re registration of Negroes as Democrats

175	No Date	Letterhead	Progressive Voters League
176	12/9/46	Envelope	From NY NAACP to Moore
177	12/9/46	Envelope & Letter	From E. K. McIlrath to Moore re Titusville case
178	12/12/46	Letter	From Edwin L. Clarke to Moore re Winter Park event and class Schedule
179	12/25/46	Letter	From Moore to E. K. McIlrath re voter registration, letter dated 12/5/46 from Theron L. Caudle to Marian Wynn Perry re voter registration, letter dated 12/9/46 from Marian Wynn Perry to Moore re voter registration
180	No Date	Post Card	From H. Grisby to Moore re meeting in Lake Wales
181	12/25/46	Letter	Three copies - from Moore to E. K. McIlrath re voter Registration
182	No Date	Envelope & documents	To Evangeline Moore, two copies of a letter dated 1/2/47 from S. D. McGill to Moore re Palmer case, letter dated 1/2/47 from Committee to I. A. Holder re Mims colored school improvements, letter dated 6/18/46 from Earl E. Broughton to Friend re full time employment of Moore, letter dated 5/17/46 from Earl E. Broughton to co-workers re fund raising, two copies of a letter dated 2/22/47 from Moore to US Senate re Senate activities, speech of Moore re The Importance of the Primaries dated 7/29/46. three copies of a letter dated 3/12/47 from District Judge Louie W. Strum to E. E. Callaway re murder of a Negro, letter dated 6/3/46 from Moore to Governor Millard F. Caldwell re Bradswell case, letter dated 7/11/47 from Moore to co-workers re meeting in Lake Wales, two copies of a letter dated 7/10/47 from Carroll Reece to Moore re lynching, letter dated 6/23/47 from Moore to US Congress re lynching, two copies of a letter dated 8/6/47 from unsigned to L. C. Croften re white primary election, two copies of a letter dated 6/11/47 from Moore to Governor Millard Caldwell re murder of Negro Barnett Smith by a police officer, letter dated 4/30/47 from Moore to E. E. Calloway re Fuller & Rainage cases, letter dated 4/5/47 from Moore to J. A. Finlayson re white primary election, letter dated 3/13/47 from Herbert S. Phillips to E. E. Callaway re James Fuller case, letter dated 11/25/47 from Moore to A. A. Dunn re poll closing, letter dated 9/2/47 from Moore to Rosa Lee Fields re domestic violence, two copies of a letter dated 1/23/47 from Moore to co-workers re Progressive Voters League state-wide meeting, letter dated 11/6/45 from Moore to co-workers re NAAP activities, two copies of a Resolution dated 6/25/46 re shooting of James Fuller by a police officer, letter dated 3/10/46 from Moore to R. R. Eleaser re lynching of Jesse James Payne, letter dated 11/11/45 from Moore to Attorney General Tom Watson re Payne lynching, letter dated 7/6/46 from Moore to J. R. Asbell re Panama City Meeting, NAACP press release re N. W. Griffin, flier for

			<p>Republican Party platform by Moore, letter dated 11/11/45 from Moore to Attorney General Watson re Payne case, letter dated 11/15/45 from Moore to co-workers re voter registration for Negroes as Democrats, letter dated 5/27/44 from Budget Committee to co-workers re fund raising, letter dated 8/15/46 from Moore to Thurgood Marshall re Bradwell case, open letter dated 5/1/46 from Moore to co-workers re voter registration of Negroes in Democratic Party, letter dated 2/8/46 from Moore to E. K. McEllrath re change of voter affiliation , letter dated 2/19/46 from Attorney General J. Tom Watson to Moore re registration of voters, letter dated 1/25/46 from Moore to Senator Dennis Chaves re pending legislation, letter dated 3/11/46 from Moore to E. K. McEllrath re law suit, letter dated 2/4/46 from Moore to co-workers re Democratic Primary election, two copies of a letter dated 2/19/46 from J. Tom Watson to Moore re voter registration, newspaper article from Congressional Record dated 3/21/45 re anti-lynching legislation, letter dated 1/21/46 from Moore to US Congress re pending legislation, letter dated 6/6/46 from Governor to Moore re Bradswell case, petition dated 9/21/46 re overcrowding of school busses, copy of Petition dated 9/21/46 from Parents to School Officials re overcrowding of school busses, letter dated 10/9/45 from Moore to Fellow Citizens re meeting of the Progressive Voters League, letter dated 9/23/46 from Juanita Grant to School Officials re overcrowding of school bus, hand-written list of names, letter dated 9/23/46 from Juanita Grant to School Officials re overcrowding of school bus, letter dated 9/46 from Joseph Warren, Jr. to Board of Public Instruction re overcrowding of school bus, Post Office notification to Moore re Registered Mail dated 9/28/46, letter dated 3/13/47 from Herbert L. Phillips to E. E. Callaway re Fuller case, letter dated 5/19/47 from Moore to Mrs. Fannie K. Smith re Progressive Voters League fundraising, letter dated 3/13/47 from Herbert L. Phillips to E. E. Callaway re Fuller case, two copies of a letter dated 2/22/47 from Moore to US Senate re pending legislation, two copies of a letter dated 3/20/46 from Moore to Governor Millard F. Caldwell re Fuller case, letter dated 7/1/46 from Marian Wynn Perry to Tom C. Clark re denial of Negroes to vote, telegram from Moore to Democratic and republican chairmen re pending Legislation, letter dated 11/11/45 from Moore to Attorney General Tom Watson re Payne case, letter dated 11/20/45 from Attorney General Tom Watson to Moore re Payne case</p>
183	12/9/46	Letter	From Marian Wynn Perry to Moore re voter registration, list of members of Committee of 100
184	1/7/47	Envelope	From NAACP to Moore, letter dated 1/7/45 from Rufus to Moore re NAACP activities
185	1/8/47	Envelope &	From Robert E. Wilson to co-workers re NAACP activities,

		Letter	NAACP Membership by county for 1946
186	1/21/47	Letter	From Moore to Marian Wynn Perry re voter registration
187	3/29/47	Flier	Tentative program regional conference
188	3/4/47	Envelope	From Pittsburgh Courier to Moore, letter dated 4/23/45 from Moore to Legislative and Chief Executive, State of Florida re pending legislation., letter dated 4/30/45 from Walter W. Rose to Moore re Moore's letter to State of Florida
189	4/2/47	Envelope & Notes	From NAACP to Moore, hand-written notes re NAACP Regional conference in Charleston, hand-written notes, Program for conference at Charleston, roster of Florida delegates, minutes of conference meeting by Moore re 3/28/47 travel to Charleston
190	No Date	Envelope	From Moore to J. Walter Hawkins, hand-written notes, letter Dated 4/23/47 from Moore to co-workers re visit to Florida By Daniel E. Byrd, hand-written financial report of dues paid In Tampa dated 5/5/47, hand-written financial report of dues Paid in Ocala dated 5/2/47, hand-written list of names re State Conference Meeting dated 5/3/47, hand-written list of dues paid Dated 5/10/47
191	No Date	Envelope	To Mrs. Grace Callaway, letter dated 7/3/47 from Moore to Dear Friends re Hudson Salter and Callaway parole hearing
192	No Date	Envelope	To Mrs. Salter, letter dated 7/3/47 from Moore to Dear Friends re Hudson Salter and Callaway parole hearing
193	10/21/47	Envelope	From McIlrath to Moore
194	1/25/48	Notice	From Armenus Walker to Lee County members of NAACP re mass meeting
195	11/8/47	Letter	From Moore to J. Tom Watson, re polls closing early
196	12/5/47	Envelope	From NAACP to Moore, letter dated 9/8/44 from Moore to co-workers re meeting of 9/4/44
197	10/16/47	Letter	From Moore to co-workers re organization of Progressive Voters League, notice dated 11/1/47 from Moore re voting in School Trustee election, letter dated 11/1/47 from Moore to co-workers re election candidate endorsement, letter dated 11/4/47 from Moore to E. E. McIlrath re election
198	1/22/48	Post Card	From Armenus Walker to Willie Cox re NAACP meetings
199	5/12/48	Envelope & Flier	From NY NAACP to Moore, pamphlet re Declaration of Negro Voters, NY NAACP local and state conference Officers

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February 11, 1946

Mr. Harry T. Moore, President
National Assn. for Advancement of Colored People
Titusville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Moore:

I am glad to give as prompt personal attention as possible to your recent communication in which you so earnestly bespeak the aid and influence of the Republican Party in enacting legislation for a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee.


You may be sure that our Committee is entirely mindful of the importance and scope of this subject, and that we, in collaboration with Republican Members of the Congress, are giving it close and studious attention.

It is appropriate, I believe, to point out that the progress made thus far in obtaining consideration of FEPC legislation by the Congress has been almost wholly due to Republican support and influence.

It occurs to me that you will be interested in seeing the enclosed transcript of a colloquy between two Democratic Senators which occurred during the debate on FEPC legislation in the United States Senate last month.

Thanking you for giving me the benefit of your viewpoint, I remain

Sincerely,



HBJr/F
Enclosure:(1)

NEGROES ARE INVITED OUT
OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

On Page 92 of the Congressional Record for January 17, 1946, sixth paragraph, begins the following amazing dialogue between Democratic Senators Eastland (Miss.) and Overton (La.).

MR. EASTLAND. Does not the Senator from Louisiana think that the Negro voter makes a grave mistake in voting the Democratic ticket?

MR. OVERTON. I certainly think so. I think that for a short term of political advantage the Negro made a very bad bargain. I think the Negro ought to have stood by, and I think the Negro today ought to stand by the great party which has been the Negro's friend from the day of the Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln up to the present time. I believe the Negro made a mistake when he yielded his friendship for the party which has stood by him through thick and thin in return for the aid which has been given to him during the last few years.

MR. EASTLAND. The Senator does not think the Democratic Party is friendly to the Negro, does he?

MR. OVERTON. Certainly not the backbone of the Democratic Party.

Mr. Overton remarked later that if Democratic Senators from doubtful states who required the Negro vote to be elected had not pursued the course they followed "the Democratic Party would have remained what it ought to be, the white man's party."

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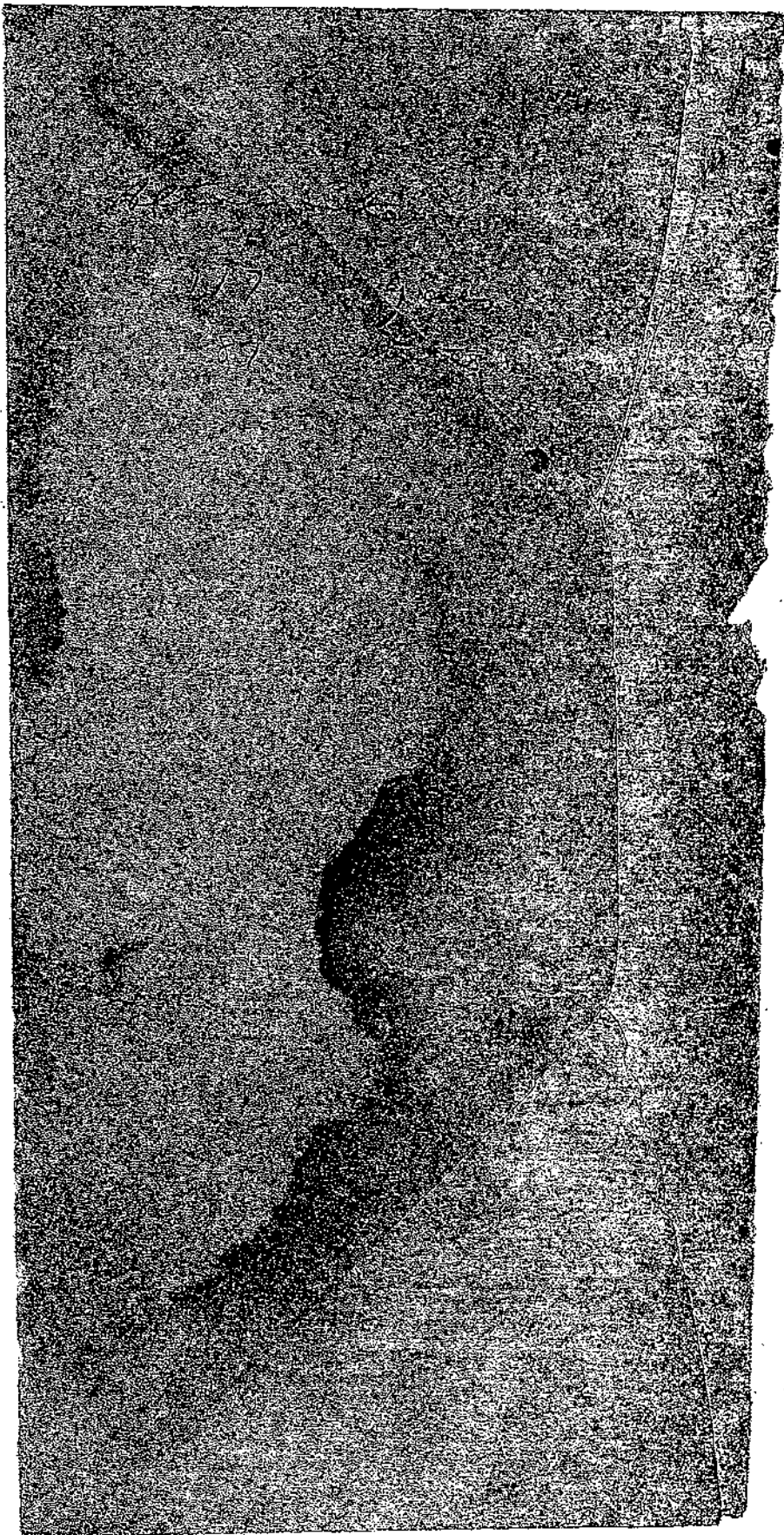
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Mims, Florida

February 14, 1946

Mr. I. A. Halder
 School Trustee, District # 1
 Mims, Florida

Dear Sir :

Several weeks ago members of our Committee talked with you about certain improvements that are needed at the Mims and Titusville Negro schools. For the Mims School we suggested: (1) water toilets connected with the main building, (2) electric lights for the building, and (3) a larger bus to relieve the crowded conditions on the present one. For the Titusville School we suggested: (1) the ceiling of the building, (2) installing the toilets on the inside of the building, and (3) sufficient chairs for the auditorium.

We are mindful of the fact that you promised to look into these matters, and it is not our intention to rush you. However, there are two of these items that we consider more urgent. They are: (1) a larger bus, and (2) sufficient seats for the auditorium in Titusville.

Our bus is often crowded to the extent that the boys have to stand up and some of the girls have to sit on each other. This, of course, is a very unpleasant situation, and it will be even worse as the weather gets warmer. The Titusville School has needed seats in the auditorium for several years. The teachers there have asked for seats. They have even offered to raise money to pay half of the seats, if the Board would pay the other half. Even this year the teachers have asked for help on 200 seats, but they were told that this is not in the budget for this year. The teachers and children therefore have had to raise money to buy 100 chairs. They still need more chairs.

We feel that this is not fair. It is our opinion that seating the auditorium and equipping the school building is solely the duty of the Board. The Titusville School was built over 10 years ago, and the building never has been completed. It has never been properly equipped. Yet last year the Board was able to buy additional land near the Titusville White School, and it is now preparing to buy additional property in Halburne. In view of these facts, we feel

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that the Board should be able to provide seats for the Titusville
Negro School and a larger bus for the Mims children.

These two improvements are urgently needed. We shall be very
grateful, therefore, if you can secure favorable action on these
at an early date.

Respectfully yours,

Committee :

Suggested Improvements

Marius Regis School

1. Water toilets connected with the main building.
2. Addition of another classroom to relieve the over-crowded condition.
3. Lights in the building.
4. Repair the foundation of the old building.

(Announced last year 11/2)

Aug. 3, 1947

Mims, Florida
February 17, 1948

Attorney General J. Tom Watson
Capital Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Sir :

Quite a few Negroes in our county registered several years ago. At that time, of course, we had to register as Republicans or Independents. Many of us now wish to re-register as Democrats so that we can vote in the May primaries.

Our books opened in the various precincts on Feb. 4th, and they will remain there until March 4th. Last week some of us here in Mims went to have our party affiliation changed. Mrs. Coy K. Duff, the lady who has charge of the books here, explained to us that she could not make such a change, and that we would have to wait until the books were returned to the Court House in Titusville. Then, she said, Mr. W. J. Bailey, our Supervisor of Registration, would make the changes.

Please give us the law on this question. Is there any legal way by which we can make these changes while the books are in the precincts? Is it also true that a voter must change his party affiliation 60 days before an election in order to vote in that primary?

If we have to wait until the books are returned to the Court House, it will work quite an inconvenience on some of our people. This 60-day question might also block us.

We shall be very grateful for any advice or assistance that you can give us in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Harry T. Moore

Miss, Florida
February 21, 1948

Mr. W. J. Bailey
Supervisor of Registrations
Orange County
Titusville, Florida

Dear Sir :

Last week some of the Negro voters in Miss went to Mrs. Puff, our precinct clerk, and asked to have our registration changed from Republicans to Democrats. Mrs. Puff said she was of the opinion that those who wanted to change their registration would have to wait until the books were returned to the Court House and let you make the changes. Some Negroes in Ocala also attempted to have their registrations changed, but the clerk said he had no definite instructions relative to making changes.

On Feb. 17 we wrote Attorney General J. Lee Watson and asked his advice on this question. We are inclosing a copy of his reply. We showed this letter to Mrs. Puff, but she advised us to get in touch with you, so that you might issue direct instructions to her and other precinct clerks. Our committee made the attempt to see you to-day, but we were unable to do so. We therefore are resorting to this method of presenting our problem to you.

For the convenience of voters who live in precincts outside of Titusville, it is very necessary that this matter be cleared up before the books leave the precincts. We shall be grateful, therefore, if you will issue necessary instructions to the precinct clerks at an early date, as we shall have to go back to the books next week.

Respectfully yours,

Larry E. Moore

Mims, Florida
February 22, 1958

Attorney General J. Lee Wilson
Capital Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Sir :

We received your letter of February 19, in which you explained the fact that precinct clerks have a right to change a voter's former registration from Republican to Democrat.

We presented your letter to Mrs. Huff, the precinct clerk in Mims, but she said she would rather have direct orders from Mr. W. D. Bailey, county registration supervisor, since he is the one who left the books in her charge. She suggested that we see Mr. Bailey. Yesterday we made two trips to Titusville in an effort to see Mr. Bailey, but we were unable to get in touch with him.

We learned this week that two Negroes in Coosa attempted to have their registration changed from Republican to Democrat, but the clerk there explained that he had not received such instructions from Mr. Bailey.

It is quite evident that Negro voters of Crawford County are about to be thrown off. Next week will be the last week that the books will be in the precincts. We shall be very grateful, therefore, if you will communicate directly with Mr. Bailey and advise him what to do. Please wire him to send instructions immediately to his precinct clerks, so that our people will have a chance to make the changes desired.

Respectfully yours,

Harry T. Moore

Mims, Florida
February 17, 1946

Attorney General J. Tom Watson
Capital Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Sir:

Quite a few Negroes in our county registered several years ago. At that time, of course, we had to register as Republicans or Independents. Many of us now wish to re-register as Democrats so that we can vote in the May primaries.

Our books opened in the various precincts on Feb. 4th, and they will remain there until March 4th. Last week some of us here in Mims went to have our party affiliation changed. Mrs. Gay K. Duff, the lady who has charge of the books here, explained to us that she could not make such a change, and that we would have to wait until the books were returned to the Court House in Titusville. Then, she said, Mr. W. J. Bailey, our Supervisor of Registration, would make the changes.

Please give us the law on this question. Is there any legal way by which we can make these changes while the books are in the precincts? Is it also true that a voter must change his party affiliation 60 days before an election in order to vote in that primary?

If we have to wait until the books are returned to the Court House, it will work quite an inconvenience on some of our people. This 60-day question might also block us.

We shall be very grateful for any advice or assistance that you can give us in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Harry T. Moore

Mims, Florida
February 21, 1946

Mr. E. J. Bailey
Supervisor of Registration
Brevard County
Titusville, Florida

Dear Sir:

Last week some of the Negro voters in Mims went to Mrs. Duff, our precinct clerk, and asked to have our registration changed from Republican to Democrat. Mrs. Duff said she was of the opinion that those who wanted to change their registration would have to wait until the books were returned to the Court House and let you make the changes. Some Negroes in Cocoa also attempted to have their registration changed, but the clerk said he had no definite instructions relative to making changes.

On Feb. 17 we wrote Attorney General de Toes Wilson and asked his advice on this question. We are inclosing a copy of his reply. We showed this letter to Mrs. Duff, but she advised us to get in touch with you, so that you might issue direct instructions to her and other precinct clerks. Our committee made two attempts to see you to-day, but we were unable to do so. We therefore are resorting to this method of presenting our problem to you.

For the convenience of voters who live in precincts outside of Titusville, it is very necessary that this matter be cleared up before the books leave the precincts. We shall be grateful, therefore, if you will issue necessary instructions to the precinct clerks at an early date, as we shall have to go back to the books next week.

Respectfully yours,

Harry T. Moore

Mims, Florida
February 22, 1946

Attorney General J. Tom Watson
Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Sir:

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We learned this week that two Negroes in Cocoa attempted to have their registration changed from Republican to Democrat, but the clerk there explained that he had not received such instructions from Mr. Bailey.

It is quite evident that Negro voters of Brevard County are about to be thrown off. Next week will be the last week that the books will be in the precincts. We shall be very grateful, therefore, if you will communicate directly with Mr. Bailey and advise him what to do. Please wire him to send instructions immediately to his precinct clerks, so that our people will have a chance to make the changes desired.

Respectfully yours,

Harry T. Moore

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MIMS, FLORIDA

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Harry T. Moore
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February 19, 1946

Mr. Harry T. Moore
Mims, Florida

Dear Moore:

In reply to your letter of February 17, you are entitled to register now while the books are in the hands of the clerks in the precincts, and this includes the right of changing former registration from Republican to Democrat.

You should re-register anyhow, and not be content with any former registration that you might have made. You may present this letter to the present clerk or to the supervisor of registration of Brevard county.

Very truly yours,

J. Tom Watson
Attorney General

Copy

Office of The
ATTORNEY GENERAL
State of Florida
Tallahassee

February 26, 1946

Mr. Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary
Progressive Voters League of Florida
Mims, Florida

Dear Moore:

I enclose herewith a copy of letter being sent to all Supervisors of Registration in this State, together with the opinion from this office referred to therein.

Sincerely yours,

J. Tom Watson
Attorney General

February 26, 1946

To: All Supervisors of Registration of the Counties of Florida

Certain information has come to me, which may or may not be accurate, but if accurate, indicates that in some sections of the State, persons in charge of registration books or Supervisors thereof may be engaged in efforts to thwart the registration for the Democratic Primary by Negroes.

It is not my business to protect registration on the part of any voter as a personal or individual right of such voter and in the light of this letter I do not so undertake to do. However, I am sending to every Supervisor of Registration in the State a copy of the attached legal opinion relating to the right of Negroes to register for the coming Democratic Primary.

Sincerely yours,

J. Tom Watson
Attorney General

Copy

Mims, Florida
September 21, 1946

Hon. W. J. Moss
Candidate for Congress
132 S. Main Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Sir :

Prior to the May primaries we mailed copies of the inclosed letter to candidates seeking the Democratic nomination to various offices.

We note that you will oppose the Hon. Joe Hendricks for his seat in Congress from the Fifth District in the coming General Election. We therefore are asking for an expression of your views on the important issues mentioned in the inclosed letter.

We shall be grateful for an early reply, as the Progressive Voters' League of the Fifth District will hold a meeting in Sanford Saturday, Sept. 28, at 10:00 A. M.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary

Mims, Florida
October 1, 1946

Hon. W. J. Moss
Candidate for Congress
132 S. Main Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Sir :

On Sept. 21 we mailed you correspondence, in which we asked for an expression of your views on FEPC, anti-lynching legislation, and other issues that are very vital to the welfare of our group. We had hoped to get an answer from you in time to present it to our district meeting in Sanford on Sept. 28, but perhaps the time was too short for you to get your reply to us by that date.

We are now about ready to send out certain recommendations to our voters in the Fifth District. However, it will be impossible for us to make intelligent recommendations with reference to candidates for Congress until we get your reply to our communication of Sept. 21.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary

Comment : Up to this date (Oct. 21) we have not received a reply to either of these letters.

300 West University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida
October 14, 1946

Mr. Harry T. Moore,
Executive Secretary,
Progressive Voters League of Florida,
Box 4,
Mims, Florida.

Dear Mr. Moore :

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 12th. As a Republican my stand on the poll tax and the FEPC should go without question. Time and again I have spoken on these subjects before NAACP meetings over the state.

I particularly refrained in assembling my platform from mentioning any particular matters sponsored by any group so that I would not have to try to satisfy every group. You can appreciate what a dilemma one can get in by doing that. For instance, the Legion, the Townsendites, the Drys, the Farmers Co-operative, Women's Equal Right Organization, the Union, and others have all wanted me to make some mention of their particular interest.

I have been very gratified by the responses that I have received from over the state from your group assuring me of their support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Harry Schad

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Comment :

Above is a copy of Atty. Schad's reply to our letter of Oct. 12. You will note that no mention is made of anti-lynching legislation.

Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary

1. J. C. Martin

2. Mrs. Emma Martin

3. Mrs. Cora Bradley

4. G. W. M. S. Reed

Mims, Florida
October 24, 1946

Dear Co-workers :

As most of you know, the Progressive Voters' League of Florida was organized in Lake Wales, August 31, 1944, under the auspices of the NAACP State Conference. The League has gradually grown in strength and prestige, and it is now a chartered organization.

The Progressive Voters' League is devoted to the cause of good government for ALL the people. It believes in the principle of "men and measures", rather than blind allegiance to any one political party. The League has devoted much of its energy to the problem of getting Democratic primaries opened to Negro voters, because we fully realize that practically all of our city, county, state, and federal officials in Florida are actually elected in these primaries. The League is designed primarily to stimulate wholesome political activity among Negro citizens. It will study the records and attitudes of candidates for various offices, and will make recommendations to voters on the basis of such records.

The Progressive Voters' League is now launching a campaign for members. Membership cards will be issued to each member who pays a dollar annual membership fee. Fees will be divided on the same basis used by the NAACP: 50¢ to the local organization and 50¢ to the State League. In case there is a district voters' league, the local organization will send 50¢ to the State League headquarters. The State League, in turn, will send 10¢ to the district treasury.

Membership cards are now available at the State League Headquarters, box 4, Mims. The cards are properly signed, and the local secretary can easily write in the name of each member. Let us know the number of cards you need now. You will keep a close check and be able to return any cards that are not used.

In making membership reports, please make money order to the treasurer, G. D. Rogers, Tampa. Be sure to mail the order to the executive secretary at Mims.

Local political and civic clubs may become affiliates of the State Voters' League and may issue membership cards as directed above. NAACP branches may do likewise, if there is not ~~at~~ a local voters' league organized in your community.

Sincerely yours,

Harry D. Moore
Harry D. Moore, Executive Secretary
Box 4, Mims

Milton F. Hooks, President
1135 Pierce St., Clearwater

Mims, Florida
January 23, 1947

Dear Co-workers :

Notice is hereby given that the Progressive Voters' League of Florida, Inc., will hold a state-wide meeting at Mt. Olive A. M. E. Church on West Washington Street, Orlando, Saturday, February 1, at 11:00 A. M. All persons interested in the political welfare of Florida Negro citizens are cordially invited to attend this one-day meeting.

The Progressive Voters' League was organized primarily to help stimulate wholesome political activity among Negro citizens, and to help secure the unrestricted use of the ballot for all Florida citizens, without regard to race or creed. The Progressive Voters' League is not promoting any foreign "isms". We stand for American Democracy, pure and simple. We believe, like Patrick Henry, that "taxation without representation is tyranny". We believe, like Thomas Jefferson, "that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed -". We believe in the Constitution of the United States - including the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments. We believe that all citizens have a right to participate freely in the affairs of their government. We believe that inasmuch as American citizens of all colors and creeds have sacrificed freely to help win the recent struggle for democracy, all should share equally the fruits of victory.

Unfortunately, there are certain forces at work in Florida who would undermine the true principles of American Democracy, as expounded by Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln. These forces are preaching the doctrines of foreign "isms", whereby the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution would be ignored, and certain citizens would be restricted in their use of the ballot, just because of their racial origin. We must get together and devise plans to combat these evil forces. Liberal-minded citizens of all colors must co-operate in an effort to secure and maintain a more practical application of the ~~old~~ democratic principle of "government of the people, for the people, and by the people".

Rev. H. McNeal Harris, 418 West Washington Street, is pastor of the local church and chaplain of the Progressive Voters' League. Mrs. Viola T. Hill, 626 West Washington Street, is vice president of the League.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore

Hilton P. Rooks, President
1135 Pierce St., Clearwater

Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary