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We should be very glad to carry out your wishes, however, in any way that we possibly can. Yours very truly,

Booker T. Washington

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To Samuel Sidney McClure

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama Oct. 29, 1909

Dear Sir: I have read with interest your letter of September 30th, and have considered the article in McClure's Magazine to which you referred.¹ It is hard for me to believe that Europe is in such imminent danger as your article suggested. But were it so, I do not believe the world's peace can be permanently maintained at the present time by force. Do not understand by what I have said that I do not appreciate the enormous importance to the world of peace, but it seems to me that that peace can only be maintained at the present time by organizing those particular interests in the world, that are dependent upon the world's peace for their success. Very truly yours,

Booker T. Washington

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¹ An article in *McClure's Magazine* for October 1909 by the London correspondent of the *New York Sun* predicted a probable war between Germany and England in the near future. To prevent this, McClure proposed that the United States organize an alliance against Germany, through which the United States would become "the dominating nation of the world." (McClure to BTW, Sept. 30, 1909, Con. 896, BTW Papers, DLC.)

Emmett Jay Scott to Frederick Randolph Moore

[Tuskegee, Ala.] Nov. 1, 1909

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Dear Fred: Judge Gibbs has telegraphed us as follows: "Registered 'Banquet Speech' Age Oct. 20. Money order. Wrote 24th. No re-