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¹ Charles H. Fearing was assistant secretary to the principal of Tuskegee Institute from 1908 until after BTW's death. He also served as associate editor of the *Tuskegee Student*.

To Hugh Mason Browne

New York, May 1, 1909

Dear Mr. Browne: Dr. Du Bois has really a very fine and sensible article in the May *World's Work*.¹ What would you think of having the Committee send it out? I do not know how Du Bois would take such a suggestion nor how the members of the Committee would take it. Du Bois is such a big dunce that one never knows how to take him, but I have an idea that he is learning a little sense but I am not sure of this. Yours very truly,

Booker T. Washington

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¹ W. E. B. Du Bois, "Georgia Negroes and Their Fifty Millions of Savings," *World's Work*, 18 (May 1909), 11550-54. Du Bois concluded that savings banks and ownership of land were keys to the economic emancipation of blacks.

To George Washington Carver

Hotel Manhattan, New York, May 2, 1909

My dear Mr. Carver: I have received your letter bearing upon the poultry yard, also your report of the analysis of the eggs. I confess that the report does not interest me over-much. What I want you to do is to devise some means by which you can get fowls. These reports which simply discuss matters pro and con do not help you in your getting of young fowls. I hope that you will buckle down to it and make a real earnest effort to have the poultry yard succeed. We have done everything that you have asked us to do. The poultry yard was built according to your directions, and I am sure we have bought everything in the way of eggs and fowls that you wanted; it only remains now for you to determine whether or not you can raise poultry.