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I can see no reason why we cannot get some results from the geese and ducks. With the large number of geese and ducks on hand we ought to have two or three hundred young ones of each kind, but as it is we have almost nothing. Certainly we are not being troubled with the sore head, neither should there be any trouble about the eggs of the geese and ducks. I think what is most needed is for you to make an earnest effort to master the incubators so as to get some young fowls out of the eggs. Nobody in the South has such an excellent chance to show what can be done in raising poultry as you have right now at Tuskegee, and I hope that you can bring about results. The weather is unusually cool, and I am sure that you can with safety use the incubators up until the 20th or 25th of June.

You will remember that it was at your request that we stopped buying eggs from a distance.

A good many people have the idea that we are not able to put in practice what is taught in the class room in the agricultural teaching. Here is an excellent chance for you to show that you cannot only give instruction in the class room in poultry raising but you can actually get results in the poultry yard.

The poultry yard was moved from the old site because you said it was wholly unsuited for raising poultry, and this I agreed with, but certainly none of the excuses that existed in the old yard can apply to the present site.

I think if everybody will simply stop thinking and talking about difficulties and what prevents success and go to talking and working in the direction of getting chickens and at the same time be determined to get them regardless of difficulties that you will succeed.
Yours truly,

[Booker T. Washington]

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From Emmett Jay Scott

St Vincent: Cape Verde Islands: May 3, '09

My Dear Mr. Washington: I am pleased to report our safe arrival at this port. The trip out was pleasant in every way. The weather