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Stewart and Fred R. Moore, New York; J. Solomon Gaines<sup>4</sup> (selected by Lewis) Boston; Phil Waters, W.Va.; Harry S. Cummings, Maryland; J. J. Jones,<sup>5</sup> Ohio; Major R. R. Jackson, Illinois and Bush of Little Rock, Ark. We were allowed a stenographer and two clerks for our headquarters. Lewis at once named one clerk (a society friend, of Boston) and Tyler named the other — (his son, Ralph, Jr.). This left Moore and Stewart, and the New York friends, with only the stenographer to name, and as you know, stenographers must be selected for ability, which shuts out an opportunity to take care of any of our political friends. However, I mean to have this force considerably enlarged before long. Mr. H. authorized the Committee to incur expenses to the extent of \$2,000. I insisted that each bureau of the National Committee, such as Press, Speakers, etc., etc., be at once notified that all matters concerning colored voters should be referred to this Advisory Committee, and that the person who had handled colored matters be at once directed to “knock off.” We are getting out literature. Have Mr. Scott help us all he can, for now that we have eliminated Manning, it is up to us to make good.

The Roosevelt story was explained by me just as you have explained it. When it was mentioned here, I stated, that in my opinion, you had accidentally encountered him, as I happened to know that Chehaw was the station at which persons traveling over the Southern must change for Tuskegee.

W. H. Ellis, the Duke of Abyssinia, phoned me the other day, informing me that Wetmore had told him that my relentless enmity had again defeated his aspirations, and that while Lewis, Cobb, Terrell and Tyler were all for him for chief of the negro bureau, I had knocked him out.

Thanks for the considerate courtesy which prompted you to send me the “Man farthest down.” I will read it with much interest, and am confident that I will gain much pleasure and information from it.  
Yours truly,

Charles W. Anderson

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<sup>4</sup> Joseph Lawrence Jones, born in 1868, graduated from Gaines High School in Cincinnati in 1886 and from Sheldon Business College in 1909. After teaching in Kentucky, Texas, and Ohio for five years, Jones was deputy recorder of Hamilton County (1890-95) and deputy county clerk (1895-1904). He also was principal of the Douglass Night School in Cincinnati (1897-1904). In 1902 Jones founded the Central Regalia Co. to provide for the growing needs of black fraternal organiza-