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certainly furnish the newspapers with a basis for some rather sensational reports. I think the Governor would be much more inclined to accept an invitation to meet and speak to a few selected people without the luncheon than he would to attend any affair of that character. Of course, as I wrote you before, I think the chances are about even as to our succeeding or failing.

If Mr. Crane would be inclined to take the matter up with him directly, I think it would be much better than my seeing Mr. Wilson. At any rate, I shall wait to hear from you before attempting to see him or to go further in the matter.

I know Mr. Wilson personally. He is interested in our work, but just what he will be inclined to do just now, I am not sure. Of course, it may be possible to have the luncheon without my presence, and in that case, I should be just as well satisfied. Yours very truly,

Booker T. Washington

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A List of Pledges
to the Tuskegee Institute Five-Year Fund

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In order to relieve Mr. Washington of the burden of raising such large amounts annually for the Tuskegee Institute, we, the undersigned, hereby agree to contribute the amounts set opposite our names annually for five years, commencing with 1912, providing that a total amount of \$50,000.00 per annum is subscribed on this basis:

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Mrs. Charles E. Mason, Readville, Mass.	5,000.00
Hon. Seth Low, 30 E. 64th St., New York, N.Y.	1,000.00
Mr. W. L. Pierce, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.	500.00
Mr. C. A. Coffin, 30 Church St., New York, N.Y.	1,000.00