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The woman has a bad reputation here. She is certainly not the sort of character to come in contact with our girls. She is on the sensational "New Woman" order.

I should certainly be sorry to see Mrs. Mason connected with Tuskegee in any way at all. Respectfully,

Ida T. McCall

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¹ Samuel Somerville Hawkins Washington.

To James B. Stone

[Tuskegee, Ala.] 5, 6, 1898

My dear sir: Replying to your favor of April 29th I beg to say that, I find myself in entire sympathy with the sentiments of your letter. I feel, and have felt, that the present war offers an opportunity for the colored man in the South to give to the government an example of patriotism that would not be lost upon it, but unfortunately the quota apportioned to the several states has been made up entirely of white volunteers, the governors of nearly all the Southern states having declined to accept colored volunteers, the state of Alabama, however, and the one exception if I remember right, has only agreed to accept two companies of 86 men each. As for myself, I offered to raise a regiment among the colored people of the Gulf states, but this matter has been placed entirely in the hands of the governors of the several states as you are well aware. I regret very much that it is not possible for us to co-operate in the grand work of freeing the oppressed of Cuba from the thralldom which has held them, but it is a condition and not a theory which confronts us. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

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