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ferred Smith a minor position in the Internal Revenue department in Texas not very long ago. If Smith was worthy at that time to be given a minor position he is also worthy I think you will agree with me, to be given a higher position at the present time.

The charges sent you by various parties in Texas recently are the same old charges made months ago, they were merely re-dated.

Smith, on my advice, has agreed to make an earnest effort to bring about peace and harmony in Texas between the different elements, and I believe that if he is given this appointment that it will go a long ways toward settling matters in that state.

I am watching matters closely in Mississippi, and I believe that Mr. Wilson will soon have things in that state in a shape for proper delegates to be secured. Yours truly,

B.T.W.

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From Emmett Jay Scott

[Tuskegee, Ala.] 7/1-02

Dear Mr. Washington: I have kept track pretty well of newspaper comment with reference to your relations with President Roosevelt. I do not seem to notice anything that is ominous, or to be feared. It seems to me — and I have tried to think of the matter in an entirely judicial way that you need *only* & *most* to have it understood that you are serving your race — and the President when you help him to select colored men of worth for places to which he intends appointing black men. Of course there are going to be some people who are antagonistic to *any colored man* for any place — whether he be a man of character, or not; with these I do not think you need unduly concern yourself. I do not believe that the work of the school is going to be damaged by reason of the President's dependence upon you for advice regarding these appointments. You have friends among the newspaper correspondents at Washington. If you could talk to one or two of them — *Oh!* for one if he can be reached — and have them strongly urge that your audiences with the President are at *his* request & that your relation has nothing to