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To Robert Todd Lincoln¹

[Tuskegee, Ala.] January 2, 1903

My dear Sir: I very much hope that you can find time to read the enclosed statement in regard to the treatment, on one of your cars, of a young colored man, a graduate of a college in Iowa, and one of the most intelligent a[n]d refined men that I have met. It does seem to me that a rich and powerful corporation like yours could find some way to extend in some degree, protection to the weak. I believe it is possible to settle this matter in a business-like, high-toned way and not humiliate passengers in the way that the present policy or system permits. Yours truly,

[Booker T. Washington]

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¹ Robert Todd Lincoln (1843-1926), son of Abraham Lincoln, was U.S. Secretary of War (1881-85), U.S. minister to Great Britain (1889-93), and president of the Pullman Co. (1897-1911).

From Cassius Carter¹

San Diego, California Jany. 6. 1903

My dear Mr. Washington: I want to congratulate you upon the splendid impression you made in San Diego. Especially do I want to thank you for the realization brought to me personally that the education and moral uplifting of the Negro will reconcile the white man to his presence. Really, it is the inconsequential characteristics of the negro that mostly offend — loud-talking, assumption; more so than some serious shortcomings. I wish there were some strong energy working upon the Anglo-Saxon as you on yr. side, awakening his sense of justice, and stimulating his patience. Don't trouble to answer this note. I am very sincerely yr. friend,

Cassius Carter

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