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I had already taken up the matter of your sister, and Mr. Bruce has written her regarding the possibility of her being able to do primary work. If she can do it I think we can give her a position.

The only thing in the way of inviting Forbes is this: Du Bois is very sensitive on the question as to who shall be invited, in fact I very much fear he is trying to find an excuse to absent himself, and I have the feeling rather strongly that if Forbes is invited since he has made a break with Trotter that Du Bois will object, for he does not object to saying that we are trying to pack the conference with people who are thinking in a certain direction. I shall talk this phase of the question over with you when I see you. Yours truly,

[Booker T. Washington]

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¹ I. D. Barnett.

To Timothy Thomas Fortune

[Tuskegee, Ala.] December 3, 1903

My dear Mr. Fortune: I have received your kind letter regarding the progress you are making in reference to the Washington meeting and am very glad to hear what you are doing. There is one point, however, I want to press with a good deal of emphasis, and that is that you make no effort beyond securing the few men who are absolutely necessary for its control. Of course if Hayes can get the other people there in response to his own efforts, it will be your plan to work in cooperation with him and with them, but you ought not to take the burden of securing men who could not come but for your efforts, aside from those we have decided upon.

I shall be passing through Washington next Sunday night. Yours truly,

[Booker T. Washington]

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