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To Theodore Roosevelt

[Tuskegee, Ala.] March 1, 1904

Am sure real conditions in Louisiana being kept from you. Matters there in very bad shape. Every principle of justice for which you stand being overturned and disregarded. If not checked dissatisfaction will fast spread among colored people in other states. I am taking measures to put the real facts before you after careful investigation as to conditions in the state and as to Cohen.

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To Timothy Thomas Fortune

Tuskegee, Alabama. March 1, 1904

My dear Mr. Fortune: I presume you have read my letter on lynching which was recently sent out through the Associated Press. You will be surprised to know that I have just received the following telegram from Wilkins: "Just read your splendid protest against burning. Like it. Send your latest cut at once. D. R. Wilkins."

In this connection I wish to call your attention to what I have said in "Up from Slavery" on the subject of lynching; you will find what I have said on Monday is no stronger than what I said three years ago. I mention this because Wilkins and his crowd are going to attempt to say that they have driven me to this utterance. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

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To Wilford H. Smith

[Tuskegee, Ala.] March 3, 1904

Dear Mr. Smith: I rather suspect that the law which requires that all poll taxes shall be paid by February 1st might work against any