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trouble in the state of Mississippi as in any state in the South or in the Union. Matters have gone well there because almost without exception you have followed the recommendations of Mr. Edgar S. Wilson and everybody knows you intend to stand by him so long as he is right. There will be no trouble in Alabama if the same policy is carried out, that is if it becomes thoroughly understood that you intend to stand by Mr. Thompson and Mr. Scott so long as they are right everything else will settle itself; otherwise, all the hard work a number of us have tried to do in order to put things in decent condition in this state will count for little. Yours Sincerely

[Booker T. Washington]

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<sup>1</sup> Internal evidence suggests that the document was drafted after the November presidential election. BTW visited the White House on November 19 and December 21. During this time his headquarters was the Crawford House in Boston.

<sup>2</sup> Illegible word.

## To Franz Boas

Crawford House, Boston, Mass. December 9, 1904

My Dear Sir: Replying briefly to your letter, I would state it is a very difficult thing to give my impression of the young man, that would be of much value, without knowing more about him, than I do.

Judging by what you state in your letter and knowing what I do, I cannot rid myself of the feeling that the course which he is planning to take, will be of little value to him.

At the present time I know of so many cases where young colored men and women would have done well had they thoroughly prepared themselves for teachers, some kind of work in the industries, or in the applied sciences, but instead, they have made the mistake of taking a course that had no place [of] practical benefit, or in the