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## To Theodore Roosevelt

[New York City] November 2, 1906

*Personal.*

My dear Mr. President: The enclosed extract is taken from a letter written by Ex-Governor Candler (not Chandler) and was published in the Washington Post, September 1st, 1899. I think you are safe in using it.

Enclosed, I also send a marked copy of The Montgomery Advertiser, containing a recent address delivered in Montgomery in which I spoke out against Negro crimes, even more strongly than you have done.

If you possibly can avoid doing so, I very much hope you will not take definite action regarding the Negro soldiers in the Brownsville affair, until after your return from Panama. There is some information which I must put before you before you take final action.

I think that what you are trying to say regarding crime and education is going to accomplish a great deal of good. Very truly yours,

[Booker T. Washington]

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## From Whitefield McKinlay

Washington, D.C., 11/2/[190]6

*Personal*

Dr Mr Washington Imagine my surprise & mortification when approached by Dr Atwood<sup>1</sup> tonight & asked whether a secret conference was held at my house on Tuesday at 3 P.M. to go over the question of the Presdts message on lynching. When I disclaimed all knowledge of it, he then offered to bet \$50.00 that he could name those present & tell what occurred. He came so near the facts that I concluded that some one leaked & it merely surpasses what so many of us painfully know that a colored man cant keep a secret.

I am utterly at a loss to know who is the guilty one. Atwood re-