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From James Jenkins Dossen

New York July 3, 1908

My Dear Doctor Washington This is to say good bye to you and Mrs. Washington. We will sail D. V for Liberia tomorrow morning. I expect to be a fortnight in Hamburg and to reach Liberia about the 12th. Aug. D. V.

I trust I shall hear from you often and that our friendship will become more intimate. On behalf of the Liberian Government I thank you for the very valuable help you have given the Commission which shall be prominently mentioned in our report and I hope some action taken there on to record the nation's appreciation. I just received an English paper this morning in which you are prominently mentioned in relation with the Commission.

I hope to take up the question of sending some Liberians to Truskegee at the meeting of the next Legislature. Yours Sincerely

James J Dossen

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To William Howard Taft

Tuskegee, Ala., July 7, 1908

Personal and confidential leading men of our race feel Mr. Hitchcock would be proper man to place in charge and hope he will be selected with Mr. Vorys assisting in Chicago or elsewhere very much hope that plan will be carried out having strong colored man on executive committee in New York and one on committee in Chicago if possible.

Booker T. Washington

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