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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OFFICE OF EXPERIMENT STATIONS  
Washington, D. C.

*Dr. Dabney*  
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February 27, 1899.

Dr. Chas. W. Dabney,  
Maxwell House,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Dabney:

.....This Department has always been absolutely opposed to the division of the Morrill and Hatch funds except in the case of the separate colored institutions provided for in the Morrill act. Our opposition to such division is stronger now than ever before, since every added year of experience shows more clearly the folly of the maintenance of a number of weak institutions in any one State or Territory with these funds. The Morrill and Hatch funds when kept together are by no means sufficient for the proper maintenance of a first class college of agriculture and mechanic arts and agricultural experiment station. Instead of dividing these funds, the States and Territories should do what they can to supplement them in order that these institutions may be made as strong as practicable and put upon a sound and enduring basis. Every attempt made by a State or Territory to divide these funds, or to do anything which indicates a vacillating policy regarding the institutions receiving the benefits of the Morrill and Hatch acts, is regarded by us as a serious menace to the continuance of appropriations by Congress for this purpose.

Very truly yours,

A. C. True,

Director.