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Dr. Cleckley:

I sincerely regret that I was not able to attend the first meeting on the Commission for Blacks. I wish that I could state that I will definitely attend the meeting on the 25th of February; however, I can not. I have a class this quarter at the exact hours of the scheduled meeting.

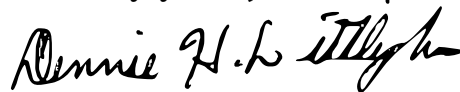
In addition to this, Mr. Earl Graves, publisher and editor of Black Enterprise will be arriving on that date to speak to the student body as part of our Black History Month Program. I hope that members of the Commission will attend his presentation.

I ask that you do not consider my lack of attendance as an indication that I am not concerned; I am certainly concerned about all areas of Black life on this campus. My main concern at present is developing a highly underfunded Black Cultural Center that can truly make a contribution to the people of the State of Tennessee. It is no easy task as I am sure that you are aware.

I do not understand the last item on the list of Specific Issues and/or areas to be examined by the Commission for Blacks. There was no mention of this item in the minutes of the first meeting, so I assume someone submitted it at a later date. I don't understand the use of the phrase "The prognosis for the continued existence of the Black Cultural Center." It seems out of place.

Congratulations are in order for the job you are doing in establishing this Commission.

Sincerely yours,



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