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Dean Willis Armistead
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Dear Bill:

Enclosed is correspondence which I have received in response to inquiry about the SREB contractual relationship at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Tuskegee Institute.

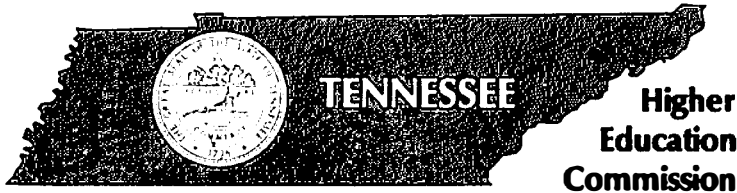
I would be interested in understanding from your perspective whether there are additional questions which the Commission might wish to raise concerning the situation.

Sincerely,

Betty J. Cleckley
Chairperson,
The Commission for Blacks

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Dear Dr. Cleckley:

At the request of Mrs. Myra Robinson of my staff, I called you today in follow-up response to your recent inquiry about the SREB funded spaces at Tuskegee Institute.

I was very sorry to learn of the death in your family. I thought perhaps a letter might transmit some information.


As the School of Veterinary Medicine opened at UTK, we did discontinue two SREB contractual relationships at Auburn University and Ohio State University, but on counsel of SREB have retained two spaces at Tuskegee. Though I think we will eventually want to phase those out as well, SREB folks suggested that we might want to keep them open for a short while.

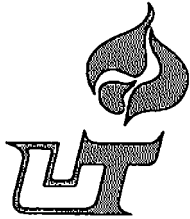
I would not think that the temporary maintenance of those opportunities would interfere in any way with the opportunity for blacks to be admitted to the UTK school. The choice of attending Tuskegee is very much a student option and is no way mandated by the potential existence of a support relationship.

To illustrate this further, let me mention another SREB relationship. We currently maintain 40 SREB spaces in medicine at Meharry Medical College and are recommending an increase in those -- even though we have one public medical school in operation and another one about to begin operation.

I hope that you may find these brief reflections helpful. But please call if I have failed to satisfy your concern.

Sincerely,

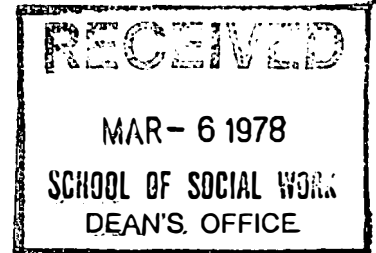

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Dear Betty:

Mr. Bogue's letter misses the point. The fourth paragraph is illustrative; notice the words "opportunity" and "student option."

That the UT College of Veterinary Medicine has an equal opportunity program has not been questioned. It is affirmative action that we are concerned with. When there are so few blacks interested in veterinary medicine, permitting Tennessee black students to attend Tuskegee, while insisting that Tennessee white students attend UT, presents one more handicap to our recruitment of blacks.

The Meharry example is not analogous; Meharry is a Tennessee institution.

Since THEC indicates that the Tuskegee arrangement is temporary, and since we are not familiar with SREB's reasons for recommending continuation of the Tuskegee arrangement, perhaps we should just drop the matter - for now.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

W. W. Armistead
Dean

cc: Dr. Grau