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MEMO TO: Mr. Hardy Liston, Jr.
FROM: Roy F. Knight
RE: Task Force on Blacks

This is just to share a few preliminary thoughts concerning the Task Force and its areas of involvement. I have arrived at the following partial list of issues we might consider that are particularly related to the Knoxville campus.

- Courses, advising
- Employment opportunity on campus -- students, staff, and faculty
- University programs -- semi-academic, non-academic, the arts
- Student activities, organizations
- Social clubs, organizations
- Student Center use
- Black culture programs -- center
- Black recruitment
- Scholarships
- Athletics and recreation time activity
- Blacks and dormitories

I perceive that in surveying each of these areas we may discover three basic potential types of problems. There are cases which may involve at least implicit denial of access to Blacks, cases involving simply a moderate difficulty of access, and cases where too much attention may be producing the tendency toward isolation by misapplied emphasis. Implicit in these comments perhaps is my feeling that the unifying thrust of our concern is the matter of bringing Blacks into as full an unselfconscious involvement with university life as is possible.

I look forward to participating in the work ahead of us.

RFK