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Letter Requesting Material Collected by Task Force

Commission for Blacks

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Dear Betty:  

I have reached a major stumbling block in formulating an agenda for my subcommission on student academic and financial affairs—the absence of the material collected by the Task Force on Blacks. Quite frankly, I do not understand why this essential data has not been made readily available to us, and I hesitate to convene my subcommission without it. In general, as a historian, I like to have all the available evidence in hand before I begin any task. In this case in particular, however, such procedure is absolutely necessary, otherwise we are liable to waste valuable time, energy, and money re-investigating and restating what has already been done. Such redundancy is both wasteful and absurd. Please urge those responsible to release immediately, if not a completed report, at least the data and any accompanying tentative evaluations to us so that we can get on with the task at hand.

Yours truly,

John H. Morrow, Jr.