

Danville, Kentucky
January 24, 1949.

To Members of the Faculty:

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1. Where were you born--Atlanta, Ga.-----?
2. Sex--Male-----Are you married--Yes-----Do you have children--Two---?
3. Were there Negroes, Mexicans or Jewish students at the universities you have attended--Only Jewish at U.T. and at N.C. (to my knowledge), no Negroes at these. Negroes at Cornell U.-----?
4. Please rank them in order of tolerance and sympathy as of that period I had little association, but I imagine my tolerance and now Moderate-----? would have been moderate.
5. Would you participate in a professional program where Negroes, Mexicans or Jewish people have been scheduled to appear--Yes-----?
6. Do you favor the admittance of Negroes or other widely divergent races to Centre College--No-----?
7. Would you have a positive or negative attitude toward such individuals if I were teaching them, I were they in your classes don't think I would discriminate; but I wouldn't choose to teach them in the 1st place (Negroes, I mean.)
8. Do you accept the President's Civil Rights Program in whole or in part--In part-----?
9. Do you favor separate educational facilities for Negroes on the college and university levels--Yes.-----?
10. Do you accept or reject the principles of the Fair Employment Practice Act--Accept-----?
11. Would you attend a lecture or concert by some outstanding Negro personality--Yes-----?
12. Would you attend a dinner at the annual meeting of your professional society where Negroes, Indians or Mexicans were expected to be there--Yes-----?
13. Would you be willing for any of the above groups to be a member of your church congregation--I suppose so-----?
14. Would you be willing to serve on the following bodies with members of the Negro race: juries, faculties, church governing boards, Congressional committees, faculty committees and professional group committees. Please underscore the ones acceptable if any.
15. Please add in one paragraph of 100 words or less your opinion of the Negro and the problem he presents as our largest minority group.
16. Please add anything further that might add to the value of the opinions being gathered.

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I have no quarrel with the Negro race. I think as highly of its intelligent, principled, and talented members as I do of similar members of any race. I do not care to mix (indiscriminately) with the Negro socially, especially not in his present cultural condition, though I am not sure I should care to do so under any conditions. I am not antagonistic toward the race, however, but, if anything, sympathetic with its problems, economic, social, and civil.

I do think the Negro presents a real social problem, and that this problem must be recognized more disinterestedly by the nation and something done about it as soon as possible. The inequalities should be rectified both for the sake of the Negro and for the sake of the national security and welfare.

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