

CENTRE COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY
DANVILLE, KENTUCKY

October 18, 1954

President Leo Eddleman
Georgetown College
Georgetown, Kentucky

Dear President Eddleman:

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1. Does your present policy permit you to accept qualified Negro applicants?

So far no racial barriers have been imposed in recent decades.

2. If the policy does permit the acceptance of such applications, are there any particular requirements governing the acceptance of Negro students, or are Negro students accepted on the same basis as all others?

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3. Are there any Negro students enrolled in your institution this year?

No

usual transcript of credits, recommendation of local pastor, etc.

4. If your present policy does not permit you to accept qualified Negro applicants, is it planned to alter that policy to enable you to do so? _____
If such is the plan when do you expect it to be put into effect? _____

Very sincerely yours,

Walter A. Groves

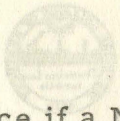
Walter A. Groves
President

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We do not know what would take place if a Negro applicant should present himself. The administration would record his acceptance, though the trustees would doubtless expect to take action themselves one way or another.

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