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August 17, 1964



Dr. Fred C. Cole
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Dear Dr. Cole:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 13, 1964, enclosing a copy of a letter to you from Randolph D. Rouse and a draft of a proposed reply to him. You have asked for my comment.

I am naturally quite reluctant to presume to make any suggestions in respect of the draft of reply which I know you have so carefully prepared. However, since you requested my observations I give them.

I would suggest that the third and last sentence of the third paragraph of your draft be revised to read as follows:

If and when a Negro shall make application for admission to the University, his application will be handled as are all others. The Committee on Admissions will review the application and if, in the unbiased judgment of the Committee, the applicant is found to be qualified in all respects indicated in the catalogue and on a competitive basis with other applicants he will be admitted.

I would suggest that the fourth paragraph of your draft be omitted entirely. I am sending a copy of this letter to Doctor Hutcheson.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Homer A. Holt

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CC: Dr. J. Morrison Hutcheson

August 13, 1964

The Honorable Homer A. Holt
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Charleston 22, West Virginia

Dear Governor Holt:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter that I have received from Randolph D. Rouse. Also enclosed is a proposed reply to him upon which I would appreciate having your comments, if any. I have written to Dr. Hatcheson and, as you will note from the additional enclosure, I have told him that I am asking for your comments. It is my intention, if this letter meets with the approval of the Trustees, to use it as a model for replying to other inquiries that may come to me.

I hope all goes well with you and yours.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Fred C. Cole