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November 8, 1955

Honorable T. Justin Moore  
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Dear Justin:

I thank you for your letter of November 2.

I talked to Dr. Gaines on the phone the latter part of last week, and he advised me that he was just starting on a trip to the Southwest which would take him away from his office for approximately two weeks, but that upon his return he would get in touch with the presidents of some of the southern colleges and universities which have law schools. I suggested to him that if he could possibly do so it would be well for him to talk with your president, Dr. Modlin, before leaving. Whether he did reach Dr. Modlin, I do not know. That which prompted me to suggest to Dr. Gaines that he get in touch with Dr. Modlin before he (Dr. Gaines) went West, was that possibly Dr. Modlin could contact the presidents of some of the colleges and universities and enlist their interest for further consideration upon Dr. Gaines' return.

I also have a letter from Dean Clayton E. Williams of the Washington and Lee Law School, giving me the information, which I assume you already have, that the Association's procedure is for the vote to be taken by schools, each school having one vote which is cast by the dean or faculty member representing the school. So far as I presently know, your Dean Muse and our Dean Williams are the only deans who have taken any interest in the matter from the standpoint of opposition to Association interference. On the other hand, I have heard that some rather prominent southern law schools of private institutions, acting by their law faculties, have reached the conclusion that they will conform to the policy or requirement of the Association. This is not encouraging.

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I am sure Dean Williams and Dean Muse will speak strongly against the proposed action of the Association, but I do not know how far we should push them unless there should be some further support of their position in sight. This, I guess, we can determine after the respective presidents of our universities have made a few contacts.

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

h/d

Homer A. Holt.

bcc:

✓ Dr. Francis P. Gaines  
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November 11, 1955

The Honorable Homer A. Holt  
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Charleston 22, West Virginia

Dear Governor Holt:

I am writing simply to acknowledge receipt here of a copy of your letter of the 8th to Mr. Moore.

As you probably know, Dr. Gaines is on a trip to Texas at the present. He is to speak in Houston to members of the Southern Medical Association on the 14th, and on the way there he is working in a few visits to alumni chapters in Tennessee and Texas.

I shall bring your letter to his attention when he returns to the office at the end of next week.

With best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Secretary