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May 7, 1968

Dr. Benjamin Mays
3316 Pamlico Drive
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mays:

Under separate cover I am sending paperback editions of the two books you requested. The prices are marked on the covers. Obtaining the books required about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of my time.

According to my records, the only material still outstanding consists of several magazine articles included on the original list you sent. Please advise me if this is incorrect.

Best wishes,

Bob

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26 April 1968

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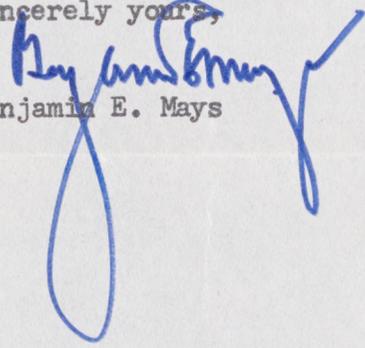
Dear Mr. Allen:

I think I should purchase the two books:
Elkins: SLAVERY: A PROBLEM IN AMERICAN INSTITUTIONAL AND
INTELLECTUAL LIFE; and Frank Tannenbaum: SLAVE & CITIZEN:
THE NEGRO IN THE AMERICAS. They are books I should have
in my library.

The Vintage Press is not in Atlanta. Please
have the Press send the two books to me and send bill.
I think they will do this. If not, pay for them and I
will refund you.

I will send a check for the 45 minutes fairly
soon. Do you plan to be here all of July?

Sincerely yours,


Benjamin E. Mays

bem/t

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April 23, 1968

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
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Dear Dr. Mays:

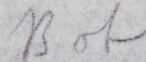
I talked with Charles Silberman about his Fortune article. I had to call several times before I was able to speak with him. Hence the delay.

Silberman said that the article was adapted from Chapter 4 of his book, Crisis in Black and White. All of the questions you asked were related, as it turned out, to references drawn from two books: Stanley Elkins, Slavery: A Problem in American Institutional and Intellectual Life; and Frank Tannenbaum, Slave and Citizen: The Negro in the Americas. The references to Jews in Nazi Germany and references to the Justinian Code are drawn from Elkins. All of the other references you mentioned are drawn from the Tannenbaum book. Silberman could not refer me to specific pages in these books as his note have become disarrayed. Both books, however, are available in Vintage paperback editions.

Please advise as to whether you would want to read these books in their entirety or should I extract the relevant information from them. If you would like copies of the books and they are not on sale in Atlanta, I could purchase them here.

I received the last two checks you sent. Total time involved in the Silberman research: 45 minutes.

Yours truly,



Robert L. Allon

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April 18, 1968

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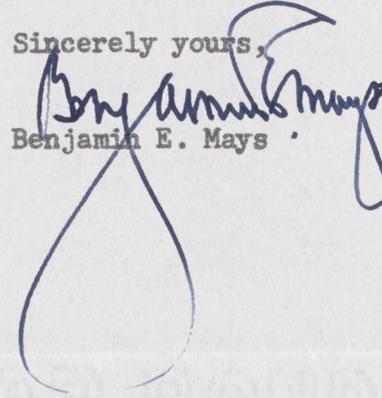
Dear Mr. Allen:

I am sending you two checks to cover the cost of duplicating and research and I believe this brings us up to date. If we have missed paying you for any time spent or expense occurred, please let me know, and it will be sent to you. I am also acknowledging receipt of the material sent in two packages about which you wrote on April 8.

I thank you for a job well done; and I look forward to seeing you about the end of June.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,


Benjamin E. Mays

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Two checks enclosed.

FOUR STAR BOND
SOUTHWORTH CO. U.S.A.
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Crisis in Black & white
Chapt. 4

Tannebaum has written
new recent book
track down

Call
Silberman
682-2427

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April four 1968

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Institutional & intellectual
Life Vintage (?) pbk

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am sending you a Xeroxed copy of an article, Chattel Law and the Negro, by Charles E. Silberman, which appeared in FORTUNE magazine in 1964. Here are the things that I would like for you to do:

1. Silberman quotes Stanley Elkins of the University of Chicago. I would like for you to trace this article or book by Elkins and give a synopsis of what he says about the Jews in the Nazi concentration camps. I would like to know the exact reference so that if I quote from Elkins I can give the exact source.
2. See what you can find about slavery in the Spanish and Portuguese colonies. I would like to be able to quote from an original source rather than from Silberman. The point he makes there is that slavery was considered a misfortune and not as a permanent thing as American slavery was designed to be.
3. Check the Justinian Code and see what you find on slavery. The Romans, as Silberman says, considered slavery as a normal condition of man, the result of accident and misfortune. I would like to have a specific reference for this. See if you can find that quotation from Seneca where he says: "A slave can be just, brave, magnanimous."
4. Silberman says, on Page 5 of the article, that South American law gave slaves the right to acquire and hold property and to buy their freedom. Trace that. Silberman quotes Professor Frank Tannebaum. See if you can find that quotation.
5. See if you can find an article on the Catholic Church and slavery. I take it that the Catholic Church recognized marriage among the slaves and therefore they could not be separated as was the case in Protestant America.
6. On Page 6, Silberman speaks of Catholic Portugal and Spain regarding slavery as a natural condition of man. See what you can find on that.

Slavery: A problem in Amn inst.

Frank Tannebaum
Slave & citizen:
The Negro in the Americas
Vintage pbk

Tannebaum or Elkins

Tannebaum

Columbia U.

I believe you said that anything further that I wanted you to do in New York should get to you before May.

recent Cornell U. press book
won sat. review prize
Comparison of slavery practices
thru 19th cent.

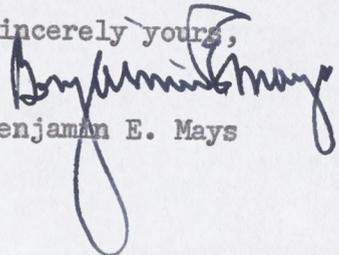
Robert Allen - Two - 4/4/68

Let me know when you could do some work for me in Atlanta. I think I have some research I need to have done in the State Library.

I am enclosing a check for \$44.00 in payment of the last number of hours you gave me. Please keep up with the hours you put in and let me know so that I can requisition Morehouse promptly for payment.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,


Benjamin E. Mays

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25 March 1968

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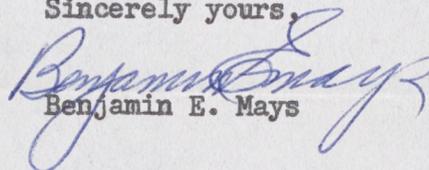
Dear Mr. Allen:

I have your letter of March 19. I will give up the references in the Century Magazine. I take it that you have research to do now only on copies of the New York Times referred to in your letter. Just how much more there will be for you to do in New York, I cannot say. I will send you some quotations next week for you to locate, giving the page, year the book was published, etc.

It is likely that I will be able to use your services during the months you are in Atlanta. We will keep in touch.

Even though you did not find the Century and Scribner Magazine, you spent time. Send in the hours.

Sincerely yours,


Benjamin E. Mays

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15 March 1968

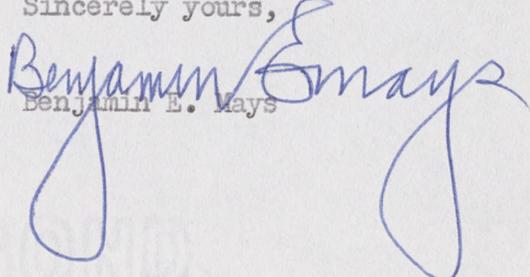
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Dear Mr. Allen:

As I wrote you on March 11, I am sending you a check
for \$61.00. I appreciate the prompt and efficient way
in which you are going about this work.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,


Benjamin E. Mays

bem/t

Check enclosed

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11 March 1968

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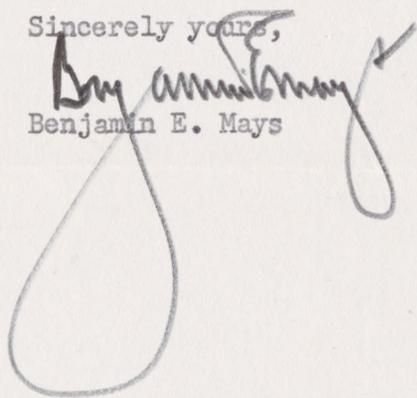
Dear Mr. Allen:

You may include the time spent getting to and from the Public Library since this is a special assignment you are doing and not your regular job. Subway fare and taxi fare should also be included. If you wish to submit time and cost in previous trips, you may do so.

As soon as the last requisition is honored at Morehouse, I will send you a check for \$61.00 - \$3.50 for the copies you made in the library and \$57.50 for the 11½ hours indicated in your letters of March 7th and 8th.

Please get copies of the four articles listed on the attached sheet from the 19th Century and the Century magazines.

Sincerely yours,


Benjamin E. Mays

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Enclosure

Couldn't
find

American Negro and His Place (E. L. Banks)
19th Century 46:459

Freedom's case in Equity (G. W. Hobbs)
Century 7:409

Reply to Cable (H. W. Grady)
Century 7:909

Negroes--How can we keep them? (T. W. Dudley)
Century 8:273

Nation Sept 14, 1865 325-27
will the Freed negro race at the South Die out?

American Negro and His Place (A. L. Davis)
1865

Freedom's Debt to Slavery (G. W. Hobbs)
1865

Right to Color (H. W. Gray)
1865

Negroes—How can we keep them (T. W. Bailey)
1865

March 7, 1968

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Dear Dr. Mays:

Enclosed are Xeroxed copies of the material you requested from the publication Outlook. The copies cost \$3.50 (receipt attached) and about an hour of my time was spent in obtaining them.

While getting these copies I made an important discovery. Some weeks ago when I telephoned the N.Y. Public Library I was informed that the library had no means of duplicating material recorded on microfilm. Hence the necessity for taping and transcribing. But yesterday I learned that I was misinformed and that microfilms can be enlarged and copied on paper. The process will cost about \$2.50 per page, but this is much cheaper than our present method. I have already taped some more material and it's now being typed up, but in the future I will employ the duplicating process.

Many thanks for writing a letter of recommendation, and also for the checks which you sent.

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4 March 1968

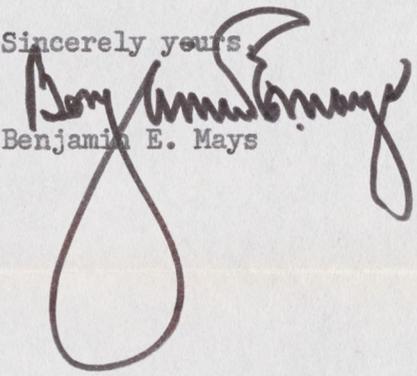
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Dear Mr. Allen:

I am very happy to send this check for \$80.00 for
the second report you sent me. I shall expect to
hear from you again soon.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

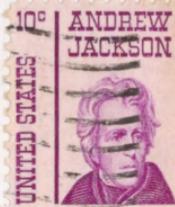
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Check enclosed

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Via Pam

Feb. 22, 1968

Bob —

This took me about 13 hours all together. I hope it is a clean enough copy. I forgot to tell you I am a very poor speller and have to look every thing up afterwards!

On the first article (May 5, 1867) I put penciled X marks next to the lines with words I wasn't sure whether to capitalize or not. On the others I didn't bother. If you think it's important, maybe you should look them over to check for capitals -

The transcribing was not at all difficult — and I found the articles very interesting — also your occasional chuckles and intonation — you should be an actor!

Judith

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11 January 1968

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Dear Mr. Allen:

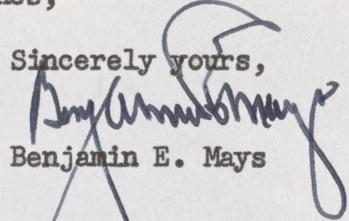
I will need someone to go through quite a few copies of the New York Times written at the close of the nineteenth century and some copies published early in the twentieth century. There is a place in New York where the micro-film copies of the New York Times are available.

If I send you the list, I am wondering if you or your wife or both of you could examine these copies for me. I want to know what the New York Times was saying about the racial situation in the South at the close of the century. It would be good if you or your wife could take shorthand, because I believe it would be much easier to copy a section having to do with the racial situation in shorthand and then have it typed rather than taping it, in which case it would still have to be taken down in shorthand from the tape and then typed.

We would be in position to pay you \$5.00 an hour for this work. Kindly let me know if you are interested and if you have the time to do it.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

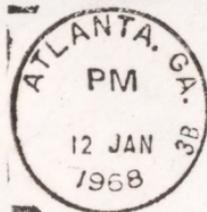

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