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Mr. C. L. Dellums, Chairman  
East Bay Division of the  
United Scottsboro Defense Com.  
1716 - 7th Street  
Oakland, Calif.,

Dear Friends:-

Please accept the sincerest thanks of  
our committee for the generous contribution sent  
us on July 6th.

Some time in March, we received informa-  
tion that an East Bay Scottsboro Defense Committee  
was formed, and should like to know if you represent  
the same organization. The name of the other person  
who wrote us at that time is Helen Dale Cohee.

We are glad to write you at present ad-  
vising of the excellent progress being made by our  
committee. An Alabama Scottsboro Committee has just  
been formed which is composed of some of the leading  
citizens of Alabama. They have been able to retain  
the services of outstanding counsel. Judge Callahan  
has been replaced by Judge Griffiths, whom the com-  
mittee feels will be as valuable to the case as Judge  
Horton was. The sentiment generally in Alabama is  
becoming much more sympathetic.

We feel now that there is a great deal  
of hope for the boys. However, our work must go on  
until the fight is won. We will write you from time  
to time advising you of new developments.

Sincerely yours,

SCOTTSBORO DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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East Bay Council  
National Negro Congress  
705 Peralta St.  
Oakland, Calif.  
Sept. 26, 1936.

C. L. Dellums  
Chairman of East Bay Scottsboro Defense Committee  
1718-7th Street  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Sir:

We wish to inform you that the Executive Committee, on Tuesday, September 21st, voted to affiliate with the East Bay Scottsboro Defense Committee. We are fully aware of the significance and importance of exhausting every effort to free these boys; however, we are sorry to announce that we are having a meeting of the East Bay Council of the National Negro Congress on the same night that the committee is to meet. We would like to request that, if possible, another night be arranged so we can participate and try to get organizations that are affiliated to the Congress to also work with the committee.

Yours for the liberty of the Scottsboro boys.

Sincerely yours,

*Ishmael P. Flory*  
Executive Secretary.

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12/18/37

December 18, 1937

Mr. Morris Shapiro, Secretary,  
Scottsboro Defense Committee  
112 E. 19th St.  
New York City

Dear friend:

Your communication on the Scottsboro Boys' tour only reached me several days ago. On the local Scottsboro Defense Committee, I do not represent the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters but I represent the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Due to an extended absence from the city, your communication did not reach me, and the local committee thought that the International Labor Defense would handle the Oakland date of December 29, and had planned to co-operate and help make that a big meeting.

Upon my return to the city I found that the I.L.D. had not arranged for the meeting. I wired Richard Moore in Chicago to make certain of his Oakland dates. I received a wire back from Mr. Moore from Milwaukee, saying that they would be here December 29 and 30. I immediately got in touch with the local Division of the I.L.D. and urged a meeting, pledging support. of the I.L.D. will now put on the meeting, and we are drawing support from all available organizations.

Due to the above mentioned conditions, we can not guarantee anything financially but will leave no stone unturned in trying to raise funds, and the only deductions will be for the printing of some leaflets. I realize that we have very little time to work up the meeting but I believe we can make a creditable showing. I am indeed sorry that I was absent from the city and could not see that this tour was properly prosecuted in our district. However, we will do the best we can under the circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

C.L.  
Dellman