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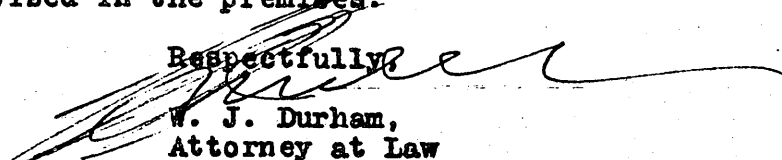
Attention: Mr. Thurgood Marshall

Dear Thurgood:

Find enclosed a copy of a letter, this day, mailed out to the leaders in Texas with reference to our state meeting to be held in Marshall. I believe I will be in a position to give Jim Nabrit the surprise of his life with reference to the number of Negroes who paid their poll tax in Texas this year. We have just concluded the campaign and from what the daily papers (white) have said about the Negroes paying poll tax, I think we have raised hell.

In the next thirty (30) days, I will be in a position to determine the exact number of Negro citizens who qualified to vote, for I am now having a committee in each county to obtain a list of the Negro voters and report the same to my office. Fortunately, in Texas, behind every voter on the list they indicate the nationality and it will not be difficult for me to determine the voting strength in Texas. I will keep you advised in the premises.

Respectfully,

  
W. J. Durham,  
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