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December 26th, 1940

Mr. O. L. Emerick  
Division Superintendent  
Leesburg, Virginia

My dear Mr. Emerick:

Mills won the case before the United States District Court. In my opinion, the deciding point was that the Board of Education, without a single exception, had made the colored teachers' pay lower than the white, which convinced the Judge that we were discriminating against the colored teachers.

After two days on the stand, the Judge asked me a very important question which was as follows: Can you truthfully say that your best colored teacher is not as good as your poorest white teacher? I am convinced that my answer to this question convinced the Judge of discrimination. On the whole, I believe that the white teachers of this County are far superior to the colored teachers but there are a few exceptional colored teachers who teach exceptionally well and a few of the white teachers who are below the average and whose teaching is exceptionally poor. I suppose the same thing exists in most any of the other counties.

I am inclosing a copy of the Judge's Opinion.

Sincerely yours,

*George Fox*  
George Fox  
County Superintendent

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