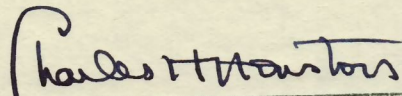


I am coming to Leesburg on Saturday, March 23, representing certain named clients in Loudoun County Parent-Teachers Association to inspect the minutes of the Board of Education and the receipt and disbursement records of the Loudoun County Schools from 1930 to date. The law of the Commonwealth gives this privilege to every citizen of the county. I see no reason why it should be considered hostile action that Negro citizens should desire to exercise this legal right.

If you are available for conference on Saturday, I would appreciate a chance to talk with you about the contents of my letter of March 16. I appreciate the difficulties of your position but cannot permit myself to allow such difficulties to excuse a violation of constitutional rights. I am quite sure that you will find this attitude still consistent with a reasonable approach to the problem.

Yours very truly,



Charles H. Houston