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November 16, 1944.

Mr. O. L. Emerick
Division Superintendant
of Loudoun County,
Loudoun County, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter dated October 20, 1944. Since receiving your letter I have had an investigation of the children named in my previous letter with reference to not having transportation. I have been advised that out of the twenty four children that do not have the transportation, many of them do not attend school and their excuse is that they get tired of walking. Now with all fairness to the school board I do not think this hardship should be placed upon the children.

I am mindful of your last letter in which you stated that the bus carrying white children and passed these children going to school, you had requested the driver to pick up these children but he had refused to do so. The only way I see to remedy this condition is to supply these children with a bus just the same as the white children, who have a bus.

I have discussed with a number of the parents about providing transportation for the children and I have been informed that there were no parents in that area that had sufficient transportation facilities. Since that does not seem to be any solution to the problem, my only concern is that the school board make sufficient provisions for these children in as much as we do have the dual system of the school. It is the duty of the school board to provide equal facilities for the school children and it is the school board's duty to provide equal transportation. I hope these conditions can be remedied without any unnecessary actions on the part of the parents to force their equal educational facilities.

No. 2 Mr. O. L. Emerick

You have received a letter from a number of the parents in Middleburg complaining of the crowded condition at Grant School. As they stated to you, there were two rooms of which ninety-six children had to be cared for by two teachers. Under these conditions, there is no way that these children can get adequate training. This condition should not exist and there is not any reason for such condition because there is ample space to enlarge the school building.

As attorney for these parents, I am requesting that this condition be remedied. It is not our intention to request anything that is not reasonable for the benefit of these children. We are only asking that you would do your duty and that you will provide an adequate building and sufficient teachers to teach the pupils that are enrolled in the school so that they will not become so discouraged that they will leave school at an early age.

Very truly yours,


JAMES H. RABY.

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December 5, 1944.

Mr. O. L. Emerick
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Loudoun County, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Emerick:

Replying to your letter dated November 21, 1944, with reference to the school situation in Loudoun County among the colored children, especially in St. Louis.

Replying to the first paragraph of your letter, I do not quite understand the statement that if my clients at Middlesburg are disposed to make a disposition of the matter of an addition to the present building, it will probably postpone for many years the erection of the new building. If you have something definitely in mind as to the erection of a school building--that is in the very near future--that will meet the approval of the parents in that area, but if you have in mind some building to be erected after the war is over, then I think the solution to that is to erect some temporary building so as to give adequate accommodation for those children, who do not have such school building.

It is not my desire nor the desire of the parents in the community to resort to court actions in order to have the necessary school facilities. It is always more agreeable to us to do our duty without having to be forced through court. If we have to resort to court actions it would mean a more expensive undertaking. Your statement that my threatening to have court actions in order to get the necessary facilities was not my intention. However, if you feel that that is the only way by which we can get equal school facilities in the county, then that is the only avenue opened to me.

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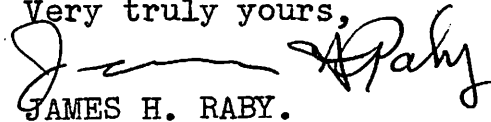
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meeting held at Aldie, the school board adopted an alternate proposal which comes up December 12 in this meeting for certain disposition of a certain school and transportation. In view of the fact that this meeting will be held the 12th, I will wait until after your meeting and see whether or not you will put forth effort to remedy conditions as stated. As stated above, I do not desire to force the issue to court if we can avoid such actions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James H. Raby".

JAMES H. RABY.

JHR:mbs.