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January 23, 1970

Mr. Robert English  
ACC Sta. Box 7039  
Abilene, Texas

Dear Robert:

The plans for the Race Relations Seminar sound great. I am still extremely doubtful that you will get it approved. I do think you need to push for immediate approval upon the beginning of this second semester. The institutional processes could grind on all semester and totally destroy any plans.

I do believe that something needs to be done during the ACC Lectureship. Not only will Andrew Hairston be here, but Jack Evans of Southwestern Christian College and Humphrey Foutz of Baltimore, Maryland will be here. Humphrey and Andrew are extremely vocal and highly intelligent black men. I think you and the other leaders off the Race Relations Seminar ought to write Andrew and Humphrey and ask for a conference during the time they are in Abilene.

I do agree that the forum needs to be later in the semester. We might even be able to get some underwriting of the expenses for Hairston and Foutz and bring them in--also Roosevelt Wells of New York City. Other men who could add to the forum would be Calvin Bowers of Pepperdine College and David Jones of Nashville, Tennessee. All their addresses are included.

I am glad to know that you are going to be working with the seminar. I think Tom Olbricht will make an excellent faculty advisor. I offer my help in any way you might need me.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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January 8, 1970

Dear John,

What's goin' on, man? Hopefully, that salutary slang establishes rapport.

Briefly brother, I wanted to know how are you and will you aid and abet me in establishing a sound Race Seminar this spring at ACC should the proposed Race Relations Forum pass the scrutiny of John Stevens( the final red-tape lap on the medley of approving new "special organization" campus clubs.

My black Acc constituents tentatively elected me executive chairman of the Race Forum should President Stevens endorse its birth for this spring and following years (until time, years, right reason, integration, love or something naturally dissolves this need for such an organization.)

I ~~was~~ thought, with the permission of the right channels, a good project would be a seminar on race this spring sponsored by the Forum, if the Deans and other executive administrators agrees to our choice of speakers.

Dr. Tom Olbricht is tentatively one of our chosen faculty advisors. He mentioned maybe Andrew Hariston would be available. Hariston will be a speaker during Lectureship. And, Olbricht thinks maybe if the Forum meets during Lectureship, Hariston would be willing to address the Forum. However, I think maybe, this course would be a second choice for me. Instead, I would like to have Hariston and maybe two other speakers in a racial seminar later on in the semester.

What's your thinking on my thinking? Could you advise me of two other black intellectuals (maybe ministers)?

Maybe, when I return to Abilene I can ~~XXXX~~ impose upon a little of your time and clear up a lot of this present uncertainty. Until then, God bless you. Take care.

- Robert English