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Mr. Robert Penn Warren
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Dear Mr. Warren:

I do not doubt that at some point in the future I will have occasion to get payment in kind for my so-called "good turn." But I am pleased that it is possible for me to make even a small contribution to this project. Needless to say I am anxiously awaiting publication date.

I repeat that the NAACP receives a great majority of its funds from individual contributors and virtually none from foundations or other groups. I believe that practically all other similar civil rights organizations receive a substantial, if not the majority, proportion of their income from white contributors. This, I believe, is an accurate assumption about the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. However, since it is a separate corporation, I suggest that you communicate directly with the Inc. Fund offices to secure more detailed information. You might write to Jack Greenberg, Director-Counsel or to the Public Relations Director, Jesse DeVore, 10 Columbus Circle, Suite 2030, New York, N. Y.

The National Office NAACP has not been involved in any litigation with the Quaker Oats Company which controls Aunt Jemima Pan Cake House chain and to the best of our knowledge there has been no legal action instituted by any of our units. However, there have been formal complaints lodged with the Quaker Oats Company by several branches. I believe the action to which you refer in the Midwest was in the form of a complaint filed by our Illinois State Conference of Branches. I am not sure of the final disposition of the matter, but suggest that you might write directly to Raymond Harth, Esq., 69 N. Washington Street, Chicago. I am sure Mr. Harth will be happy to bring you up-to-date on the status of this matter.

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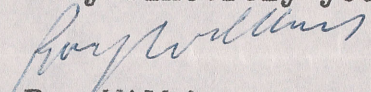
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I hope that this information will be of value to you.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Roy Wilkins
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