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Memorandum of Interview with Lucile Bluford  
February 5, 1941

About 4:20 p.m. one of my assistants reported to me that two Negroes were in the outer office. I went outside and met Lucile Bluford who was accompanied by another Negro girl who was not introduced. After exchanging formal greetings, the following conversation ensued:

Bluford - "Do you have my telegram?"

Canada - "No, I believe we have received no telegram from you."

B - "I sent you a telegram that I had applied for graduate work in Journalism at Lincoln University but the Lincoln University offers no work in Journalism and has made no provisions for such work."

C - "I have understood through newspaper reports that work in Journalism is to be offered at Lincoln beginning with the second semester."

B - "No work is offered there and the only place I can get graduate work is at the University of Missouri. Won't you give me a permit?"

C - "I have no authority to give you a permit to enroll."

B - "Why won't you give me a permit? It won't hurt you, it won't hurt anybody."

C - "I simply have no authority."

At this point, a messenger delivered Miss Bluford's telegram which I read. The time was just 4:30. The conversation was resumed.

B - "Why not give me a permit as I have asked in the telegram? You can do it."

C - "I have no authority to do it, do you want me to lose my job?"

B - "No, no, but here I have been waiting two years to take graduate work in Journalism. And you won't let me in. Will you give me an answer to my telegram?"

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C - "Yes, tomorrow - tomorrow morning, I hope."

The foregoing is dictated from memory and includes all that was said relative to Miss Bluford's request that I give her an enrollment permit. It is not a stenographic report.

S. W. Canada

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