

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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INTER-DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

November 7, 1939

TO Mr. Leslie Cowan
Secretary, Board of Curators
University of Missouri

SUBJECT:
President F. A. Middlebush
University of Missouri

Sirs:

Lucile Bluford, a Negro of Kansas City, filed against me in the Federal Court at Jefferson City a damage suit asking for \$20,000) damages for my refusal to admit her to the Graduate School of the University of Missouri for graduate work in Journalism. On November 6, 1939 the Marshal of the Federal Court at Jefferson City served on me a summons together with a copy of the petition filed by Lucile Bluford, and by this summons I must answer or plead to this suit within twenty days after service of the summons. This suit is an outgrowth of the mandamus suit filed by Miss Bluford in the Local Circuit Court to compel her admission to the University.

The most urgent matter at this time is the preparation for filing an answer or pleading within the twenty-day period. I am calling this to your attention so that the Board may employ counsel or take such other action as it deems proper.

Respectfully,

S. W. Canada, Registrar

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