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September 2, 1941

Mr. William S. Hogsett
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Mr. Hogsett:

I enclose a copy of my reply to Lucile Bluford's letter of August 21, 1941. This is the form of reply suggested in your letter of August 30. I read your suggested reply to Mr. Teasdale in a telephone conversation with him and I read it also to Mr. Sappington. Both approved. Mr. Hulen was still on vacation and I understand is not expected to return to his office for two or three weeks. I talked to Mr. Thurlow, First Assistant to Attorney General McKittrick. Mr. Thurlow read to me the section of the opinion from which we quote, and assured me that the newspaper version is correct.

Very truly yours,

S. W. Canada, Registrar

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Miss Lucile H. Buford
2444 Montgall Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Miss Bluford:

Your letter of the 21st has been received. The Missouri Supreme Court in its opinion found--contrary to the statement in your letter--that you made no demand upon Lincoln University to establish a School of Journalism or to furnish you instruction in that subject; and that what you seem to treat as a demand upon Lincoln University in September, 1939, was in fact not a demand at all but a mere inquiry as to a course of Journalism in that school.

A newspaper item of August 11 indicates that the Attorney General of Missouri recently rendered to President Scruggs of Lincoln University an opinion reciting that you finally did make a demand on Lincoln University on July 17, 1941, and ruling thereon as follows:

"Obviously it would be impossible for the board (of Lincoln) to establish the new department * * * in the short space of less than two months between the demand on July 17 and the commencement of the semester on September 10. * * * In our opinion, establishment and furnishing of a new department of Journalism at Lincoln University for and during the term commencing on February 1, 1942—less than seven months after demand therefor—would be well within a reasonable time. It is not the duty of the board to furnish said department sooner."

In view of the facts as I understand them, and the law as declared in the Supreme Court's opinion, and in view of the Attorney General's opinion, you are not entitled to admission as a student in the University of Missouri, and I am therefore not authorized to issue to you a permit to enroll.

Very truly yours,

S. W. Canada, Registrar

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