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2444 Montgall Avenue  
Kansas City, Mo.  
August 21, 1941.

Mr. S. W. Canada  
Registrar  
University of Missouri  
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Mr. Canada:

I applied to Lincoln University for graduate work in journalism beginning in September, 1941, immediately after the decision of the Missouri supreme court in my mandamus case against you, but President Sherman D. Scruggs has informed me that Lincoln University will not offer any courses in journalism during the first semester of the school year 1941-42. For that reason I am applying to you for admittance to the University of Missouri for graduate work in journalism beginning in September, 1941.

I insist that you admit me in the light of the second decision of the Missouri supreme court in the Gaines case since Lincoln University will not offer the courses for which I applied this fall and the University of Missouri, therefore, has the only existing school of journalism in the state.

I have been waiting nor for two years and a half for the state of Missouri where I am a citizen and taxpayer to provide me with the graduate training in journalism to which I am entitled and for which I am qualified. I beg of you in the name of justice and democracy not to be a party to any further delay.

Although I do not agree with the decision of the Missouri supreme court that I should have to wait a "reasonable time" for a public facility which is available at all times to white citizens, nevertheless the fact is that I have already complied with this requirement in that I have been waiting for two years and a half which is more than reasonable time.

You will recall that I first applied to you for admittance to the University of Missouri school of journalism for graduate work in February, 1939, and that you denied me admittance because of my race even after accenting my credits. More than two classes of graduate students in journalism have entered the University of Missouri and have received their M.A. degrees since I first made application for the same work. I applied to the University of Missouri then because Lincoln University had no school of journalism. I am applying to you now because Lincoln University still has no journalism school and offers no journalism courses.

I first applied to Lincoln University for graduate work in journalism in September, 1939, fully two years ago. Lincoln University's president informed me that that university had no school of journalism. Four regular semesters have passed since that time and a fifth is approaching and

still Lincoln U. has no journalism school.

Have I not waited a "reasonable" time? Is it not your duty to admit me to the journalism school of the University of Missouri for graduate work since in two

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years and a half the state has not provided for me a school of journalism substantially equal to the one at the University of Missouri?

Under the circumstances set forth to you in this letter, I insist that you admit me to the University of Missouri for graduate work in journalism beginning in September, 1941. I am ready and willing to pay all lawful uniform fees and to meet all lawful uniform requirements.

Please bear in mind that I expect to hold you personally liable and plan to seek all proper redress open to me if my application is denied again. In the event that you should refuse to admit me, which I hope will not be the case, I am going to ask for a writ of mandamus relying on the second decision of the Missouri supreme court in the Gaines case in which the court ruled that Gaines was to be admitted to the University of Missouri school of law if Lincoln University did not have a substantially equal law school by the September term following the decision of the court which was in August, 1939.

As my application and transcript already are on file in your office, please send me immediately a permit to enroll at the beginning of the September term of the school year 1941-42.

Yours truly,

Lucile H. Bluford.