Concerning Adams's suggestions for subjects in the proposed "Encyclopedia of the Negro". Written on the letterhead of Howard University.

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Dear Mr. Shields:

In compliance with your request of July 21, I have read the mimeographed copy of suggested subjects for the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro and I wish to set forth below briefly such suggestions as I have to make.

In the beginning I should say that I assume that under the various headings and sub-headings, there is no attempt in this syllabus to make a complete list of items but merely to suggest the type of items which should be listed. Having this in mind and without any presumption that these items have been overlooked, I am listing them merely because in my estimation they should certainly be listed.

Section II - The Negro in America ........... 72 to 136
Page 78:
A. Standard Four-Year Colleges, Class "A". The following should be added:

1. Howard University
2. Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)
3. Morgan College, Baltimore, Maryland
4. West Virginia State College
5. Tuskegee Normal & Industrial College
6. Johnson C. Smith University
7. Virginia State College for Negroes
8. Prairie View State College
9. Bennett College for Women
10. Virginia Union University

Page 80:
A. Section "Health and Disease", I suggest that the following be included:

1. Cancer
2. Heart Disease
3. Pneumonia
4. Malaria
5. Diphtheria
6. Scarlet Fever
7. Measles
8. Whooping Cough
Page 21: Under Section of "Negro Physicians" 1890-1930, the following additions are suggested:

1. Julian H. Lewis
2. T. K. Lawless
3. Hildrus A. Poindexter
4. Arnold H. Maloney
5. Joseph L. Johnson
6. Vernon A. Wilkerson
7. Robert S. Jason
8. Roscoe L. McKinney
9. W. Montague Cobb
10. Alonzo DaG. Smith
11. Kenneth L. Nelville
12. W. S. Quinland

Page 21: Under Section of "Negro Medical Schools" -

A. Existing schools:
1. College of Medicine of Howard University
2. Meharry Medical College

B. Extinct medical schools:
1. Flint Medical College, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1889.
2. Leonard Medical School, Raleigh, North Carolina, 1882.
3. University of West Tennessee Medical Department, 1900.
4. Knoxville Medical College, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1900.
5. Louisville National Medical College, Louisville, Kentucky, 1885.

Note: Flint Goodridge Hospital which you have listed under Negro medical schools is not a medical school.

C. I suggest that Negro Hospitals Registered by the American Medical Association be listed and to designate, as you have done, those approved for Internship by the American Medical Association and those approved for Residency in the specialties in medicine by the American Medical Association. Please note also that the following hospitals are approved for Residencies:

1. Freedmen's Hospital
2. Provident Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
3. St. Louis City Hospital #2
4. Provident Hospital and Free Dispensary, Baltimore, Maryland
5. Wheatley Provident Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri
Note also please that J. Richardson Memorial Hospital, Greensboro, North Carolina, which should be included in the list of registered hospitals, is also approved for Internship. Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta and St. Philip's Hospital in Richmond are hospitals for Negro patients. Although they are approved both for Internships and for Residencies, these positions are not available to Negro physicians. The Harlem Hospital, although not considered a Negro Hospital, is approved both for Internships and for Residencies and both these positions are available to Negro physicians. Internships and Residencies are also available for Negroes in Cleveland City Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, and at the Cook County Hospital, Chicago.

Along with Negro Internes, there should also be a statement with reference to Residents and there should be a special heading for Negro Specialists in Medicine. Physicians should be listed under the heading of "Specialists" only in case they have been approved by a National Specialty Board or qualifying organization such as the American College of Surgeons or anyone of the American Boards as follows: Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Dermatology and Syphilis, Neurology and Psychiatry, Obstetrics-Gynecology, Orthopedics, Surgery, Ophthalmology, Oto-Laryngology, and Radiology.

It would probably be well to make a separate list of hospitals approved for Residents and to indicate in what branch these hospitals are approved for Residents; for instance, the Wheatley Provident Hospital in Kansas City is approved for Residency in Pediatrics but in no other branch of Medicine, The Freedmen's Hospital is approved for Residency in Medicine, Obstetrics-Gynecology, Surgery, and Pediatrics.

Unless it is the plan to consider dental schools along with medical schools, a separate heading should be made for them.

Page 29: "The Negro in Literature and Art"

A. Under Section of "Negro Painters", I suggest that the following names be added:

1. Lois Mailou Jones - Howard University
2. James Leapman Wells " "
3. James Amos Porter " "

Page 35: Under Section of "Negro Composers" I suggest the following names be added:

Mr. Cook is an able composer of popular music. He composed and arranged music for the Jerome Remick Music Publishing Company of Detroit and Chicago for many years. He is now employed by the RCA Corporation at Radio City, New York.

2. Will Vodery, New York, is doing similar work to Mr. Cook. These two men are not much talked of because they work behind the scenes for white firms.

Should other suggestions occur to me, I shall be glad to forward them to you.

Very truly yours,

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