Letter from Carter G. Woodson to W. E. B. Du Bois, January 7, 1932

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My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I understand that you will attend the next meeting of the Stokes-Jones movement to duplicate the work of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. You may be interested, therefore, in the letter which I have written the secretary. Copies are enclosed.

I should have said more in this last letter. When Stokes and Jones saw that their lopping off the support of the Association did not silence me as to what I think about Jones, Stokes approached me with a bribe. He offered me money and the use of his name in raising money, if I would come out in a statement to the effect that I had misunderstood Jones. Later in that year 1924, they sent Agee with the same proposal. Of course, I refused to sell out; and they have been hounding me ever since. Jones has made himself the dictator of the program of the social uplift of the Negro. Now he hopes to do the same with research inasmuch as Woodson seems to have some difficulty in doing this thing.

Respectfully yours,

C. G. Woodson,
Director.