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January 4, 1910.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Representative Scott is convinced of the unfitness of his constituent, Ellis (colored) for the post of Secretary of Legation in Liberia. He will make no trouble if Ellis be superseded. I expect today to know that Senator Curtis takes the same attitude. I suggest that Ellis be superseded and as a conciliatory step be offered designation for the consular examination.

Is there any colored man in whom the President is particularly interested, whom he would like examined for the Monrovia secretaryship? I enclose the record of Richard C. Bundy, (colored) of Ohio. He was examined by the President's direction, passed very well and is on the consular service eligible list. If agreeable he could pass the diplomatic service examination and be appointed.

This seems an opportunity to do something for the African Americans, so I think you may care to speak of it to the President.

Yours very sincerely,

Huntington Wilson.

The Honorable Philander C. Knox,

Secretary of State.