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Dear Richards:

Thanks for your letter about Mr. Wilson Nthenge and the enclosed letters from Mr. Nthenge himself and Messrs. Kitavi and Mulinge. I'm afraid there is nothing we can do here. I passed them on to Bob Joly for an opinion. He seemed very interested in the work being done by Mr. Nthenge but does not think that young Africans should be given general and blanket encouragement to come to the United States to study. I think Bob has several good reasons for thinking this, though I'm not in a position to comment on them critically. At any rate, there's no way for the Foundation to help these people since our study grants are always tied in with a particular subject which interests us and are almost invariably given for people more advanced in their studies. I wonder if such an organization as the Afro-American Institute would be in a better position to help them?

My only reaction is that Mr. Nthenge is a very dedicated man; his letter hints at real leadership abilities.

Your medical forms came in today. I wonder now if you can get your application in so we can take at least conditional action with this year's funds.

Best to you and John.

Sincerely,



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*i.e. but rather for specific purposes
related to their education's development*