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### SCHOMBURG COLLECTION

304 West 136th Street

New York 30, N. Y.

New York, June 8, 1949

Mr. John Rhoden  
18 St. Nicholas Place, Apt. A  
New York City

Dear Mr. Rhoden:

The Schomburg Collection has been asked to prepare an exhibit on the Negro in art and letters for the "Country Fair" being held at City Center, June 17, 18 and 19th, by the Women's Committee of the National Urban League. Preparation for this occasion has dramatized our need to have a clear likeness of you by that date. I say, "dramatized" because we now need this picture in a hurry but we should have had such a likeness in our files before this need arose. You see, we maintain a file of outstanding Negroes, but in recent years we have neglected to keep this file up-to-date.

Therefore, may I ask you to send a photograph of yourself to the Schomburg Collection, 104 West 136th Street, New York 30, New York. Please understand that we want this photograph for our permanent files, as well as for this immediate use. We would like to have this photograph by June 18th in order to integrate it with other materials for this display.

Thank you for giving consideration to this urgent request.

Sincerely yours,

*Jean Blackwell*  
Jean Blackwell  
Acting Curator  
Schomburg Collection

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