

comply with our purposes. If they no longer help us, we must revise them. The arrangements and methods must serve us and not control us."¹¹

We respectfully urge your favorable recommendation that the arrangements and methods of administering the NDEA loan program be such that needy students in accredited proprietary schools also can be served.

We appreciate deeply the opportunity of expressing our views to the members of the Subcommittee.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON BUSINESS COLLEGE,
Birmingham, Ala., April 17, 1967.

MR. RICHARD A. FULTON,
Executive Director, United Business Schools Association, 1101 17th Street NW.,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. FULTON: I received a call from Mr. Mike Naftalin, Washington, today stating that there is a little confusion as to whether or not there is a need for the MDTA Project in private schools.

My answer was yes, because I do feel that there is a great need for additional projects because of so many poor children in private schools and junior colleges. Too, I know that the four-year colleges and the private schools are not feeling the effect of the insured loans.

My office receives on the average of 10 to 15 calls a day asking for help and guidance as to how to receive loans under the Guaranteed Loan Program. We have contacted all the banks here and throughout Alabama. It appears that the answers are always the same . . . they can only lend to their customers; they only lend to third and fourth year students, etc.

As I was receiving so many calls, I polled the Negro college presidents to see if they have received any help under the Guaranteed Program. By telephone conversation, only a few had been serviced. Alabama State College did state that they have twenty who have approved loans; I have not been able to pinpoint the others. In talking with Dr. Foster today, he too expressed his feelings that there is a need for us to receive extra help if our students are to be ready by September.

I am sending copies of the letters that I have received from the banks. I would like to get your views on the approach you think we should use.

Yours very sincerely,

MRS. M. L. GASTON, *Director.*

BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL BANK,
Birmingham, Ala., April 12, 1967.

DEAR MISS LEWIS: We are returning your United Student Aid Funds, Inc. loan application as we will be unable to handle it for the following reason(s).

Due to the extremely heavy demand for this type loan, we have had to limit our loans to:

- X Those students who are legal residents of Jefferson County and whose parents maintain a deposit relationship with our bank or married students who live in the county and carry either a checking or savings account with Birmingham Trust National Bank.
- Those students who have maintained a satisfactory academic average.
- Those students who have successfully completed their freshman year.
- The bank has temporarily exhausted funds which have been allocated to this student loan program.

X No credit experience or credit information available on applicants.

There are two other banks in the city who participate in this loan program and should you desire the names of these banks, please call us and we will be delighted to furnish them to you.

We very much appreciate your thinking of our bank and regret that we are unable to handle your loan request under this plan. Should you have an application at a later date, we will be glad to review it at that time.

Sincerely,

B. C. MATHEWS,
Assistant Vice President.

¹¹ "Goals for Americans," Prentice-Hall, Inc., Library of Congress Cat. No. 60-53566, Ch. 3: National Goals in Education, John W. Gardner, p. 81.