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Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 129th St.
New York City, N.Y.

A.M. by card
3/24/55
1933 Harvard St. E.
Washington D.C.
March 21, 1955

Dear Langston:
The first book of Negroes is treasured by all who receive it. Thanks for the last one.
The enclosed check is for $50. Please send it to me.

I put autograph it for the
Ancestral Branch of the Public
Library, D.C.

Having learned from you not to lend the books I own,
I got a delivery copy for a
friend who has two adults
and who does not have a D.C. card. She started home
with it, stopped to telephone
and left it in the booth. So
we gave the library a copy.
You really have a job making a play a success. He's such a great guy; it will be difficult to slip his wings enough to keep him from flying away and yet have him as real as he is in the book. Good luck to you. Hope you will come soon and that we will have a glimpse of you. Love from [illegible] and thanks very much — Ophelia —
RETURN ADDRESS

1933 Alabama Ave. S. E.
Washington 20, D. C.

Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th. Street
New York City, N. Y.

12/11/65

Paid
Dear Langston:
Hey! Why didn't you tell me about your new book! Even now I don't know what it is all about so can't be sure that it can be used for Xmas presents to children. Anyway, my god child is 15 and thinks she's grown. Since she's your ardent admirer, she'll like it now matter. So send one for her. Frances Best. Inscrip another to Mary & Vincicent Lassiter and a third to Dorothy and Jeff Austin. Is the cloth bound $1.25. If it's more, let me know and I'll send the balance. Don't cash the check before the 15th. or it will bounch.
Love and Merry Xmas to you and yours.
As Always,
[Signature]
Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year

We are contributing Our Christmas card Money to the Fund of Family and Child Services from our family to yours~
Dec. 13, 1955

Dear Ophelia:

Thank you so very much for your book order and it's very nice having a word from you again. The books will be coming to you in a few days, and I am including one for yourself too, and an extra one which you may give someone else since they are only $1. a piece.

I do hope to get to Washington one of these days and visit you but as I've told you before I'm nothing but a literary sharecropper. I never seem to get out of New York.

With all good wishes to you, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

Langston Hughes

Mrs. Ophelia Egypt
1933 Alabama Avenue S. E.
Washington 20, D. C.
Dear Langton:

I don't know whether I've written you since I came to this job or not but now I have a business reason; for our national office would like to know if you would do a job for us. When Mr. Best our Director of Public Relations, read the enclosed report he decided that he'd like to have a picture story done on the order of The Sweet Fly Paper of Life. He had read that book and that gave him the idea. He and all our Board are so impressed by it. We don't have lots of money but you and Mr. Best can get together on the financial arrangements if you can lend your talents to what I believe is a great cause and can squeeze out the time to do it. His name is Mr. Windfield Best, Director of Public Relations; Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 501 Madison Ave., N. Y. C. Plaza 5-8600. Would you be good enough to telephone him at once so that he will know if there is any possibility of your doing the job for us? I'll be ever so grateful. I have some good stories for you: a woman with 19 children, (61 yrs old) a 20 yr old mother of 4 children under five. A 35 yr old mother of 8 with a husband in jail for non-support, etc. These are the kind of people I'm seeing.

Lester had his 14th birthday this week; so if you're going to see him before he is a man, you'll have to hurry. He's as tall as you are now. This year girls are in the picture again and his gang is concerned about learning to dance well so that they can be popular for the prom in June. This is his last year of Jr. High.

I got the book about musicians from the Library. It is good and will make good Amos presents. My bank account is too low to send a check this time but save a few copies for me. I'll need five I think, depending on the cost. Also do you have a copy of the first Simple book? I have my original copy but it is rather dog-eared since Ivo took it with him on the road a lot. How's the play coming?

Please let us know if you come this way again; I'd like you to meet our staff here. It's a good bunch of staunch republicans mostly but good just the same. We are looking forward to hearing The Duke with the National Symphony Orchestra this Saturday. It's been years since I've heard him in concert but I'll never forget his playing of "I Let A Song Go Out of My Heart"; it was a thrilling experience.

Best to you from both of us.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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November 4, 1956

Dear Ophelia:

It was so nice to hear from you and to be brought up to date on the children. I contacted your Mr. Best and had an appointment with him last week which he cancelled but we plan to get together sometime soon when it is mutually convenient.

I have really been up to my neck in work with two books out this month. The second volume of my autobiography, I WONDER AS I WANDER, will be introduced first at a joint autographing party this Thursday at Harlem's National Memorial Book Store. The other participants whose life stories have been published this fall too are: Pauli Murray, Eartha Kitt and Henry Armstrong. Also, A PILOTURAL HISTORY OF THE NEGRO IN AMERICA, for which I did the text has just been published.

Will let you know as soon as anything develops regarding Planned Parenthood. In the meantime I send you all my good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Langston Hughes

Mrs. Ophelia S. Egypt
Planned Parenthood Association of D. C., Inc.
1109 M Street N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.
NEW YORK 35, N.Y.
30 East 127th Street
Mr. Langston Hughes

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November 27, 1956
Washington 20, D.C.

In and to think that prolific and so good! And together on something. He has so many ironies and I hope the two of you will find it to give me your reaction. So or if in all directions this job interested.

S. I. WANDER. The Washington Post which I clipped for you in my hands on it tonight. That will be my Xmas gift. Also a copy of Mr. Thelma Lamers as is the PICTORIAL his. Hope to Frances. Best from E. F. and B. I'd do as soon as possible. Will have another copy of this. For Xmas. I'm too busy for it. I'm going to line up more deeply felt.
PERSONAL

Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th Street
New York 35, N.Y.
Ophelia S. Egypt

November 27, 1956

1933 Alabama Ave., S. E., Washington 20, D. C.

Dear Langston:

How on earth can you be so prolific and so good! It's good to hear from you again and to think that we might actually be working together on something for Planned Parenthood. I hope that by now you and Win Best have gotten together. He has so many irons in the fire that he appears to go off in all directions but he really is a good person and I hope the two of you can get together. I hope too that you will find time to read my report and to give me your reaction to the type of thing I'm doing. This job interested me because in a way it is similar to the work I did at Fisk.

Which reminds me of the tragedy of Charles Johnson's death. Isn't it strange how often useful people die while the old war horses who cause nothing but confusion and who make no contribution to their fellow man seem to never die or even fade away? A note from him which arrived the day after Ixxax the news of his death made the personal loss even more deeply felt.

I'm glad to hear of I WONDER AS I WANDER. The Washington Post-Times Herald had a review which I clipped for you but am not sure that I can put my hands on it tonight. I'll send it if I find it. That will be my Xmas gift to myself so put it on my list please. Also a copy of THE BIG SEA inscribed to Mrs. Thelma Barnes as a Xmas gift from me. How much is the PICTORIAL HISTORY? If it is not more than the one on Negro Musicians, I'd like a copy inscribed to Frances Best from her Godmother. Guess I'd better have another copy of I WONDER inscribed to Ruth Lewis for Xmas. I'm too broke to send a check now but will do so as soon as
you let me know how much they cost.

We are eagerly looking forward to seeing and hearing you in March. If you'll squeeze out time for dinner with us, I'll promise to cook you a real good meal.

Best to you and a happy holiday season.

Cordially ever,

[Signature]
Dear Ophelia,

I haven’t seen hair nor hide of Mr. Best. He was unable to keep his first appointment, and wrote that he’d see me when he got back in the city from a trip—about a month ago now. No further word...... which is just as well, as I’ve been terribly BUSY with the two new books both coming out practically at once—every day this week, there’s been a radio show, interview, forum, or something to keep me away from my main work—writing, and I’ve got a book long over due to finish RIGHT AWAY, too. And with all that, I’m trying to get off to California to help my Uncle with some business—-in time to spend a couple of weeks there and be back in New York for Christmas. It looks like I’ll never make it. But that’s one reason I can’t send you the new books on order this time. And the other reason is that they’re both BIG books—too big for me to wrap and mail easily—-and cost $6 and $595 each—-which is the REAL reason I am not keeping any on hand. I’ve still got big bills to pay off on books I’ve bought on past royalty accounts, so am NOT able to buy any of the new ones, beyond the very few presentation copies I’ve gotten for relatives. But you can get autographed copies of the PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE NEGRO directly by mail from Crown, as on enclosed folder. (I spend half a day there yesterday signing mail-order copies—-1000—-and have to sign another 1000 before I go away. Unfortunately, the BIG SEA is out of print, so I cannot get that one for you anyway. Thanks a lot, though, for your continued interest in my books, and wish I could be of more help this time. I’ll write you about your FINE piece soon as I can. Was waiting to relay also to you what Mr. Best says........ Sincerely,
February 4, 1957

Best but I haven't heard any more. He probably still has it in mind to fire that he is likely to forget at he wants; then suddenly you'll see on the picture for they who did them, is a real photographer anxious to meet you so please when you will be at Howard. He may in order to be here when you come. Here any chance of your having dinner at some; I'm still a pretty good cook I can give you a choice of a variety or not

IAL HISTORY for Lester and another is a magnificent thing and I'm glad the price. A friend of mine here got the phed copies had been sold. Sorry the still my favorite. Shall try to find and will have Glenn Carrington look again.

With piano--much better than as though and maybe he'll do better

PLANNED PARENTHOOD NEWS use of the means the last since he has literally placed on the Ex-slaves which I thought they sent if back with a nice note. the result. I also have another story I guess I'm going to have to take yours book. Maybe it will be lucky.

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Sincerely ever,

[Signature]
February 4, 1957

Dear Langston:

I must seem as bad as Mr. Best but I haven't heard any more from him about the joint project. He probably still has it in mind but he keeps so many irons in the fire that he is likely to forget until he gets the money to do what he wants; then suddenly you'll hear from him. I do hope that you can work on the pictures for they are beautiful. Robert Phillips who did them, is a real photographer with a feel for people. He is very anxious to meet you so please let me know as soon as possible when you will be at Howard. He may want to re-arrange his schedule in order to be here when you come. How long will you be here? Is there any chance of your having dinner with us while you are here. I hope so; I'm still a pretty good cook and now that we have a freezer, I can give you a choice of a variety of meats whether it is pay day or not!

I got a copy of the PICTORIAL HISTORY for Lester and another for my friend Ruth at Xmas. It is a magnificent thing and I'm glad it is selling well in spite of the price. A friend of mine here got one recently but all the autographed copies had been sold. Sorry the BIG SEA IS out of print. It is still my favorite. Shall try to find a stray copy around here and will have Glenn Carrington look in New York if I ever locate him again.

Lester is doing very well with piano--much better than with school this year. He'll pass though and maybe he'll do better in high school.

I forgot to say that the PLANNED PARENTHOOD NEWS use of the pictures is the first but by no means the last since he has literally hundreds of pictures. I did a piece on the Ex-slaves which I thought American Heritage would take but they sent it back with a nice note. A query to Harpers with the same result. I also have another story which I'd like to get placed but guess I'm going to have to take your suggestion and get down to doing the book. Maybe it will be lucky.

You are the busiest person alive, I guess, but try to take time out to send a card telling me the date you'll be here.

Cordially ever,

[Signature]
March 15, 1957

Dear Ophelia:

It was nice having your letter and the interesting enclosures, and especially seeing pictures of you in the Planned Parenthood news. At last it looks as if I might see you in person again. I am speaking at Howard on March 23th and can fly down to Washington on the 28th, the afternoon before, in time to have dinner with you if you find that agreeable. Perhaps I can also meet Robert Phillips then whom you mention and have the pleasure of seeing your son.

I see Glenn Carringto occasionally as he is now a landlord with one house in my neighborhood and another in Brooklyn, and has given up social work entirely, goes to Europe almost every summer. His address is: 375 Hancock Street, Brooklyn 16, N. Y. I am sure he would be glad to hear from you.

Drop me a note and let me know about the 23th because I hope to see you in Washington (but don't tell everybody else or too many things will come up to do and I'd much rather spend the evening with you). Meanwhile I am flying to the U. of Illinois today for the premiere of my opera, "Esther", at their Spring Music Festival and from there I go on to the Coast for a week.

With all good wishes to you, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

Langston Hughes
March 20, 1957

Ophelia S. Fayre

Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th. St.
New York, N.Y.

The prospect of means come down in h. I get home about any time after that is that O. K. with me it will be so good for you and catch up with you to get acquainted through a pretty bad year but will make it O. K.

and a boy has it's right to be a father in law.

so I can talk with Bob Phillips and his hotel in his charming wife. You'll pictures are terrific! You each other (artistically) in.

Is it spelled right? I'd also like you to if you don't think that I won't ask her to meet you.

kiss,

Melvin
Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th. St.
New York 35, N. Y.
March 20, 1957

1933 Alabama Ave., S. E., Washington 20, D. C.

Ophelia S. Egypt

Dear Langston:

We're both excited at the prospect of seeing you again. By all means come down in time for dinner on the 28th. I get home about 4:30 so you can come over any time after that. We usually eat at 6:30. Is that O.K. with you? I'll keep mum because it will be so good to have a chance to talk with you and catch up on many things and I want you to get acquainted with Lester too. He's going through a pretty difficult stage right now but will make it O.K. I hope. Being an only child and a boy has it's problems especially when there's not father in the home.

I haven't been able to talk with Bob Phillips but I sent a note to his hotel in Ohio telling him of our plan to have him meet you on the 28th. They say he will return on Sunday so I expect to hear from him then. I'm sure that he will come if it is humanly possible. We'll ask him after dinner with his charming wife. You'll like them both and his pictures are terrific! You two should be as right for each other (artistically) -- gosh that word looks funny. Is it spelled right? as apple pie and cheese. I'd also like you to meet Mrs. Cross--my boss if you don't think that too much. If you do, say so and I wont ask her to drop in. She is so anxious to meet you.

Till Next Thursday then!

Ophelia
Caption: [Folder 1110]
1933 Alabama Ave. S. E.
Washington 20, D. C.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th. St.
New York, N. Y.
Dear Langston:

Sorry we missed you when we were in the City in July. Your aunt didn't remember me and I did not have a permanent address. I'll be back to pick Lester up after camp and will be at my friend Ruth Lewis's 255 W. 23rd. Al 5-1326. Do call me there if you have a minute. I'll be there Sun. afternoon and night and Monday night after "The Bells are Ringing". Was disappointed that your play had closed. Heard it would reopen but guess I won't be lucky enough to have it happen so soon. Hope to hear from you if I can't see you. Love.

Ophelia E.
August 22, 1957

Dear Scheila:

Your card came just as I am about to fly to California since SIMPLY HEAVENLY re-opened on Tuesday at the Broadway Playhouse on West 43th Street. So, now I can go to see my other show on the Coast, A PART OF THE BLUES. I am terribly sorry to have missed you before, and now again but I hope you will be back sometime in the fall. If you don't get to see SIMPLY HEAVENLY this time - since the reviews were very good - I think it might be running for at least a few months. The Broadway production is improved by the addition of an orchestra and some other little touches which it did not have uptown.

With all my good wishes to you, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

Langston Hughes
Mr. Langston Hughes

New York 35, N. Y.
20 East 127th St.

You kept saying you were coming to Washington. I hope you can come soon. I have a lot of things to say to you.

I'm writing to make sure you know I'm still here. I'm still looking forward to seeing you. I hope you're as well as you can be.

I'm reading a lot these days. I'm finding it all absorbing. I don't know if you're getting along as well as you should.

I'm still working on my book. I think it's going to be a good one.

I'm thinking a lot about you and your work. I hope you're doing well.

I'll be in Washington soon. I'm looking forward to seeing you then.

Take care of yourself.

C. Washington 20, D. C.

92-07/17/57

[Postmark: Washington 20, D. C. 92-07/17/57]
Mr. Langston Hughes  
20 East 127th. St.  
New York 35, N. Y.
Ophelia S. Egypt

1933 Alabama Ave., S. E., Washington 20, D. C.

10/7/57

Dear Langston:

It was good of you to take time to send me a note in N.Y. C. Sorry to have missed you both times but I do hope that I can get back to see SIMPLY HEAVENLY. The only available seats were $4.40 which was above my pocket book. Lester wanted to see it too. Had we only known that it would be open again, I would have borrowed some money before leaving home. Anyway, it may come to Washington since the notices are so good. Congratulations! How on earth do you do so many things so well! A friend of mine in Italy sent me a copy of the Review of Simple Stakes A Claim in the N. Y. Times.

I am sorry that you did not get to see Lester on his return from camp. It did wonders for him. He even slendered down and he is so much more at ease with his group. He is having a hard time adjusting to his new high school, but I hope that he will at least pass this first semester. He is studying hard enough. He will be 15 on the 16th of this month and his upper lip is getting so black he'll have to shave it soon. You can guess how happy he is.

I hope the Calif. play went off well. You ought to be a millionaire if you keep going. I wish I could get one story published somewhere. One of these days, I hope to get some more writing done on that book you suggested. I'm reading Marian Anderson's autobiography and finding it most absorbing. If I could spend a few months at the camp to which I went for four days this summer, I believe
I could get some writing done. It was a Co-op camp which was once used by Hoover as a sort of retreat when he was President. It is just a few miles off Skyline Drive and is right on a river which gurgles along over the rocks making the most wonderful music. Each night it lulled me to sleep and once I dreamed that I was looking at it and I saw it so clearly that I had to pinch myself when I really awoke. The pines whispered softly all night long and there were crickets and noises that only can be heard in the beautiful silence of a country night. Some day I hope to go back and stay a long time.

I did get to see Glenn in N. Y. C. He was off to Europe before I got back to meet Lester and I've not heard from him since.

Love from both of us and do come to see us when you can.

Dordially,

Ophelia
2/10/57

Mr. Langston Hughes Street
New York 35, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Langston Hughes,

I've been looking for a few books on hand. I'm still pretty hectic for the things I want, though, I lead a mild earth do you cover so many things?

About Simply Heavenly, I liked it very much. I have not been out much him very busy. He is tough going.

For two books: One, be autographed for me" and to be sent Intire 22 Via San the extra $1.00 isn't by and send me the bill.

Graphed for Lester: sent to me. Thanks s. Come to see us when hand Unbarbecued pie.

Sincerely yours,  

[Signature]
Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th. Street
New York 35, N. Y.
Ophelia S. Egypt

12/10/57

1933 Alabama Ave., S. E., Washington 20, D. C.

Dear Langston:

I hope that you have a few books on hand. I am late as usual but life is still pretty hectic and there is little time for the things I want to do. Compared to yours though, I lead a mild slow life. How on earth do you cover so much ground and accomplish so many things!

I've heard good things about Simply Heavenly and most who saw it seem glad that it is back in the intimate theatre. Hope to see it yet. Saw The Rivalry here Sunday and liked it very much. Lester enjoyed it too. We have not been out much because his home work keeps him very busy. He is finding 10th grade pretty tough going.

The enclosed check is for two books: One, FAMOUS AMERICAN NEGROES to be autographed for Joe and Jill, my God children" and to be sent Air Mail to Joe and Jill McIntire 22 Via San Saba, ROME, ITALY. If the extra $1.00 isn't enough, please send it anyway and send me the bill.

The other is to be autographed for Lester: SIMPLE STAKES A CLAIM, and sent to me. Thanks lots and do have a grand Xmas. Come to see us when you can and I'll promise you an Unbarbecued pie.

Cordially always,

Ophelia.
December 13, 1957

Dear Ophelia,

The Air Mail book was sent with your return address on it, so here's the receipt. The SIMPLES came today, and yours has been sent today. So

Happy Holidays to you.

Sincerely,

Langston Hughes
1933 Alabama Ave. N.E.
Washington 20, D.C.

Ma. Langston Hughes
20 East 127½ Street
New York 35, N.Y.
April 27, 1959

Dear Langston,

Thank you for the card. Lester and I will be there with a couple of friends. In the 30th.

Will also attend the ward and invite me a ring if you can come to the house for dinner and some ___.

Love, U placia
Dear Hugh,

New Year 35 2.2

20 East 137th St.

New York 3, N.Y.

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S.E., Washington 20, D.C.

You're here again!

Children for Xmas?

Snowing here this morning. Fly's great! I have a hard time and deep tonight - so I am back.

hugs from New York - He's quite fine, 8 and my mum. I also have...
Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th St.
New York 35, N.Y.
Dear Langston:

Xmas is almost here again!

Anything new for children for Xmas?

Just yet. Reminiscences from the heliary today. It’s great!

I’m going to have a hard time putting it down and going to sleep tonight.

Lesty graduates from Negro school this June. He’s quite a man.

My nephew is 8 and my girl Elsie nine. I also have
a mere 15-

The Miss "The Wealthy Man"

Neither came back. Please send it along if you find it. It stuns me it's the best thing I've written.

Yours sincerely,

S. [illegible]
1933 Delaware St.
Washington D.C.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

M. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th St.
New York, N.Y.
4/19/61

Dear Langston:
Are you home?
I'll be in N.Y.C. Tuesday night through Monday night (April 21-24th)
And would love to see you if possible.
I'll be at Ruth Lewis - 255 W 23rd at 51326.
Please get in touch.

Love,
Ophelia (Mrs. Lewis)
1933 Alabama Ave. S. E.
Washington 20, D. C.
May 19, 1961

Dear Langston:

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Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th. St.
NNew York 35, N. Y.
1933 Alabama Ave. S. E.
Washington 20, D. C.
May 19, 1961

Dear Langston:

You are a living doll! The idea of you taking time out to find and read that material with the million and one other things you have to do makes me feel very special and very grateful too. I've been planning to write since that delightful 4:00 P. M. breakfast with you and your staff but every time I thought about that back work in your room, I decided to wait a few more days.

Thanks for the suggestions on the both stories. I have revised THE WEATHERMAN, accordingly and will try sending it out again. The other I'll get to eventually and offer it to American Heritage again. Thanks too for the AFRICAN TREASURY. I was amazed at the beauty of some of the writings. It is most interesting from cover to cover. I'm hoping for more Hughes paperbacks. I was glad that I went by the bookshop. Helen looks well and we had quite a chat between visitors. It's an exciting place. I picked up your FIRST BOOK OF THE WEST INDIES, which I had not known about, for my godson and Alice Childress' LIKE ONE OF THE FAMILY. It is as real as Simple, and I am glad to have it in my collection.

You apparently can survive at the terrific pace you maintain but I am worried about that weight. Your heart has enough to carry without that, young man, so get to a good Dr. and do something about it. That's an order because you are much too valuable to die young unnecessarily! I told your cousin
who works at Freedmen's (I can never think of her name, but she's a charming person) that I had seen you and she sends her love and promises to write. She also sends orvers about reducing.

Of course I don't promise to serve a reducing meal if you ever get down to visit again but if there is pie, I promise that it won't be barbecued. Anyway, I can still whip up a tasty meal and nothing would please me more than cooking one for you. I did have the house re-decorated and hope you'll get back before it is too dirty again.

Lester will be home the end of next week. He is hoping for a job as a camp counsellor. He was surprised and delighted to have the book. It was a big boost to his prestige too.

Much love to you and yours.

Cordially,

[Signature]

Caption: [Folder 1111]
Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th. St.
New York, N. Y.
Dear Langston:

Aren't you ever coming back to Washington? Lester was supposed to have written you while I was in the hospital but he never got around to it. I was there for two weeks for removal of a kidney stone—the most expensive stone I ever owned. I'm almost back to normal again except financially, and will return to work next week.

I did get time to revise the story as you suggested, but I can't find any address for STORY. I thought I'd like to try them first. The library here has no address for them and I've looked everywhere I know. Can you drop me a card with the address. Thanks loads.

Love to you and my regards to your wonderful staff. Come soon. 

Cordially,
1933 Alabama st
Washington

September 22 1962

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th St.
New York, N.Y.
1/20/62

Dear Langston,

I never got to send out my Xmas cards this year because earlier in Dec., while trying to get ready to re-enter the hospital, for another operation, I got so tired and scared that I had to go in for an acute asthma attack. So the finish of the year found me in the hospital again. Now the house is over and I hope to go home. I hope all goes well with you--

Sincerely,
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WASHINGTON 20, D. C.
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Mr. Langston Hughes
20 - 30th 1974
New York N.Y.

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Mr. Langston Hughes
20 - East 127th St.
New York, N.Y.
Dear Langston:

Thank you for one of the most fascinating and exciting stories I've ever read. Fight For Freedom! It's beautiful and dramatically written, and I lived in it from beginning to end. The additional two lines are a stirring command which I wish America would follow:

You must be a hero as ever but shape need get a chance to see you when I come to N.Y.C.

(ours)
in September late) to spend a few days with Ruth Lewis, I need to add to my "Hughes Collection" and get more autographed leaves for gifts so I hope my bank account will be less empty today then.

I am still working hard and am forcing myself to get more rest between working hours. It means that I am a poor correspondent and that I miss so many things I want to do and see. I did see the Dinner Ella with the Paul Brunner Quartette.
and the news thrilled. It was so good to hear her again and to find that she is even more delightful than ever.

The two groups were pleasant surprises since I had not heard either. If you’re ever here when she is at Court Brown theatre in Race Creek park, be sure to go.

Tesla will be a Junior at Va. State next year. He is working in Recreation again this summer, it is good.
to have a man around the house, even though once in a while he’s just a little long again. He’ll be 70 in October.

The Bridesmoms Philadelphia were here for dinner on their way to their summer home in the Black Hills of N.C. Where their youngest daughter was to be married. Time marches on, doesn’t it?

I’m fighting a lost battle with a couple of my white co-workers in northern Montgomery Co., Md. Consciously, they are
Dear people, leaving freedom and opportunities for all, but even or subtly their inherent prejudices influence their behavior to the people with whom they work as patients when the people are of the same social and economic class as their maids. I think your love will help in their education.

Thank you and love to your household.

Ophelia
If you come here to my house, I'll promise you some very barbecued ribs and a juicy steak cooked outside on a charcoal grill. That's Lester slept. 0.
Mr. Langston Hughes
20 - East 127th St.
New York 35, N.Y.
The Egyptians
1933 Alabama Avenue, S.E.
Washington 20, D.C.

9/23/62

Dear Langston;

Thanks for the card. Had to postpone my trip to N.Y.C. until Oct. 10th. Well arrive there night and stay until about noon on the 15th. Would you like to come to Ruth's for a meal and a check? She's at 255-1326, 2 Boro. Sometime Thursday or Saturday. Would like West Harlem club here any time after 4:30 P.M. Wed. At 15-1326. Glad you'll be here in Oct.

Hope you can have dinner at our house. Will get it for your program at the festival.

Love.

[Signature]
The Egyptians
1933 Alabama Avenue, S.E.
Washington 20, D. C.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

18 Oct
1962

Dr. Langston Hughes
20 - East 127th St.
New York 35, N.Y.
10/17/62

Dear Langston,

It was good to talk
with you. I'm hearing
in N.C. hard at work
to again – lend as
refreshed after a trip
to the big city.

Wish you had more
time in Washington
next week, but I'll
see you at the Library
of Congress Wed. p.m.
if you get a chance to
hear out – do The
Ticket Cane. Thanks

Love,

[Signature]
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very of written, known as God's militant army of the Creation's Century. For the most part the men were good all around. u would get used to read! Than k In enclosing a Post dated
Mr. Langston Hughes
20 E. 127th Street
New York City, N.Y.
Dear Langston:

When the history of American poetry is written, you should go down as the most original, militant and sensitive of the creative artists of the century. For Green Mama is the most delightful book I've ever read and yet the message is unanswerable. Even Barnett would get it, if he could read! Thank you very much. In closing a post dated
Dear copy of the autographed letter and send to my good friend Ruth Lewis there in New York City. Her address is 255 West 23rd St, June 11. I wish you two could get together. Sometimes she loves and understands people and she is a quiet fighter for right.

It was good to see you if only for a moment. I'm still hoping that some day before the maniacs...
Blew up the world, we'd get a chance to have dinner here.

At 1933, I promise some unbarbecued apple pie, Honest! And if there's one left in the freezer - A real live steak!

Hope your Boyceum and other places are going well. Someone heard the Gospel Choirs last Sunday. They were not so keen on the singing, but wished you had been given a larger role. If it is a continued program here, you may have to work...
for there’d be a demand for more Lustmord songs. Hardly, it was not listed so I missed it, but I’ll check it every Sunday for awhile. It was on W-7, Channel 5. Here if you want to notify any of us here to check.

Thank you for getting a laugh out of this. Old Post has some wonderful cartoons.

That word reminds me—many must have told you that you are a wonderful guy—lunk. Let me say it again with emphasis and sincerity—

Love,

[Signature]
M. L. Austin Hughes
20 - East 127th St.
New York, N.Y.
Dear Daughter:

A nasty cold took down my efficiency this year. Then we had a white cold. Xmas are since then colder, slipping and windy so in in. I loved your reading. For the Xmas program, we are asking for more. Too bad there good voices can't sing something besides gospel songs. Wish me love always.

All love,

[Handwritten date] 1962

Caption: [Folder 1111]
Mr. Langston Hughes
20 - East 137th St.
New York 35, N.Y.
Thank You
Dear Langston,

You are the most amazing and wonderful person I've ever known! Imagine your being there from your busy life to send back warm greetings. Thanks to you and for the words for Happy Easter!

It's easy to say "Thank You" --

What's difficult to do,

Is express the many special thoughts

Behind this thanks to you.

Love -

Opalina

[EGYPT, Ophelia Settle]
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Vasiliki Sarant, Publicity Director

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Several themes unite these seemingly disparate authors. Each was a spokesman of cultural transition; each had a distinctive view of his role as a writer; and each was also in his own way American.

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Publishers of DRAMABOOKS and the AMERICAN CENTURY SERIES
1933 Alabama Avenue, S. E.
Washington 20, D. C.
September 5, 1963

Dear Mr. Longton,

I received your letter of August 22 and I am pleased to hear from you. I have been trying to write you since I received the notification of your graduation. I am glad that you were able to attend the graduation ceremony and that you are now a member of the alumni association.

I am interested in hearing more about your experiences since you left our school. What have you been doing since graduation? Are you working or are you attending graduate school?

The summer has been very productive for me. I have been working on my thesis, which I hope to complete in the next few months. I am also working on a new project that I think will be very interesting. I will keep you updated on my progress.

I am glad to hear that your daughter is doing well. She is a very bright young woman and I am sure that she will do well in her studies.

I hope that you are doing well and that you are enjoying your time in New York. I look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,

Ophelia
Mr. Langston Hughes
20 - East 137th St.
New York 35, N.Y.
1933 Alabama Avenue, S. E.
Washington 20, D. C.
September 5, 1963

Dear Langston:

Have you discovered this paper? You can erase with a pencil eraser and just keep on typing. I’ve been trying to write you since I read of your honoring Howard by accepting a degree! Had I known you would be there I would have suffered through another Commencement. (That erasure isn’t a fair sample. There’s some syrup or something on this paper that I didn’t know about.) Congratulations to my Alma Mater and thanks to you for becoming a fellow alumnus.

I seem to be forming an annual major surgery habit which I hope is now cured. I had to go back to the hospital the end of July for an emergency operation because the stone which they couldn’t get before, moved out of the kidney and got stuck instead of keeping up the journey to the end. After 18 days, I came back home and am now working part time until the end of next week. Hopefully, I can go back full time then. I haven’t had much energy but am beginning to feel like myself.

Weren’t you here for the March? Since I couldn’t go down, I sat glued to TV all day and I must admit that they did a good job of coverage. Twas a moving and wonderful thing. Of course Lester got off from work and went; so the was there from beginning to end. I hope that Martin Luther King’s address was recorded because the printed word cannot do full justice to it. All of the speeches were good, but I felt a special appeal in his, Wilkins and the Rabbi’s. Old Wallace might as well give up now because no matter how much cain he raises, he’s a dead duck. It is just too bad that he can do so much damage in the process of dying.

I’ve been trying to polish up some of the stuff I’ve written and now have the ex-slave piece you read and revised for me being typed. Will have a copy for you soon. Am also revising the story of the little girl that you suggested I try to make into a book. My big problem now is ending it.

Boy, I don’t see how you do so much. I clipped a note about your new play from the Washington Post but can’t find it now. Will send it when I do. Hope it is going well and will have good reviews on Opening Night. Wish I could be there. I’ll see it though when I come back to the big city. You see I’m betting on it to stay awhile.

Lester is fine and has developed nicely. He goes back for his Senior year at State on the 17th. His job ended last week and he is really relaxing. He sends love. Hope you can come this way when he is here sometime and come by for a meal. I can still cook... not barbecued pie either!

Regards to the members of your staff I met and love to you.

Ophelia
The Egyptians

1933 Alabama Avenue S.E., Washington 20, D.C.
Dear Langston:

Sorry that I haven’t written you sooner. Graduation and job hunting have left me no spare time.

Lester

20 East 127th Street
New York

I got a Conservation Corps letter but I haven’t decided what I’ll do next. Tell me a book.

Lester
Lester Egypt
908 New Castle St.
Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th Street
New York 35, New York
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GRADUATION

THANK YOU
Dear Langston:

I am sorry that I haven't written you sooner. Graduation and job hunting have left me no spare time. Last Wednesday I came to Butler, Penn, to report for a job as a Soil Scientist in the Soil Conservation Service. It is very hard work, but I think I am going to like it. Will write you a letter.

Room.

With sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness:

Thank you for sending me "New Negro Poets: U.S.A." It is a book that I will always treasure.

Lester
THANK YOU
GRADUATION
Ms. Langston Hughes
20 E. 127th St.
New York, N.Y.

[Postmark: PM 23 Jul 1964]
Mr. Langston Hughes
20 E. 127 St.
New York, N.Y.

1933 Alabama Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020
The Egyptians
1933 Alabama Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020

July 22, 1964

Dear Langston,

I've been planning to write you since you sent the beautiful poems to Lester. You are truly a "lucky devil". Thank you very much. It seems that the older I get the more work I have to do and the less energy I have at the end of the day. How on earth do you keep up such a pace! I'm drooping with pride because of you.

All those interested in freedom would work half as hard and as selflessly as you, we'd
have been free long ago, I know you won't get discouraged in these dark days. If you think of any way it can paralyze Sandwater Williams getting caught, please let me know. Maybe his [unreadable] bal-lowers would see that as an act of God and mend their ways.

Enclosed check is for a copy of the Irish Booz & Negroes inscribed to Lafayette B. Mabry, if it is still in print, if not send the next best thing you have for a very bright jour-

[unreadable] & [unreadable]
New York, 35 3rd Ave
12-20-71
The Hon. Frank Murphy
1433 Presbyterian Bldg
Beloit, Wis.

1961

I was not aware that you were interested in the project. If you are interested, I will be glad to see you.

1961
O. Ewing
1933 Alabama St, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020

Mr. Langston Hughes
20 - East 127th Street
New York 35, N.Y.
The Patter!

News of the Southeast Area

October, 1964

Have you heard?

Representatives of our Parklands Neighborhood Mothers Club will serve on the Hospitality Committee of the National Capital Housing Authority at the opening of Woodland Terrace. They will join representatives of other organizations in a grand "Meet Your Neighbors" project. Mrs. Mary Louise Gilkesen of RHDA is in charge. Included in kits of informational material to be given the new residents will be Parklands newest brochure which features the same stork and bee that are on this page.

From "Committees" to "Clubs"

Parklands two neighborhood committees have grown to encompass the community surrounding Parklands Planned Parenthood Clinic and are now known as:

Parklands Neighborhood Mothers Club

meets every 1st Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m.

Parklands Neighborhood Fathers Club

meets every 3rd Monday of the month at 8 p.m.

Come Learn * YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN * Have Fun
IN MEMORIAM
Mrs. John J. Oergen
October 5, 1964

Our newest friend and represen-
tative from the board of
Planned Parenthood to Parklands,
had a yam personality and cheery-
ful outlook on life revealed a
love of people already felt by
those of us she had come to
know her. It will be impossible
for anyone to fill completely
the void left by her passing.

On the Agenda

How can I stop an older
boy from picking on my
younger one?

My daughter is only 15.
Should she date?

What can we do with
our children in the
summer?

These and other sub-
jects including the
working mother, school
problems, parental be-
havior and its effect
on children, were sug-
gested as future dis-
cussion topics at
Mothers Club meetings.

The first meeting was
held October 7 at which
time knives, cutlery,
and trip were chosen
to plan a fund-raising
event. A specialist has
promised to attend the
November meeting to dis-
cuss child-rearing.

Mrs. Hawkins Mary
An original Parklands
Committee member, Mrs.
John Hawkins was next a
Board member of Planned
Parenthood and is now on
its staff. She is at
Parklands, she interviewed
at M St. clinic and she
visits mothers at D.C.
General.

Parklands Clinic Host to Many Visitors

The Annual Meeting and
Anniversary Celebration
of Parklands last April
has people still talking...
Even the newsletter of the national
Planned Parenthood asso-
ciation carried a picture
of Mothers Club members,
Miss Robbie
Goodman, Katie Ogey and
Mrs. John Curtis, who
was honored for being
Parklands oldest pa-
tient. Also pictured
was Principal Edward J.
Edwards of Turner Ele-
mentary who has praised
Parklands and Director
Mrs. Cathi Eber.

Helpful Hints

Save your powder and deter-
gent when cleaning your tub.
Use an old nylon stocking as
your cleaning cloth. We've
tried this. It works, you
do not have to use half as
much as with other cloths.

Men's Club Meeting Soon

Pathers - young and old -
are urged to come to the
first Fall meeting of Park-
lands Neighborhood Fathers
Club on Monday, November
16 at 8 p.m. Entertainment
- and education is planned.
Have you heard about

PLANNED PARENTHOOD?

Planned Parenthood is the name of a private health agency which helps people if...

... They plan to get married and want advice about sex and marriage...

... They want children, but want to have them a few years apart rather than every year.

... They have all the babies they want.

Planned Parenthood’s trained doctors and social workers teach patients about themselves, showing films; answering questions.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD TEACHES PEOPLE HOW TO USE BIRTH CONTROL ... at a price they can afford.

Do you know WHAT BIRTH CONTROL IS?

Birth control is a way of keeping from becoming pregnant. Some ways are used by men, some by women. You can find out about all these methods at a Planned Parenthood clinic. For women there are the ...

... Simple methods — usually a foam or cream which does not require a prescription. This is not nearly as safe as the ...

... Medical methods — requiring a doctor's examination. These include the diaphragm, the pill and the rhythm method which is acceptable to all religions.

Do you know HOW TO MAKE A CLINIC APPOINTMENT?

Call Dupont 7-87 for PARKLANDS CLINIC; 1311 Alabama Ave. SE, NE 8787
Abstract Photographs of Monhegan in Color

Ruth Lewis
November 2 - 14, 1964
Opening Mon., Nov. 2, 5:30 - 7:30

Panoramas Gallery
62 W. 56th Street, New York
Telephone: PLaza 7-2117
Hours: 11:00 - 6:30, Mon. thru Sat.
11/4/64

Dear Langston,

Just a brief note to let you know that we’ll be in N.Y.C. next week for Ruth’s & Irwin’s and the planned Parenting Meeting. Hope you can come to the event; we’ll try to meet you there Thursday, Friday or Saturday or any time during the week, whether that is convenient to you.

I want to see you somehow—do you think you can make it? I’ll be at the Cardinal, a little hotel on W. 23rd near 7th Ave. You can get schedule for Ruths: 1205-1326 - Love & Robert.
Aug 5, 1964

E., Washington, D. C. 20020

the lessons and they are terrific, even with friends.
I just wonder whether the famous
my God child, isn't one for him for the younger's family, do then all. Hey -
Cost lots more leaves (two)

Mr. Langston Hughes

New York 35, N.Y.

"s she miss me"
Mrs. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th St.
New York 35, N.Y.
The Egyptians

1933 Alabama Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020

Aug. 5, 1962

Dear Langston:

Thank you for the books and the articles. They are terrific. I'm sharing them with friends.

I gave the famous Negroes tee to my godchild. If not, we want one for him for Xmas - also for the youngsters in my step-son's family. So don't get rid of them all. Hey - that must have cost lots more than the "first" one is.
Again, but send me the price so that I can send the right amount when I order again. Don't forget that I've asked that question, I found the answer on the list see - I'm getting old!

Do you have any of the "first" books? If so, please send one autographed by Lafayette G. Malby III. First Choice would be "Jazz," Second "Rhythms," and "Africa."

Leste is fine and is getting adjusted in his new world. He's still as ready.

Love - Athelia -
Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th St.
New York 25, NY
Dear Langston:

Didn't know you had joined the area.

I know you got my notice of

Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127th St.

New York 25, N.Y.

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Decided I'd better send this since space ran out - Ruth wanted you to come over to her apartment 255 W. 23rd (3D) on Friday night - just a few faces you'd love and lots of fun & drinks! Her number is on the back. Please call if possible if you're tied up -

- at the Central Hotel - Love, Ophelia
Caption: [Folder 1111]
Hotel Roosevelt
Rooms 718
Mar. 6 - 9200

Langston Hughes
20 East 127th St.
New York 35, N.Y.
Dear Langston:

Thanks for sending the review of the notices in "Freed at Last". I had noted the New Yorker's review and planned to write my

Congratulations and you know what pressures were considering.

I'll be in N.Y.C. on the night of 9/18-19 if you plan to stay through Sunday and attend the meeting at the Committee on a panel Thursday. But I'm not

at Ruth's critic. Well, meeting or at Ruth's to set my schedule. Can't read you with your unlisted number.

The Egyptians

1933 Alabama Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020
Mr. Langston Hughes
20 East 127 ½ St.
New York N.Y. 10035
Missed it for the world, thought it was going that I missed you.
It sure still hurts if you come - I realize now you really can't see any more - I mean.
I really wished for that phone number, do come soon and let's try to get together.
Pete is fine and has just "fallen in love," so he comes home again.

Much love -

(Handwritten date: 9/25/65, scribed: Eppie in)
Dear Longston:

The fates were against Deer telling to each other last week. I'm sorry because it has been ages since we met in Tivoli, Saturday afternoon, we went to see "The Dollar and the Pineapple"—one of the most delightful plays I have seen in years. That night we learned later, you were at the "Prigfal's Son" while we were at Sunday night. What a tremendous influence that was! I have never seen anything more moving and exciting. No wonder there are lives. I wouldn't have...
Dear Langston,

Sorry I forgot to enclose the cheers for the books.

Thanks and Happy New Year — Love.

Ophelia
Hi -

You were great
This A.M. - Am
looking forward to
the new house - you
love wonderful young!
Where's that Fountain of
Youth?

A Happy Birthday for today —
— - - and a bit o' luck
for every day!

Ophelia -
Dear Langston:

Just a note to give you some exciting news and to ask for another copy of the *Big Sea*. My godson, who is now 15 and one of your ardent fans wants everything you have written and of course he wants everything autographed! I don't know whether I'll be able to fill the order or will live long enough for that matter but I do want him to have something each year. He will be 16 this May. I hope you have a copy on hand. 1.95

The news is Lester's imminent marriage to take place July 2nd. Doesn't time fly! Wish you could come but it would never be my luck to have you in Washington at that time.

If you can dash off a line, tell me how Glenn is. I'm worried about him; for I haven't heard from him in ages.

Love, Ophelia

Check Enclosed

Make it 2 - Books sent Sept 19/66

The second to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Waldem III (Clock) $4.50

9-22-66

Check not cashed, Books sent
1933 Alabama Ave. S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020
Nov. 27, 1966

Dear Vanguard:

Thanks for the books which came too long after the wedding and the birthday. I'm present for the occasions but they'll get them for Christmas!

Now I need another "Famous Negro Heroes of America," autographed for William R. Mabry, Jr. for Christmas. I hope this catches up with you in time. I see you still keep up an amazing pace.

(our)
Your poems were as beautiful as ever in "Hand on the Gun." I know that is not the career little girl you knew what it meant. It was very moving and realistic and the audience were loved it. I remembered the old days when we finish did "Don't you Want to Be Free?" I wonder how many people knew that you really were an early freedom fighter so many years ago and you're still fighting. So are we here in our various ways. I'll see in New York this night Dec. 8th (one night only) at Keith's. Call if you can reach don't feel any.
anyone else—Not even Helen
that I'm there. I'm really
passing through and we
must get to bed early for a
long drive the following
day. I'm leaning away
for a week if Helen needed
best.
Still working hard and
keeping reasonably well with
another Kidney stone hanging
dangerously on. I decided to
let it hang!

Lester was finally transferred
here so is happy with his bride.
(Dear) much love to you and your
(again) household — Ophelia —
Please incude a second copy of "Famous New Heros for Barbara, Debra, & Emory Black."

Cheque enclosed.

P.S.

The price is cut 50%, so I don't know how much to send. The red one was $35. Send $35, I think. This was more. Also send #3 or later. If it's more, please let me know. I'll send balance.
Dear Langston,

Thanks for your card.

Will be in NYC only on the night of the 8th.

It's Ruth Lewis. The number is #1-5-1326.

The address: 255 W. 23rd St.

I hope to arrive around 9:00 p.m. - look forward to meeting you, Harriet.

Sincerely,

Phoebe
Dear Langston:

Last night, I kept dreaming about you! They were good dreams and we were having lots of fun in a world so much better than the one we face for the coming year. Maybe it's an omen though I wish I could really believe it. Will there ever be peace in our world. I had hoped so much to live to see it.

Thanks for the books and for the Biographical Information. I wish I were more active socially so that I could inveigle some club or something to invite you down. Maybe then I'd get to see you and feed you some more apple pie—not barbecued this time!

Lester and Viola are fine and ask of you each time I come to N.Y. You were the only one I talked to on my trip through I think I forgot to mention that you shouldn't tell anyone I was there. I was just too tired to really relate to anyone else. Had a wonderful rest on the Cape. Weather much better than in N.N. Y. C. of D. C. Even did a little writing. Would send you a sample but each time I decide to do it, I think about that pile of things on the bed that day. I'm sure it's still high but I'm going to get up courage yet.
The check is for two books:

The Big Sea (Hardback) inscribed for Mr. & Mrs. David Hugh Thompson and Langston Hughes Reader Inscribed for Walter Fox, Jr.

Actually, I'd appreciate it if you sent them direct instead of to me. Will that be convenient?

The Thompsons are at 306 Norris Court # B  Madison, Wis.
Walter Jr. is 4257 St. Louis Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. You see my typing does not improve with age. Much love and Happy New Year to you.

12/66
1933 Alabama, S. E.
Dear Langston,

Thanks to you and Mr.adel for getting the A.B. letters off. Please send one more Get me the African Treasury for Barriington Dumbad.

His address is: (listed)

25 Montgomery
Bld. 4 Apr. 18 E.
N.Y.C. 10002

This time the check is
Enclosed. Thanks -

Love -

1/1967

Ophelia -

Say what do you charge for a lecture? Somebody asked me back but don’t think she believes it. That solved the problem that solved your problem!
Dear Langston:

Remember encouraging me to continue with some material I sent you years ago? You thought that it might develop into a book on the order of MAUD MARTHA. Well, I've been working at it at spare moments since and here is one of the chapters. I sent this first even though it is near the end of the book because I like it. Hope you will too when you find time to read it. The foreword will give you some idea of what it is all about.

Actually it begins with the death of my mother when I was almost five years old.
It ends with my leaving the farm as an adolescent after the death of my grandmother. I hope that I am writing for children and young adults but I'm not really sure. I'd also hope that adults my age would enjoy it. Anyway, here it is.

I'll be up in Riverdale, N. Y. at Greystone for a meeting with Bayard Rustin and other civil rights leaders on Family Planning and the Poor this week-end. I would have time to call you if I had your number but probably won't be able to stop in the city except to make a train or plane.

I'm still enjoying your delightful talk at the school and am so glad that you asked that I be invited. I found the girls eager and much more knowledgeable about us than I expected. One of these days, I hope we can get to talk about birth control. I know you are right about many of Mr. Charlie's folks wanting it for the other fellow, but many of us within the movement have been working on this for years and in Planned Parenthood, there is a decided change in many of the leaders. The other paper enclosed is among this line. I gave it to a group of staff and Board members of Planned Parenthood at a regional meeting in Harrisburg.

By the way, you get even more handsome with the years. I know you shouldn't have too much apple pie but tell me what you can have and I'll promise to have it on hand if you'll come for dinner any time you are in this area again.

Love,

Ophelia

1933 Alabama Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20020
Hi;

My first visit to Fla.

and I love the beauty

of the place - not so

Sure about the place Mr. Langston Hughes

spent June week with 20 East 67 h m s

We been working for

New York N.Y.

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February With More 9 g

been listed them any more

9! and only one left in the whole!
Mrs. Ivory L. Egypt

5/22/67

1933 Alabama Avenue S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020

Dear Langston,

Just a hasty note to ask you to please send a copy of Famous American Negroes to my niece who is graduating from high school. Her name is Miss Vivian Lorraine. Her address is

R # 2 B 4 88
Hilgar, Texas, 75 662.

She is not available Famous Negro Heroes will be with her.

Enclosed - Love, Thane Ophel.
Dear Langston:

Your card is precious!
Perhaps you will meet
Lesty face to face yet.
Did you ever see the
which I sent you about my
Dad? I have a friend who
has written a book and
who wanted like to use
your "Hard Face to Guns"
as a title. It is a good
name and I promised to
case you if you'd mind.

Loves y fare
Ophelia
[Egypt]