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my dear Gregs,

your letter makes  
me glad & sad. Glad  
because of your faith  
& enthusiasm &  
sad because of  
Radha's illness which  
you say is beyond  
recall. I am hoping  
that in this at least  
you will prove wrong,  
nevertheless yours  
I can say it is will not

ours be done" I believe  
also that what passes  
for misfortune is  
not always really  
so. Of these things  
in spite of scien-  
tific evidence we  
know so little.

When your revised  
book comes if you  
if I don't read it  
Pyarelal or others  
will & I shall know.  
Love to you both  
Bapu

Laroe Road, Chester, N.Y., Jan. 31, 1962

Mr. Stuart Nelson, Dean of  
Howard University,  
Washington 1, D.C.

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FEB 2 1962

VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Stuart:

Recently while going through an old note book I found the enclosed letter from Gandhi to me, dated Jan. 20, 1945. It refers to the illness of my first wife who was losing her mind because of hardening of the arteries in her brain (hereditary in her case). Radha was the Indian name Gandhi gave her during our visit to him in the spring of 1930.

Through you I give it to the library of Howard University. American Negroes have made the most significant application of Gandhi's principal of nonviolence. It is fitting therefore that I express my appreciation of that by turning over this letter to the leading Negro university. A couple of years ago I gave a couple of his other letters to me to the college from which I graduated. The bits of Scotch tape at the corners were my means of attaching it to the page of my note book.

I am glad you could go to the conference at Lebanon. From the reports I have received, it was a fine success. I hope it will bear good fruit. I bet you are mighty busy now. Best wishes always.

Your friend,

*Richard*

Richard B. Gregg

Laroe Road, Chester, N.Y., Feb. 4, 1962

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FEB 6 1962

Mr. Stuart Nelson,  
Dean of Howard University, VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Stuart:

Almost as soon as I mailed my letter to you of Jan, 31st, I wanted to recall it so as to alter one ~~sent~~ sentence that I am ashamed of. The particular sentence is in the middle of the second paragraph where I said, "It is fitting therefore that I express my appreciation of that by turning over this letter to the leading Negro university." I think that sounds rather unpleasantly egotistical. I apologise for it. It should have read, "It is fitting therefore that ~~this~~ original letter from Gandhi should be given to the leading Negro university." The less said about me, the better.

Happy days to you.

As ever,

*Richard*

Richard B. Gregg