The New York Committee

of the

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE

cordially invites you to attend a

DINNER

in honor of

DR. CHANNING H. TOBIAS

Thursday, April 18, 1946, at six-thirty o'clock

ROOSEVELT HOTEL

Madison Avenue and Forty-Fifth Street

Please Reply
Card Enclosed

Couvert $6.00
Informal
I am very sorry not to be able to attend this dinner in honor of Dr. Channing Tobias, at which I had hoped to be present.

I am glad that my son can be present and bring this message for me.

I have long admired Dr. Tobias' capacity for work and his capacity for achieving his ends without antagonizing those with whom he works. I wish him every success in all he undertakes and I am happy always to have an opportunity to work with him.

Eleanor Roosevelt.
Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Apartment 6-A
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, N. Y.

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I shall hope to talk with you some time in the near future about the whole question of education in West Africa, and also concerning other colonial interests.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Channing H. Tobias
Director
A LETTER OF APPEAL

to

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

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Dear Madam,

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Raphael O'Hara Lanier,
American Minister,
American Legation,
Monrovia, Liberia.
17th Sept., 1946.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
via Dr. Channing H. Tobias,
101, Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam,

This is an appeal from a 28-year-old African seeking opportunity for advancement by way of higher education.

A British West African by birth, and sole surviving grandson of the late Edward Wilmot Blyden, I have recently (by a letter dated 14th August, 1946) been admitted into Lincoln University, Chester County, Pennsylvania, which starts its fall semester today, 17th September, 1946, and as a student of which school I have been allowed to register as late as October 1, 1946.
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