Mayor's Committee on Race Relationships

In 1960, Mayor James Saxon Smith formed a Mayor's Friendly Relationship Committee in response to sit-ins at various lunch counters in uptown Charlotte's department, variety and drugstores on February 12, 1960. He appointed Dr. John R. Cunningham to chair the committee. Cunningham served as President of Davidson College and later served as the Director of the Presbyterian Foundation of Charlotte. Originally, the MFRC was designed as a temporary committee to resolve the integration of the lunch counters which was successful by the summer of 1960. However, at the urging of Dr. Cunningham and other civic and religious leaders the work of the committee continued and expanded to explore issues of housing, education equal opportunities for work as well as crime and the impact that segregation had in these areas. At this same time, the Civil Rights Movement began spreading throughout the country and especially in the south. In 1961, when Mayor Stan Brookshire became Mayor, the name of the committee became the Mayor's Community Relations Committee. Twenty-seven people, both black and white, served on the committee which was comprised of newspaper editors, local politicians, ministers, physicians, four women, teachers and local businessmen. This collection contains letters to and from Dr. John R. Cunningham, who chaired the committee, memorandums, committee minutes and pamphlets on the subject of race relationship that were used by the committee in developing their awareness of the issue. This collection contains important information regarding the city's changing attitudes towards integration and the impact these changes had on the community. Some of the letters do contain racist sentiments from opponents to the committee and integration as a whole. However, the historical content is irrefutable and provides great insight to Charlotte during the early days of the Civil Rights Movement as it spread across the country. Today the work of these two early committees continues under the auspices of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations.

Description

Series I

Comprised mainly of the minutes and member lists of the Friendly Relations Committee and the Community Relations Committee.

Series II

This series consists of the correspondence from and to the Reverend Dr. John R. Cunningham (1891-1980), Chairman of both mayoral committees. Dr. Cunningham served as President of Davidson College from 1941 to 1957. At the time of his appointment in 1960, he was Executive Director of the President of the Presbyterian Foundation from 1957 to 1964.

Series III Miscellaneous

Includes one sheet memorandums, newspaper clippings and magazine articles.

Series IV Miscellaneous Correspondence

Letters to and from various committee members, civic leaders, ministers from around the state.

Series V

Series contains correspondence of Mayor James Saxon Smith (1908-1982) that relate to the establishment of the committee and how members of the committee were selected. Mayor Smith was born in Albemarle, North Carolina but grew up in Charlotte. He was the President of the Carolina Brush Company, a business his father founded. Smith, a Democrat served on the city council between 1953 and 1955. Then in 1957 he was elected mayor and re-elected in 1959. His term of mayor coincided with the Charlotte sit-ins that began on February 12, 1960. Mayor Smith is credited with establishing the groundwork for Charlotte's official approach to integrating public areas in the city by dealing directly with the protesters and establishing the Mayor's Committee on Friendly Relations.

Series VI Pamphlets and Booklets

Resources used by committee members in particular, Dr. Cunningham in developing programs, updates on activities of other organizations in the country as well as information on civil rights activities of that period.

Series I: Minutes and Other Organizational Papers

MCRC Box 1 Folder 1

Bethlehem Center Picnic – July 29, 1963 – Description of events that took place with staff and children of The Bethlehem Center and the members of the Charlotte Police Department. A letter regarding the need for access to the swimming pool at Revolution Park by the Center is also in this folder.

MCRC Box 1 Folder 2

Chamber of Commerce article: Charlotte & the Civil Rights Revolution (July-August 1964)

MCRC Box 1 Folder 3

A list of nominees to the Committee on Race Relations. No date.

MCRC Box 1 Folder 4

Guidelines for the Carolina Carousel Parade for Honorary Princess Car Decoration.

MCRC Box 1 Folder 5

Text of a speech by D.E. Coltrane on May 21, 1964 at the Equal Job Opportunity Forum that was sponsored by the Mayor's Community Relations Committee [sic]

MCRC Box 1 Folder 6

Copies of the Charters for both the Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee & the Mayor's Committee on Race Relations.

MCRC Box 1 Folder 7

Statement of support by the MCRC following the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The statement was unanimously approved by the committee and released to the public. (Multiple copies)

MCRC Box 1 Folder 8

Copies of the names and addresses of the committee members along with various memorandums to the committee from Cunningham.

MCRC Box 1 Folder 9

Committee Minutes of March and April 1965

MCRC Box 1 Folder 10

Memorandums and Committee Minutes of January - October, December 1964

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Memorandums and Committee Minutes of January – August, October – December 1963

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Memorandums and Committee Minutes of January – June, August – December 1962

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Memorandums and Committee Minutes of August – December 1961

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Memorandums and Committee Minutes of April – July 1960

Series I: Minutes and Other Organizational Papers

MCRC Box 1 Folder 15

By-laws of the Community Betterment Committee of Laurinburg, North Carolina from September 12, 1959.

MCRC Box 1 Folder 16

Paper regarding the issue of two separate community colleges in Mecklenburg County.

MCRC Box 1 Folder 17

Contains names of attenders and the activities in Race Relations Problem Solving that took place during Committee Orientation on May 20, 1965.

MCRC Box 1 Folder 18

Report released by Herbert Hitch, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Managers of Good Samaritan. It contains an account of an incident where Dr. F. Richard Jackson, as hospital staff member, allowed photographs of the hospital's interior. The board requested that Dr. Jackson explain the reasoning behind the photographs, but he declined. His hospital privileges were terminated. April 2 – May 9, 1962.

This series contains letters to and from Dr. John R. Cunningham, Chairman of the Mayor's Community Relations Committee 1960-1965.

MCRC 2:1

Letter from Dr. George L. Abernathy, Department of Philosophy at Davidson College to Dr. John R. Cunningham. 21 July 1960. Dr. Abernathy wishes Dr. Cunningham good luck with the committee. (1 item)

MCRC 2:2

Letter from Dr. John R. Cunningham to Mrs. E.S. Alexander on 30 July, 1963 regarding the integration of Charlotte's municipal pools. (1 item)

MCRC 2:3

Correspondence between Dr. John R. Cunningham and Fred Alexander. Letter dated 2 February 1962 is an invitation from Cunningham to Alexander, a black businessman and local activist, to join the Chamber of Commerce and a request that he represent the Mayor's Committee at the NAACP State Convention during the October 1963 meeting – letter dated 9 September 1963 (2 items)

MCRC 2:4

Thank you letter from Cunningham to Hooper Alexander, III who worked at Security Life and Trust Company in Charlotte. (5 April 1960) (1 item)

MCRC 2:5

Correspondence between Cunningham and James J. Alexander, General Manager of The Prevention of Delinquency Club sponsored by the Negro Police Association which was cosponsored by the Park and Recreation. Alexander thanks Cunningham for the committee's support of the Negros Boy Club. (17 October 1960) (1 item)

MCRC 2:6

Correspondence between Cunningham and Kelly M. Alexander, President of the NC Chapter of the NAACP dated 6 September 1963 and 9 September 1963. Alexander extends an invitation to Cunningham to address the state convention on how Charlotte effectively integrated the city's hotels without any demonstrations. Cunningham sends his regrets and informs Cunningham that not all of Charlotte's hotels are in compliance. He recommends inviting Mayor Stan Brookshire in his place. (2 items)

MCRC 2:7

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend Wallace M. Alston, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, North Carolina dated 20 January 1964 and 27 January 1964. The Reverend Alston describes the difficulty in organizing a bi-racial committee in Wadesboro and requests copies of the state of purpose and by by-laws of the Charlotte Committee to assist them in their efforts. Cunningham's letter indicates that he supplied the information and wrote a letter of support. (2 items)

MCRC 2:9

Correspondence between Cunningham and Olof Anderson, Jr. of the Presbytery of Louisville (Kentucky) dated 27 July and 30 July 1960. Anderson congratulates the work of the Mayor's Committee and requests advice on how to handle the restaurants, department stores and theaters in Louisville where they are facing resistance to desegregation. Specifically asks about the tactics used to integrate these types of businesses in Charlotte. Cunningham responds and implies that enclosures with this information were included with the letter and expresses a desire for the churches to take a lead in the national effort to integrate rather than relying on the government. (2 items)

MCRC 2:10

Correspondence between Cunningham and Sister M. Annella, Chair of the Department of Sociology at Sacred Heart Junior College in Belmont, NC dated 16, 21, 23 June 1963. Sister Annella requests information regarding the work of the Mayor's Committee because she has been asked to give a talk on "Interracial Problems in North Carolina." She asks if there has been any resistance from the local Catholic Church. Cunningham responds with attached information and informs her that he cannot recall any problems with the local Catholic community. In turn, Sister Annella sends him a thank you letter for all of the information. (3 items)

MCRC 2:11

Correspondence between Cunningham and local attorney, Howard B. Arbuckle, Jr. dated 23 April, 3 July, 8 August, 3 1963 and 3, 4 February 1964 and 10 December 1964. Back and forth discussion regarding a need for the committee to study crime and crime committed by blacks. (6 items)

MCRC 2:12

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend Charles P. Auten of the Thrift Baptist Church in Paw Creek both dated 12 April 1960. It is an exchange of ideas but no details. (2 items)

MCRC 2:13

Correspondence between Cunningham and William Bagwell of the Southeastern Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee dated 10 and 13 September 1963. Bagwell requests information and suggestions how to establish such a committee in High Point and asks if the Charlotte committee is still active. Cunningham responds with a detailed account of the committee's successes and confirms that the committee is still active. (2 items)

MCRC 2:14

Correspondence to Cunningham from Leslie E. Barnhardt, Secretary of Missionary Services in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church of Charlotte dated 7 August, 23 1961; 19 November 1962; 25 August 1963; 6 June 1964, n.d.. Barnhardt served on the Sub-Committee on Education of the Mayor's Community Relations Committee until 6 June 1964 when she submitted her letter of resignation on account of her conflicts with the scheduled meetings. (7 items)

MCRC 2:15

Correspondence between Cunningham and William H. Barnhardt of Barnhardt Elastic Corporation of Charlotte dated 7 August, 6 September and 15 December 1961; 2, 4, 5 January 1962. Barnhardt served on the committee until January 1962. The majority of the letters are from Dr. Cunningham. (7 items)

MCRC 2:16

Correspondence from Cunningham to Jim Batten, a *Charlotte Observer* writer dated 12 February 13, 1963 in which the former compliments the latter for his series titled "Employment for Negroes." Cunningham enclosed an article from the *Wall Street Journal* that he thought might interest Batten. (1 item)

MCRC 2:17

Correspondence between Cunningham and Francis J. Beatty, Vice President of the Standard Bonded Warehouse in Charlotte dated 18 August to 20 November 1962. Beatty served on the Mayor's Committee and chaired the Sub-Committee on Health. Detailed accounts of how the committee involved local civic organizations and the city's Parks and Recreation Department as well as the problems arising when Johnson C. Smith University students protested the hospital after agreeing not to do so without informing the committee; the sad condition of the Good Samaritan Hospital at that time. Beatty included articles from the *North Carolina Catholic*. (18 items)

MCRC 2:18

Correspondence between Cunningham, Mayor James Smith and Margaret Beckwith, wife of Carson Beckwith of Charlotte dated 2 March and 28 July 1960. Beckwith expresses her appreciation for the mayor's interest in handling the lunch counter protests that occurred in February 1960 and describes the disrespectful treatment that all blacks experienced at lunch counters. Smith in turned referred the letter to Dr. Cunningham who responded with a note of thanks and described how the "plan" for integrating the lunch counters was effective thus far. (2 items)

MCRC 2:19

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend Moses S. Belton of Johnson C. Smith University dated 15 April 1961; 20 February 1962; 28 March, 6 August 1963. The Reverend Belton served on the committee and latter took over the chairmanship of the Sub-Committee on Education after Dr. Claude U. Broach resigned due to an illness in his family. (4 items)

MCRC 2:20

Correspondence to Cunningham from the Reverend Thom Blair, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Charlotte dated 6 September 1961; 8 October, 5 November 1963. The latter was an invitation to Dr. Cunningham to speak at Christ Church in September and October of 1961 and 1963 and a thank letter for appearing in October dated November 1963. (3 Items)

MCRC 2:21

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend J. Blanton Belk of Richmond, Virginia dated 3September 1963. The two men were apparently friends and discussed the film *The Crowning Experience*. The latter was a movie made by the Christian organization Moral Re-Armament. It is a complex tale of what is needed to address the moral decline in America. The actress Marion Clayton Anderson directed the movie and film star, Joel McCrae narrated the piece. The cast consisted of mostly bit players with the once exception of Muriel Smith a black singer who appeared in a number of movies and provided vocals for which she rarely received credit. Her most memorable work was in *South Pacific* in which she supplied the vocals for the character, Bloody Mary. (2 items)

MCRC 2:22

Correspondence from the Reverend Glenn E. Black, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church of Laytonville, Maryland dated 14 April 1965. Thanking him for the statement released by the committee. (1 items)

MCRC 2:23

Correspondence between Cunningham, Mayor Stan Brookshire and the Reverend Coy Bovender, pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian Church in Burlington, North Carolina dated 17 December 1963 to 24 January 1964. The Reverend Bovender described the difficulties in Alamance County of organizing leaders, merchants and industrialists and invited either Cunningham or the Mayor Brookshire to address a group that he hoped to organize in January. Cunningham agreed to attend while the mayor had prior commitments. (2 items)

MCRC 2:24

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend William M. Boyce, Jr., pastor of St. Paul Presbyterian Church dated July 9 and 28 1960. Boyce wrote a letter of appreciation and Cunningham wrote a description of the change in attitude of local merchants to integrating their lunch counters. (2 items)

MCRC 2:25

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend Claude U. Broach dated 22 April 1960 to 1 March 1963. Exchange of letters of support of the work of the committee and Broach's letter of resignation in 1963. (2 items)

MCRC 2:26

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend J.R. Borkhoff, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Charlotte dated 12 July and 28 July 1960. Borkhoff requests a list of the managers and firms who agree to integrate their lunch counters so he can write them a letter of commendation. Cunningham obliged and also included quotes from the spiritual leaders of that time. File also contains a letter that the Reverend Borkhoff wrote to R. L. Kinchloe, Manager of the Woolworth on North Tryon Street. (2 items)

MCRC 2:27

Correspondence between Cunningham and John C. Brooks of the North Carolina Mayors Cooperating Committee located in Raleigh dated 11 December 1963 to 18 February 1964. Letters are basically a request from Brooks about the activities of the Mayor's Committee in Charlotte and Cunningham provides a summary. (5 items)

MCRC 2:28

Correspondence between Cunningham and Mrs. U.S. Brooks, Secretary of the Mayor's Committee regarding the sending of the minutes dated 29 January 1964. (1 item)

MCRC 2: 29

Correspondence between Cunningham and Mayor Stan Brookshire dated 28 July 1960 to 15 December 1964. Exchange of letters contains detailed information about the members and work of the Mayor's Committee. (50 items)

MCRC 2:30

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend Dr. Aubrey N. Brown, Editor of the *Presbyterian Outlook* in Richmond, Virginia dated 8 July 1960 to 10 January 1964. Letters contain information regarding desegregation of Charlotte's lunch counters and the support of Dr. Brown in editorials in the *Presbyterian Outlook*. (7 items)

MCRC 2:31

Correspondence between Cunningham and Roger Brown, president of the United Rubber Workers Union dated 18 June and 22 June 1962. The union was planning to strike Radiator Specialty Company and Brown requested to meet with the committee. Cunningham explained that the committee did not handle union problems but offered Brown the opportunity to appear before the committee in July. (2 items)

MCRC 2:32

Correspondence from Cunningham to Donald G. Bryant dated 23 February 23. Letter expresses the formers appreciation to Bryant for agreeing to serve on the Mayor's Committee and to head the Sub-Committee on Housing. (1 item)

MCRC 2:33

Correspondence between Cunningham and Florence Bryant, wife of Henry E. Bryant who owned a realty appraisal company dated 25 April and 8 May 1963. Cunningham invited Bryant to join the committee, but she declined because of family responsibilities. (2 items)

MCRC 2:34

Correspondence between Cunningham and Dr. John S. Bryan, Program Consultant of The National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc. in Birmingham, Alabama dated 20 May, 24 July, and 29 July 1963. Cunningham expresses his sympathy for the tragedy in Birmingham and informed Bryan that he sent a description of the Mayor's Committee and achievements to the Reverend Phillips Noble of the First Presbyterian Church in Anniston, Alabama as well as the 1962 minutes with a summary of accomplishments and that he asked the Reverend Phillips to forward these items onto Dr. Bryan. (Three items)

MCRC 2:35

Correspondence from Cunningham to Anadell Burch, secretary to the Mayor dated 10 January 1964 requesting that the minutes of December 10, 1963 be mimeographed for the January meeting. (1 item)

MCRC 2:36

Correspondence between Cunningham and Jack Burney, Manager of the Research Department of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce dated 5th and 6th August 1963. Burney thanks Dr. Cunningham for addressing the Charlotte Central Lions Club and Cunningham responds with a letter of appreciation for being invited to speak. (2 items)

MCRC 2:37

Correspondence between Cunningham and J. E. Burnside, President of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce dated 20th and 24th May 1963. Burnside extends an invitation to Cunningham to meet with the Chamber's Executive Committee. Cunningham sends a congratulatory letter to Burnside for the Executive Committee's report. (2 items)

MCRC 2:38

Correspondence from Cunningham to Lewis B. Carpenter, Head of the Bar Association in Charlotte dated 14 August 1963. Cunningham informs Carpenter of the legal advice distributed by Attorney General Robert Kennedy and the helpful assistance of two local attorneys, Guy Carswell and Howard B. Arbuckle. (2 items)

MCRC 2:39

Correspondence between Cunningham and Guy T. Carswell, an attorney who assisted the Mayor's Committee dated 3 April 1962 to 9 April 1963. Carswell chaired the Crime Committee and the letters concentrate on the work of that committee. The attorney later had to step down from this position because family issues. (12 items)

MCRC 2:40

Correspondence from Cunningham to Clyde Carter with Johnson C. Smith dated 20th and 7th May 1962 in which the former discusses the protests of the JCSU students at Memorial Hospital and the progress made by the hospital in integrating the hospital. (2 items)

MCRC 2:41

Correspondence between Cunningham and Paul H. Cheploff dated 10th February and 28th May 1962. Cheploff wrote a letter to Mayor James S. Smith of Charlotte encouraging him to integrate the lunch counters in Charlotte. Smith turned the letter over to Cunningham who informed Cheploff of the work of the Mayor's Committee. (2 items)

MCRC 2:42

Correspondence from Cunningham to James W. Claiborne of the Barclay Cafeteria dated 20-21 June 1963 asking Claiborne to assist them with reaching out to other restaurant owners and encouraging them to integrate their business. (2 items)

MCRC 2:43

Correspondence between Cunningham and J.B. Clark, Assistant to the President of the Bank of Charlotte dated 2nd and 4th April 1960 in which Clark congratulates Cunningham on his appointment to the Mayor's Committee. (2 items)

MCRC 2:44

Correspondence between Cunningham and D.S. Coltrane, Chairman of the NC Good Neighbor Council in Raleigh dated 29 October, 16th, 20th, 16th December 1963 and 4th February 1964. Exchanges of information including a list of types of businesses that were integrated by 1963. (4 Items)

MCRC 2:45

Correspondence between Cunningham and Dr. Bonnie Cone, president of Charlotte College dated 19 December, 31st 1963 and 3 January 1964 regarding a need for a nursing program at Charlotte College. (2 items)

MCRC 2:46

Correspondence between Cunningham and W.O. Conrad, Chairman of the Commission on Human Relations for Greensboro, NC dated 8, 12, 20, 22 November 1963 regarding a meeting between the two organizations in Greensboro. (3 items)

MCRC 2:47

Correspondence received by Cunningham from Dr. Elizabeth Corkey, Assistant Health Director at the Mecklenburg Health Department dated 6 November, 17th December 1963 and 12 April 1964 regretting her inability to attend a meeting, shared her concerns that there was a need for Baccalaureate program for nurses at Charlotte College and state guidelines for sanitary inspections of restaurants. (3 items)

MCRC 2:48

Correspondence from Cunningham to M.W. Crosland of Sears and Roebuck Company in Charlotte dated 5 July 1960encouraging him to open his lunch counters to blacks as well as whites. (1 item)

MCRC 2:49

Correspondence between Cunningham and William W. Crymes, co-owner of Faul & Crymes a local sporting goods store dated 9, 18, 23 August 1961. Cunningham extended his regrets to Crymes that the latter was not reappointed to the Mayor's Committee after Mayor Stan Brookshire was elected. File contains the charter of the Mayor's Committee. (4 Items)

MCRC 2:50

Correspondence between Cunningham and Dr. Richard C. Cumming, Mayor of Ocala, Florida dated 24th 27th June 1963. The mayor sought Cunningham's advice on establishing an interracial race committee in Ocala. (2 items)

MCRC 2:51

Correspondence from William C. Cunningham to his father Dr. John C. Cunningham dated 3 May 1962. The letter contains advice requested by Dr. Cunningham regarding a proposed study on crime in Charlotte. (1 item)

MCRC 2:52

Correspondence between Cunningham and Sara Currie dated 18th and 22 July 1960 and exchange of support and appreciation. (2 items)

MCRC 2:53

Correspondence between Cunningham and John S. Curry of the YMCA in Davidson dated 14th and 17th 1963 regarding a proposed YWCA tutoring program involving Johnson C. Smith students and local school children in Davidson. (2 items)

MCRC 2:54

Correspondence between Cunningham and Claire G. Dartnall dated 1 August 1963 regarding his meeting with a visiting group of German school teachers. (2 items)

MCRC 2:55

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend Warner Dubose, Jr., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Norfolk, Virginia dated 31 May 1963 and 4 June 1963. Congratulatory letter from Dubose to Cunningham for his work with the community and a newspaper article from the Norfolk papers regarding the Mayor's Committee and Cunningham responded in kind. (3 items)

MCRC 2:56

Correspondence from Cunningham to Frank Dowd, Jr. President of the Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Company dated 5 March 1963 welcoming Dowd to the Mayor's Committee. (1 item)

MCRC 2:57

Correspondence between Cunningham and George W. Dowdy, Executive Vice-President and General Manager of Belk Brothers Company of Charlotte dated 10 February and 8 March 1961 regarding the integration of the dining establishments in Belk and Ivey's. (2 items)

MCRC 2:58

Correspondence from Cunningham to Ray E. Downey, Manager of Thacker's Inc. dated 26 August 1963 regarding opening Thacker's to all races. (1 item)

MCRC 2:59

Correspondence received by Cunningham from the Reverend Dr. Harold J. Dudley, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina dated 22 1965 regarding an article about Charlotte desegregation that appeared in *Presbyterian Life*, 1 January 1965. (1 item)

MCRC 2:60

Correspondence between Cunningham and Leslie W. Dunbar, Director of Research of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia dated 23 September, October 21, 30November, 1960 and 21 August 1963 regarding studies of attitudes of "negro youths." (7 items)

MCRC 2:61

Correspondence from Cunningham to Arthur Dye, Jr. of the Mecklenburg County Association for the Blind dated 4 April 1960 regarding a recommendation of Norman Morrison of the Charlotte Friends Meeting. (1 item)

MCRC 2:62

Correspondence between Cunningham and Paul R. Ervin, a local attorney, dated 5 July and 6 July 1960 regarding a summary of the previous meeting. (2 item)

MCRC 2:63

Correspondence received by Cunningham from the Reverend Paul H. Felker, pastor of Mulberry Presbyterian Church of Charlotte dated 23 June 1961, thanking Cunningham for the presentation he gave the previous evening at the church. (1 item)

MCRC 2:64

Correspondence between Cunningham and Barbara Ferguson, Information Committee Chairman of Johnson C. Smith University's Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee dated 28 February and 6 March 1961 discussing the makeup of the Mayor's Committee and the possibility of the two organizations working together. (3 items)

MCRC 2:65

Correspondence from Cunningham to J. Carlton Fleming, a local attorney, dated 24 April 1962 and 2 March 1963 expressing his hope that Fleming will chair the Sub-committee on Economic Opportunities for Charlotte's black citizens and a letter letting him know when the next meeting would be held. (3 items)

MCRC 2:66

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend James E. Forgartie, pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, dated 12 July, 18 July 1960. Pleasant exchanges of appreciation for support of the work of the Mayor's Committee. (2 items)

MCRC 2:67

Correspondence between Cunningham and Henry A. Froebe dated 2 April 15 April 1960 regarding an article appearing in the *New York Times* dated 20 Marcy 1960. (2 items)

MCRC 2:68

Correspondence between Cunningham and Judge Francis O. Clarkson of the Superior Court of North Carolina dated 31 May 4 June 1960 contains letters of supports and recommendations of local black leaders for the Distribution Committee of the Charlotte Foundation. (4 items)

MCRC 2:69

Correspondence received by Cunningham from Dell Geddings, Secretary of Paul H. Johansen of the Central Motor Lines of Charlotte dated 2 February, 6 June, 1962 and 6 February and 13 May 1963 informing Cunningham that Johansen will be unable to attend certain committee meetings. (4 items)

MCRC 2:70

Correspondence between Cunningham and Rabbi Israel J. Gerber of Temple Beth El dated 20-21, 27-28 March regarding rescheduling the meetings from Friday nights to other days in the week. (4 items)

MCRC 2:71

Correspondence between Cunningham and Carrie Gilchrist, wife of Peter S. Gilchrist, dated 10 and 13 May 1960 with a letter of support or Cunningham and the work of the committee and a letter of thanks to Gilchrist. (2 items)

MCRC 2:72

Correspondence between Cunningham and David E. Gillespie, Associate Editor of the Charlotte Observer dated 3 February and 8 April 1964 with Cunningham requesting permission to name Gillespie's name to serve on the Sub-Committee on Crime and Gillespie informing Cunningham that he cannot attend April 14th meeting. (2 items)

MCRC 2:73

Correspondence between Cunningham and Dr. Monroe T. Gilmour dated 29 April, 5, 15, 22 July 1960 regarding their attempts to work with M.W. Crosland and his plans to integrate three of the four dining areas in the new Sears and Roebuck, mentions Crosland's interactions with the JCSU student committee. (6 items)

MCRC 2:74

Correspondence between Cunningham and Abel M. Girault, Manager of the Manger Motor Inn in Charlotte dated 12 and 18 November 1963 regarding the integration of the motor inn and the reaction of guests. Also in file is a corporate letter from Manger Hotels of New York to the George L. Chumbley, Jr. President of the Hotel Association of North Carolina dated 11 July 1962 requesting his assistance and support in and of integrating all of North Carolina hotels. (7 items)

MCRC 2:75

Correspondence from Cunningham to Lucy Gist, Director of the Bethlehem Center of Charlotte dated 31 July 1963 regarding her letter to Mayor Stan Brookshire dated 29 July 1963 which contains a detailed complaint about the police harassment that a group of teenagers received at a function organized by the Bethlehem Center at Freedom Park on the 5 July 1963. Cunningham expresses his regrets over the incident and his hopes that both the Mayor and the Charlotte Chief of Police, John S. Hord would find some resolution to the problem. Also includes a brochure of the Bethlehem Center. (7 items)

MCRC 2:76

Correspondence between Cunningham and Sam Glasgow, Vice-President of the Westminster Fellowship at Davidson College dated 10 and 13 September 1963 in which Glasgow invites Cunningham to attend a program sponsored by the fellowship that consisted of a debate on integration a Davidson professor and a minister from Kannapolis. (4 items)

MCRC 2:77

Correspondence between Cunningham and Harry Golden, Editor of the Carolina Israelite dated 15 and 16 October 1962 regarding a disagreement over an article in the Israelite dated 3 September 1962. (2 items)

MCRC 2:78

Correspondence between Cunningham and Robert Brookins Gore, Program Coordinator of the Fellowship of Reconciliation of New York City dated 5, 18 July; 8, 11 August 1960 in which both exchange support on the work of each other's organization. (4 items)

MCRC 2:79

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend Billy Graham dated 4 and 11 May 1960 in which Cunningham seeks Graham's influence on George Ivey, owner of Ivey's Department Store, to integrate the dining areas in his uptown store. Graham agrees to do so and lends his support to Cunningham and the work of the committee. (2 items)

MCRC 2:80

Correspondence between Cunningham and Carolyn Graham, President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Charlotte Medical Society dated February 15 and July 28 1960 in which Graham informs Cunningham of their plans to publicize their support for the student demonstrators and the committee in the Charlotte Observer. Cunningham responds with a letter of thanks. (4 items)

MCRC 2:81

Correspondence from Cunningham to the Reverend Dr. R.C. Grier. Pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina dated 10 January 1961 that accompanied his experience with the committee as well as other publications to assist Grier and those working towards similar efforts in South Carolina. (1 item)

MCRC 2:82

Correspondence between Cunningham and Brodie Griffith, Editor of the Charlotte News dated 5, 27, 18 July 1960; 18 July, 27 September 1961, 9 January, 12 February and 28 August 1962 regarding the latter's appointment to the Mayor's Committee and his chairing the Sub-Committee On Economic Opportunities.

MCRC 2:83

Correspondence from Cunningham to J. F. Gwaltney of W.T. Grant Company dated 5 July 1960 regarding the Committee's proposal for integrating the lunch counters and expresses his hopes that Gwaltney and other owners and managers will support it. (1 item)

MCRC 2:84

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend Warner L. Hall, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina dated 27 March, 1 April, 9 August, 11 November 1963 in which Warner agrees to join the committee. The other letters are just the latter regrets that he has to miss certain meetings. (4 items)

MCRC 2:85

Correspondence between Cunningham and Dr. Berta Hamilton, Director of the Office of Special Services at Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina dated 26 and 27 March 1963 in which she explains that it is the school's experience that employment opportunities for their students in the north than in the south and seeks more information regarding the committee's push for increasing these same opportunities in Charlotte. (2 items)

MCRC 2:86

Correspondence between Cunningham and John Harden, President of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce dated 21 and 22 November 1963 in which Harden expresses his appreciation for Cunningham's appearance before the Greensboro Commission on Human Relations and Cunningham thanking him for the invitation. (2 items)

MCRC 2:87

Correspondence between Cunningham and Francis Stuart Harmon dated 21 and 22 June 1963 in which Cunningham responds to Harmon's request for information regarding the work of the Mayor's Committee and Harmon thanking him for the materials. (2 items)

MCRC 2:88

Cunningham's copies of correspondence between Mayor Stan Brookshire and Dr. Reginald Hawkins dated 10 and 11 May 1963 in which Brookshire and Hawkins describe at great length their opinions of Hawkins's plans to take legal action against the Manger Inn. (4 pages)

MCRC 2:89

Correspondence between Cunningham and Karl H. Helfrich, Vice-President of S.H. Kress Company in New York dated 2 June, 13 June, and 2 August 1960 in which Cunningham describes to Helfrich the city's progress in integrating public facilities and sought his support to integrate the dining areas of the Kress store in Charlotte. Helfrich's reply let Cunningham know that the Kress Company left these types of decisions to the local store managers. Later Cunningham informs Helfrich that D. E. Jackson, Manager of the Kress Store in Charlotte agreed to integrate the dining area in his store. (4 items)

MCRC 2:90

Correspondence between Cunningham and Aurelia Tate Henderson, President of the Charlotte Chapter of the Links, Incorporated dated 3 and 4 June 1963 in which Henderson commends the work of the Mayor's Committee and Cunningham responds with a letter of appreciation. (2 items)

MCRC 2:91

Correspondence received by Cunningham from C. George Henderson, Executive Vice-President of WSOC-TV in Charlotte dated 7 January 1964 regarding a new public service by the studio and inviting him to luncheon with him and discuss the matter. Enclosed are copies of letters Henderson sent on 6 November 1963 to the three principals of the black high schools, including E. W. Waddell, Principal of Second Ward High School; Gerson Stroud, Principal of York Road High School; and C. L. Blake, Principal of West Charlotte High School inviting their school bands to participate in the 1963 Carousel Parade as well as have the Homecoming Queen from each school ride in a car in front of the band. (4 items)

MCRC 2:92

Correspondence between Cunningham and Charles F. Herd, Executive Vice President of the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce dated 29 July and 16 August 1963 and correspondence between Herd and Charles Crawford, Vice-President of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce dated 16 and 19 July 1963. Apparently, the latter forwarded Herd's request for information on how Charlotte made inroads into to integrating public places. (4 items)

MCRC 2:93

Correspondence from Cunningham to Joe Hewell, Regional Manager of the Howard Johnson Restaurants dated 4 September 1962 offering the committee's assistance to him as well as the Manager of the Howard Johnson in Greenville, South Carolina during student protests at the Greenville restaurant. (1 item)

MCRC 2:94

Correspondence between Cunningham and Jean S. Hick dated 9 and 28 July 1960 in which Hicks extends her support to Cunningham and the work of the Mayor's Committee and Cunningham expressed his appreciation for her letter. (3 items)

MCRC 2:95

Correspondence from Cunningham to P.H. Hoffman, Manager of the Liggett Drug Company in Charlotte dated 5 July 1960 in which the formers hopes the latter will agree to integrate his lunch counter. (1 item)

MCRC 2:96

Correspondence between Cunningham and John W. Holland of Holland's of Jackson, Tennessee dated 5 and 9 December 1960 in which the latter requests information describing the work and achievements of the Mayor's Committee. Cunningham sent a letter of encouragement along with the requested materials. (2 items)

MCRC 2:97

Correspondence from Cunningham to b. H. Hood of McLellan Stores in Charlotte dated 5 July 1960 in which the formers hopes the latter will agree to integrate his lunch counter. (1 item)

MCRC 2:98

Correspondence between Cunningham and Benjamin S. Horack, a local attorney, dated 24 January and March14, 1962 in which the formers asks the latter to take over the chairmanship of the Sub-Committee on Housing. Horack's letter only apologizing for missing meetings. (2 items)

MCRC 2:99

Correspondence from Cunningham to John S. Hord, Chief of the Charlotte Police Department, dated 7 February 1962 in which the former requests to meet with Hord and discuss how the committee might help the department attract more black police officers. (1 item)

MCRC 2:100

Correspondence from Cunningham to Philip F. Howerton dated 15 April 1960 inviting him to serve as the Vice-Chairmen of the Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee (1 item)

MCRC 2:101

Correspondence between Cunningham and Helen C. Hunter, Secretary of the Mayor's Committee dated 28, 30 September; 1, 47 3, 7 December 1960 regarding the minutes as well as letters to Cunningham and Brookshire regarding her resignation from the committee due to her husband's declining health and identifying a need to replace her after her husband became ill. (6 items)

MCRC 2:102

Correspondence between Cunningham and George M. Ivey, Jr. Vice President and General Manager of the J.B. Ivey & Company dated 10 May; 6, 9 February 1961 in which Cunningham requests Ivey's cooperation in integrating the dining areas in his store and plans to discuss this issue at a later date. Also included is a letter from Queen A. Roseborough, Secretary of the JCSU Nonviolent Coordinating Committee to Ivey requesting that he change the store policy of not serving blacks. (3 items)

MCRC 2:103

Correspondence between Cunningham and D.E. Jackson of the S.H. Kress Store in Charlotte dated 5 July 1960 in which the formers hopes the latter will agree to integrate his lunch counter. (1 item)

MCRC 2:104

Correspondence between Cunningham and Dr. F. Richard Jackson of Charlotte dated 20, 23 June 1962 regarding Jackson's problems with the Board of Managers of Good Samaritan. (2 items)

MCRC 2:105

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend John H. Jackson, pastor of the Calypso Presbyterian Hospital in Calypso, North Carolina dated 5 and 10 June 1963 regarding information on how to integrate schools without violence and any other problems. (2 items)

MCRC 2:106

Correspondence from Cunningham to Chief Jesse James, Charlotte Police Department relaying the former's decision that Charlotte needed "strong, interracial committee on community betterment." Apparently, Cunningham was trying to enlist Chief James support. (1 item)

MCRC 2:107

Correspondence between Cunningham and Jay Janis, Executive Director of the National Citizens' Committee for Community Relations dated 6, 17 May and 25 June 1964 regarding the national meeting to be held May 20-21st. (4 items)

MCRC 2:108

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend C. Rees Jenkins, Chaplain at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fayetteville, North Carolina dated 28, 29 July 1960 in which the chaplain requested information about the work and success of the Mayor's Committee. (2 items)

MCRC 2:109

Correspondence between Cunningham and Tommy John of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at Davidson College dated 20 December 1963 and 3, 10 January 1964 in which John requests Cunningham's assistance in identifying a service project for the fraternity and Cunningham puts him in touch with someone from the committee who can help John while the former is out of town. (3 items)

MCRC 2:110

Correspondence received by Cunningham from Paul H. Johansen of the Central Motor Lines dated 2 May 1962, 5 April 1963, 4 March 1964, and 6 April 1964 in which he apologizes for his absence. (4 items)

MCRC 2:111

Correspondence received by Cunningham from Tommy D. Johnson of Reichold Chemicals, Inc. dated 31 July and 26 August 1963 in which Johnson invites then later thanks Cunningham for speaking to the Dilworth Rotary Club on the subject "Charlotte's Progress in Inter-Racial Relations." Cunningham gave the speech on the 23rd of August. (2 items)

MCRC 2:112

Correspondence between Cunningham and Charles Jones, Student Secretary of The Fellowship of Reconciliation dated 16, 19 September 1960 in which Jones provides the names of two JCSU students who might assist him, William T. Greene, President of the Student Council and Harold R. Washington. At the time, Jones was working in New York with the FR and attached a copy of the organization's "statement of purpose." Cunningham thanks him and expresses his concern over the troubles with the various groups and the local police. (2 items)

MCRC 2:113

Correspondence between Cunningham and Harry S. Jones, Executive-Secretary of The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council on Human Relations dated 8 November 1960; 6 February, 9 November 10, 13 July, 5, 6 September1961; 4 19, 24, January, 23, 27, November, 13 December 12 June 1962; 6, 11 February, 1, 13, 14, 15, 22, 24 May 1963 in which both men describe the need for the work of both organizations, the problems they encounter, specific problem areas in Charlotte, struggles with the school board, suggestions, descriptions of activities in other North Carolina cities and attachments of the work in other states. Also included is a letter from Jones to Mayor Brookshire commending him on creating a committee on race relationships and appointing Dr. Cunningham as head of that committee. (28 items)

MCRC 2:114

Correspondence between Cunningham and Dr. Luther W. Kelly, Jr. of the Nalle Clinic and President of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council on Human Relations dated 12, 28 July 1960 and 13 July 1961in which both men express support and appreciation for the work of one another's committees. Also includes a copy of the letter from Kelly to Mayor Brookshire assuring him of his organization's support. (4 items)

MCRC 2:115

Correspondence between Cunningham and R. L. Kincheloe of the F. W. Woolworth Company dated 5 July 1960encouraging him to open his lunch counters to blacks as well as whites. (1 item)

MCRC 2:116

Correspondence from Cunningham to the Reverend R.R. Kirk of Newton, North Carolina dated 3 October 1963 regarding the process of establishing a committee on community relations. (1 item)

MCRC 2:117

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend Charles E. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Forest City, North Carolina dated 7 April and 12 April 1961 which contains a request on process of establishing a committee on community relations and Cunningham's reply. (2 items)

MCRC 2:118

Correspondence from Cunningham to Stanhope Lineberry of Charlotte dated 2 March 1964 in which the former thanks Lineberry for agreeing to attend the committee's meeting on March 10th. (1 item)

MCRC 2:119

Correspondence from Cunningham to Carolyn Long of St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte in which his secretary provides her with a list of the integrated hotels, restaurants and motels as she was to present this information at a meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Interracial Conference that was going to be held at her church. The list is included in the folder. (2 items)

MCRC 2:120

Correspondence between Cunningham and Charles M. Lowe with Major Appliances Distributors, Inc. dated 22 September; 23 and 30 August, 15 September 1962; 6 February, 20, 22, March 1963 regarding the work of the Sub-Committee on Economic Opportunities which Lowe chaired for a time and also includes recommending Francis Fitzgerald who owned two radio stations that marketed the black community in the area to serve on the committee. (9 items)

MCRC 2:121

Correspondence between Cunningham and Elmer Lowe, President of the American Broadcasting Company News and Special Events Division in New York regarding Cunningham's disappointment in the ABC News series *Crucial Summer* on race relations in Charlotte which did not allow ample time to describe the accomplishments of the committee and the city over the past three years as well as the disregard for the members by the television crew that filmed the piece. Evans responds defending the piece and expresses there must have been some misunderstanding, but does apologize for the film crew. Cunningham counters with some conciliatory but is still displeased with the experience. (7 items)

MCRC 2:122

Correspondence between Cunningham and Carl G. McGraw of the First Union National Bank of Charlotte dated 28 April, 18 August 1960; 13 April 1961; 15and 29 July 1963 regarding efforts to get George Dowdy to integrate the dining areas in Belks Department Store. Most of the letters are just polite exchanges of support. (5 items)

MCRC 2:123

Correspondence between Cunningham and Carroll McGaughey, News Director of WSOC in Charlotte dated 8 August, 3 September 1963 regarding the possibility of ABC News using Charlotte as an example of "'good' planning and execution of solutions to racial problems." (4 items)

MCRC 2:124

Correspondence received by Cunningham from Ruth F. McGinn, Chair of the Christian Social Relations Committee of the Council of United Church Women of Mecklenburg County dated 3 April, 3 May 1963 regarding the arrangements for Cunningham to moderate a panel on the committee's progress, future plans and what the United Church Women can do to support the work. (3 items)

MCRC 2:125

Correspondence from Cunningham to R. W. McGowan of the State Highway Commission in Raleigh dated 18 April 1962 expressing his concern over the proposed removal of twenty homes in a "first class Negro residential area" for a proposed North-West Expressway. (1 item)

MCRC 2:126

Correspondence received by Cunningham from Ernest W. Machen, Jr., a local attorney, dated 13 April 1961 in which he agrees to attend the second meeting of the Mayor's Friendly Relations committee on the 20th of April. (1 item)

MCRC 2:127

Correspondence from Cunningham to G. H. McKeithan dated 2 February 2, 1962 regarding a meeting with Chamber of Commerce to discuss membership in the chamber. (1 item)

MCRC 2:128

Correspondence between Cunningham and C.A. "Pete" McKnight, Editor of the Charlotte Observer dated 5, 28 July 1960; 4 January, 14 September 1962; 27 March, 5 April 1963; 3 29, 30 January 1964 in which they exchange ideas regarding the Sub-Committee on Economic Opportunities and McKnight's decision to step back from his committee activities because of work. (10 items)

MCRC 2:129

Correspondence received by Cunningham from John H. Marion, Staff Representative of the Regional Office of the Department of Church and Society of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in Nashville dated 1 and 13 September 1960 thanking him for assisting a friend of Marion's, Ed Randall. (1 item)

MCRC 2:130

Correspondence between Cunningham and Dr. William C. Matthews of Charlotte dated 18 August 1961, 7 June 1962, 27, 29 August 1963 discussing the committee. (4 items)

MCRC 2:131

Correspondence between Cunningham and Mrs. Floyd L. Mayberry, Jr., Secretary of the Executive Board of the Women of the Church of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in Mint Hill, North Carolina dated 2 May and 28 July 1960. Cunningham responds to a letter Mayberry wrote to Mayor James S. Smith of Charlotte expressing the support of the Women of the Church was forwarded to Cunningham. (2 items)

MCRC 2:132

Correspondence between Cunningham and Mary Catharine Mauzy of the Women of the Church of Myers Park Presbyterian Church dated 26 April, 9, 28 July 1960 in which Mauzy expresses her support for Committee on Friendly Relations which became the Mayor's Committee on Race Relations. Cunningham lets her know that he appreciates the support. (4 items)

MCRC 2:133

Correspondence between Cunningham and Ervin Melton, News Director of Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company of Charlotte dates 17, 18 M arch 1964 in which Melton congratulates Cunningham and the committee for their work leading to the "peaceful integration" of the city but was disappointed that his News Department was not informed of the integration of four of "Charlotte's fashionable restaurants." Cunningham thanks him for his letter and expresses his regret that this happened. (1 items)

MCRC 2:134

Correspondence between Cunningham and Elizabeth Michael dated 17 March, 29 June, and 5 July 1961 which discusses her joining the Board of Trustees of the Friendly Relations Committee and her later resignation due to her husband the Reverend E.R. Michael's transfer to New England. (3 items)

MCRC 2:135

Correspondence between Cunningham and Joe T. Millsaps, a local attorney and member of the Jaycees dated 4 and 5 November 1963 in which Millsaps expresses his appreciation to Cunningham for speaking to the Charlotte Jaycees and informing them of the work of the Committee. (2 items)

MCRC 2:136

Correspondence from Cunningham to the Reverend Dr. Harry M. Moffett, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia in which he congratulates Moffett for the work of the Gastonia interracial committee. (1 item)

MCRC 2:137

Correspondence between Cunningham and Dr. John Wilson Moore, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at the Duke University Medical Center dated 30 May, June3 1963 in which Moore, a member of the Durham Race Relationship Committee congratulating Cunningham on the committee's success of integrating motels and restaurants in Charlotte. In his response, Cunningham expresses his appreciation and the dismal experience he had while attending a commencement at Stillman College in Alabama in regards to the racial tensions in the state. (2 items)

MCRC 2:138

Correspondence between Cunningham and Anne C. Morrison of Charlotte Friends Meeting dated 16 and 17-18 May 1962 in which Morrison expresses her concern over the segregation of the community theaters. Cunningham informs her that their attempts in Charlotte have not been met with success. Folder contains Brookshire's copy. (4 items)

MCRC 2:139

Correspondence between Cunningham and Norman Morrison, Quaker Director of the Quaker Center in Charlotte regarding Morrison's unpleasant encounter with Frank Sherrill, President of the S& W Cafeteria. Cunningham commiserates and hopes that Morrison will continue in his work to integrate restaurants and trying to find a location where interested parties of the churches of Charlotte can share ideas over a meal. (2 items)

MCRC 2:140

Correspondence between Cunningham and Ray C. Mozeley of Golf Life Insurance Company dated 1 and 4 April 1960 in which Mozeley congratulates Cunningham on his appointment to head the Mayor's Committee. (2 items)

MCRC 2:141

Correspondence between Cunningham and the Reverend J. Phillips Noble of the First Presbyterian Church of Anniston, Alabama dated 20, 21, 23 May, 8, 19 July 1963 in which Cunningham describes in details the history of the Mayor's Committee, his trip to Stillman College in Anniston and Noble's description of the work of his committee in Anniston and their efforts to integrate public places. (6 items)

MCRC 2:142

Correspondence between Cunningham and James A. Nelson, Manager of the Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc. in Charlotte dated 6 June 1962; 18, 19 March, 26 April, 24 October 1963, 12 February 1964 and 18 June 1965. Nelson served on the Mayor's committee from 1962 to 1964 and the letters to and from Cunningham describes their efforts on various projects. In 1965, Nelson is with Douglas-United Nuclear in Richland, Washington and expresses his appreciation to Cunningham for the positive experiences he had in Charlotte and working with the committee. (7 items)

MCRC 2:143

Correspondence between Cunningham and Martin Oppenheimer a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania dated 18, 20 April 1961 which was an exchange of questions and answers. (2 items)

MCRC 2:144

Correspondence received by Cunningham from Aubrey L. Palmer, O.D., Program Chairman, Sharon Capitan Club dated 23 October 1963 thanking him for speaking to their club on October 18th. (1 item)

MCRC 2:145

Correspondence received by Cunningham from William C. Patrick, Public Accountant dated 8 October 1963 regarding criticizing his acts and his associates with reference to appearing Negroes. Response from Cunningham to William Patrick stating he does not understand such a point of view as you express dated 4 October 1963. (2 items)

MCRC 2:146

Correspondence from Betty Paules to Mayor James Smith regarding the women of St. Mark's Lutheran Church thanking him for appointing the Committee on Friendly Relations. Response from Cunningham to Miss Betty Paules dated 28 July 1960 appreciating her letter to Mayor Smith. (2 items)

MCRC 2:147

Correspondence to Cunningham from Johnson C. Smith University President, R. P. Perry dated 2 February 1962 inviting him to be present at a meeting in the conference room of the Chamber of Commerce on February 6th to discuss membership in the Chamber of Commerce specifically for Dr. Moses S. Belton. (1 item)

MCRC 2:148

Correspondence to Cunningham from Marshall I. Pickens, Director of the Duke Endowment dated 10 February 1960 regarding a meeting to discuss some of the racial problems that have arisen during recent weeks. Reply from Cunningham to Pickens dated 13 February 1969 suggesting they defer meeting until later since the Mayor is moving toward a Board of Directors. Correspondence from Cunningham to Pickens dated 5 July 1960 regarding his attempts to reach him to notify him of the meeting of the Mayor's Committee. Correspondence from Cunningham to Pickens dated 3 February 1960 regarding appointment as officers of the Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee discussing that the Action Committee has been discharged. Correspondence from Pickens to Cunningham dated 18 June 1962 attaching a study of how many Negroes are employed in the hospitals of Charlotte. Correspondence from Cunningham to Pickens dated 19 June 1962 thanking him for the letter of 18 June with the hospital employee numbers. Correspondence from Pickens to Cunningham thanking him for the invitation to attend the monthly meeting of the Mayor's Committee. Correspondence from Pickens to Cunningham dated 14 April 1961 regarding his inability to attend the meeting on April 20. (9 items)

MCRC 2:149

Correspondence from Dr. C. J. Pietenpol from Davidson College to Cunningham dated 17 July 1960 thanking him and his associates for wisely handling the lunch counter affair. Correspondence from Cunningham to Pietenpol dated 21 July 1960 thanking him for his letter of July 17. (2 items)

MCRC 2:150

Correspondence from Cunningham to James K. Polk dated 28 March 1963 asking if he would be willing to shift from the sub-committee on education to the one on Economic Opportunities. Correspondence from Cunningham to Polk dated 6 November 1963 asking if are young Negro men who would have the qualifications and need for the training under the Pyramid Life Insurance Company management trainee program. (2 items)

MCRC 2:151

Correspondence from Cunningham to Professor Max E. Polley of Davidson College dated 17 March 1964 thanking him for his letter. Correspondence to Polley from Cunningham dated 9 March 1964 regarding the proposed march from Johnson c. Smith University to the Post Office next Saturday. Correspondence from Polley to Cunningham dated 16 March 1964 regarding his suggestion of holding on a rally instead of a march and the decision to go ahead with the march as planned. (3 items)

MCRC 2:152

Correspondence to Mayor Smith and Cunningham from fourteen constituents concerning the recent racial trouble and the Negro demonstration, most against the march, various dates. Several newspaper clippings about race relations. Correspondence to Cunningham from J. K. Clontz as a letter of protest against negro rights dated 29 July 1960. Correspondence from Cunningham to Clontz dated 28 July 1960 regarding his letter and stressing his assumptions are ones which he cannot accept. Correspondence from W. C. Patrick to the Charlotte Observer dated 7 June 1965. One pamphlet entitled "What is the Citizens' Council Doing? (20 items)

MCRC 2:153

Correspondence to Committee on Human Relations from Gary F. Pruett dated 20 November 1963 congratulating the committee on the splendid progress you have made in race relations in your city and asking questions about the committee for his community, Mount Airy. Correspondence from Cunningham to Pruett dated 22 November 1963 regarding willingness to help with the experience in Charlotte. (2 items)

MCRC 2:154

Correspondence to Cunningham from Emery L. Rann, M.D. dated 27 April 1963 congratulating and expressing his personal thanks for his efforts in bringing about the desegregation of several hotels in our city. Correspondence from Cunningham to Rann dated 29 April 1963 thanking him for letter of 27 April. Correspondence from Cunningham to Rann dated 26 June 1963 regarding a copy of a letter sent to Mayor Brookshire concerning inequities in the facilities for training Negro nurses. Correspondence from Mayor Brookshire to Rann dated 25 June 1963 expressing gratitude for taking the time to write regarding the hospital situation in Charlotte. (4 items)

MCRC 2:155

Correspondence to Cunningham from Addison H. Reese, North Carolina National Bank, dated 18 November 1963 appreciating gratitude for his appearance in Greensboro last week. Correspondence from Cunningham to Reese dated 19 November 1963 thanking his for his letter. (2 items)

MCRC 2:156

Correspondence from Cunningham to Mr. C. D. Rippy dated 28 November 1960 congratulating him on the splendid article which appeared in the *Charlotte Observer* regarding your work as a Girl Scout chief. Correspondence to Cunningham from C. DuPont Rippy, Oaklawn Community Center, thanking him for his kind letter congratulating him on the *Charlotte Observer* article. (2 items)

MCRC 2:157

Correspondence to Cunningham from George W. Dowdy, Belk Stores, regarding copies of letters Mr. Dowdy received from Queen A. Roseborough, Secretary; Johnson C. Smith University Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee dated 9 February 1960. Correspondence to George Dowdy from Queen Roseborough dated 2 February 1961 regarding the anniversary celebration of the Lunch Counter Sit-In Movement thanking Belk for their continued fine service since the opening of the lunch counters. Correspondence to George Dowdy from Queen Roseborough dated 3 February 1969 requesting Belk change their policy of excluding Negroes and to one of serving everyone in all parts of your store. (3 items)

MCRC 2:158

Correspondence to Cunningham from Mrs. Gayle Rogers, President, Young Women's Christian Association dated 4 April 1963 regarding his participation in our discussion on integration at the Y.W.C.A. Board of Directors meeting. (1 item)

MCRC 2:159

Correspondence from Cunningham to Mrs. Rembert A. Rogers, Jr. dated 3 February 1964 regarding the premier showing of "One Man's Way" with ticket enclosed for the admission of two people. (1 item)

MCRC 2:160

Correspondence from Cunningham to Queen Roseborough dated 10 February 1961 regarding clarification needed from Ivey's and Belk's of the agreement reached which was proposed by the Committee and submitted both to the Negro students and to the merchants. Agreement was reached on both sides and the lunch counters were opened on the basis of this statement. (1 item)

MCRC 2:161

Correspondence from Cunningham to Oliver R. Rowe dated 30 April 1962 regarding an invitation to meet with the Mayor's Community Relations Committee concerning questions raised about Mecklenburg College best answered by you. (1 item)

MCRC 2:162

Correspondence to Cunningham from Henry G. Ruark, pastor of First Methodist Church dated 2 August 1960 regarding information about the lunch counter situation in Charlotte and complimenting him on such responsible leadership in this field. Correspondence to Reverend Henry G. Ruark from Cunningham dated 27 July 1960 bringing Ruark up to date on the lunch counter situation in Charlotte. (2 items)

MCRC 2:163

Correspondence to Cunningham from Sam Ryburn dated 31 May 1963 expressing great appreciation for the job which you have done and are continuing to do in the field of race relations here in Charlotte. Correspondence from Sam Ryburn to Mayor Stan Brookshire dated 31 May 1963 thanking him for the recent leadership in Charlotte which has resulted in the active improvement of race relations. Correspondence from Cunningham to Ryburn dated 4 June 1963 thanking him for his letter and his deep appreciations. Correspondence from Ryburn to Cunningham dated 26 August 1963 confirming a recent telephone conversation in regard to the Kiwanis program and his proposed speech. Correspondence from Ryburn to Cunningham dated 10 September 1963 thanking him for the excellent program he presented at the Kiwanis Club. (4 items)

MCRC 2:164

Correspondence to Mr. C. Rynveld from Cunningham dated 21 June 1963 regarding the Rotary Club and the matter of interracial affairs. Also included letter from Rynveld to President M. D. Whisnant of the local Rotary Club of Charlotte dated 31 May 1963. (2 items)

MCRC 2:165

Correspondence to Cunningham from Jack T. Saltzgiver, Aluminum Company of America dated 22 July 1964 regarding ALCOA's president signing the "President's Plans for Progress." Magazine attached entitled the "The Alcoa News" with a featured article on "Rapids Race to the Rescue." (2 items)

MCRC 2:166

Correspondence to Cunningham from Governor Terry Sanford dated 25 January 1963 thanking him for his kind words on Sanford's announcement of the North Carolina Good Neighbor Council. Correspondence to Sanford from Cunningham dated 21 January 1963 commending him for the excellent statement made to our people last week in reference to the important matter of economic opportunities for all the citizens of our State and particularly for our Negro people. (2 items)

MCRC 2:167

Correspondence to Cunningham from John Satterfield, Florida Presbyterian College dated 10 July 1960 thanking him for his splendid statement about the desegregation of Charlotte lunch-counters. Correspondence to Satterfield from Cunningham dated 28 July 1960 thanking him for his nice letter about the handling of the lunch counter problem in charlotte. (2 items)

MCRC 2:168

Correspondence to Reverend Marlin T. Schaeffer from Cunningham dated 17 June 1963 writing at the request of Mayor Brookshire seeking to give you some information about the work of the Mayor's Committee on community Relations. Correspondence to Mayor Brookshire from Marlin T. Schaeffer, First Evangelical and Reformed Church dated 10 June 1965 regarding being named a member of the Human Relations Committee in Lexington. Correspondence to Schaeffer from Mayor Brookshire dated 12 June 1963 asking Cunningham to give a further answer per your request. (3 items)

MCRC 2:169

Correspondence to Cunningham from Mrs. G. Domenici, secretary to Mr. Searles, First Presbyterian Church, Vallejo, California, dated 27 April 1965 regarding how impressed the Pastor was by the "Mayor's Community Relations Committee" statement requesting information on how the plan was set up, manuals used and guidance. (1 item)

MCRC 2:170

Correspondence from Cunningham to T. M. Shelton dated 20 April 1960 expressing appreciation for his kind letter. Correspondence from T. M. Shelton, President & Chairman of the Bank of Charlotte dated 1 April 1960 regarding Cunningham's appointment by Mayor Smith as Chairman of Charlotte's biracial Friendly Relations Committee. (2 items)

MCRC 2:171

Correspondence to Mr. Frank O. Sherrill from Cunningham dated 7 September 1962 thanking him for sending the bulletin containing the article of Dr. Gillespie's on "A Christian View of Segregation." (1 item)

MCRC 2:172

Correspondence to Cunningham from Philip L. Shore, Jr. expressing regrets at having to miss the meeting of the Mayor's Community Relations Committee. (1 item)

MCRC 2:173

Correspondence from Cunningham and to Dr. H. Shelton Smith dated 26 June 1963 expressing appreciation for friendship and that we have been able to make some progress in this whole matter of interracial relations. Correspondence from Shelton to Cunningham dated 12 June 1963 noting with great interest the progress of integration in Charlotte and expressing gratitude for his guiding hand in this remarkable achievement. (2 items)

MCRC 2:174

Correspondence from Mrs. J. C. Smith, President of the Women's Society of Christian Service to Mayor James Smith dated 19 May 1960 commending him on having appointed a Friendly Relations Committee and whole-heartedly endorsing this effort. Correspondence to Mrs. J. C. Smith from Cunningham dated 28 July 1960 expressing appreciation to you and to the members of your Woman's Society of Christian Service. (2 items)

MCRC 2:175

Correspondence from Cunningham and to James Saxon Smith, Mayor of Charlotte dated 5 April, 10 May, 29 November, 9 December 1960; 9, 28 February 1961 in which Cunningham shares the his concern and that of the of the black community for the need for more blacks to serve on the committee's "upper level." Cunningham suggests the names of Wertz and Spires. The remainder of the correspondence is along these lines. (8 items)

MCRC 2:176

Correspondence from Cunningham and to the Reverend John D. Smith, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Morganton, North Carolina dated 29 November and 1 December 1960 in which Cunningham provides a detailed account of the early days of the committee, the original intention for it to be a temporary committee and how it emerged to incorporate participation from leaders from both blacks and white. The Reverend Smith thanks him for the detailed report. (5 items)

MCRC 2:177

Correspondence from Cunningham and to the staff of the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta, Georgia dated 16 September and 23 December whereupon Cunningham requests and receives research information regarding the dissatisfaction among "Negro youth and young adults." Letters dated 8 July, August 1, August 14, 1963 are corrections to articles that appeared in the Council's publication "The Civil Rights Crisis." (6 items)

MCRC 2:178

Correspondence from Cunningham and to Bishop Dr. Herbert Spaugh was the pastor of the Little Church on the Lane and was consecrated a Bishop in the Moravian Church in 1959. Letters date from 18, 28 July and 7 October 1960. Speight congratulates Cunningham on the success of the settlement of the lunch counter. The latter responds with a letter implying that Bishop Spaugh is the one who encouraged Mayor James S. Smith to appoint Cunningham to chair the Committee and the last letter is an invitation from Spaugh to Cunningham to lunch with other civic and business letters to discuss racial friction in Charlotte. (3 items)

MCRC 2:179

Correspondence from Cunningham and to Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations in Columbia dated 3, 11 January 1963 in which Spearman requests information on how Charlotte went about establishing the committee and a description of its work. It was her hope to pass this onto Columbia's Mayor, Lester Bates. (3 items)

MCRC 2:180

Correspondence from Cunningham and A. B. Spears, Vice-President of Mechanics and Farmers Bank regarding the problems created by a proposed North-West Expressway that would result in the displacement of twenty-two black families in the Oaklawn-McCrorey Heights Community. (2 items)

MCRC 2:183

Correspondence from Cunningham to Reverend George Staples, Davidson College dated 4 April 1960 thanking him for his note and interest in the work of the biracial committee. Correspondence from Staples to Cunningham dated 1April 1960 regarding his appointment as Chairman of the Mayor's biracial Committee on Friendship Relations. (2 items)

MCRC 2:184

Correspondence to Thomas Storrs, North Carolina National Bank dated 19 November 1963 thanking him for his letter and for his courtesies when he was in Greensboro. Correspondence to Cunningham from Storrs dated 18 November 1963 regarding the city of Greensboro's indebtedness to his and his associate's visit. (2 items)

MCRC 2:185

Correspondence from Cunningham to Howard Sunshine, Barringer Hotel expressing the hope that in the development of the hotel services he will find it possible to open your facilities to Negro citizens as well as whites. (1 item)

MCRC 2:186

Excerpt from the Federal Register, Vol. 27, No. 93 dated May 12, 1962 on the United States Commission on Civil Rights State Advisory Committees, Statement of Operations and Functions. Memorandum to Prospective members of State Advisory Committee from Peter M. Sussman, Assistant Staff Directors for state Advisory Committee dated 11 June 1962 regarding the functions of the commission and the Advisory Committees. Correspondence to Cunningham from Peter Sussman dated 19 June 1962 regarding assistance to the Commission on Civil Rights through membership on the Advisory Committee for state of North Carolina and his willingness to serve. (3 items)

MCRC 2:187

Correspondence to Edward Swenson, Jr., First National Bank of Miami from Cunningham dated 5 July 1963 answering questions concerning whether the commission has a professional, whether there have been any municipal ordinances against discrimination and the nature of the Mayor's Committee as to its work and recommendations to the City Commissioners. Correspondence to Swenson, Jr., from Cunningham dated 25 June 1963 sending him a summary statement of the background and experiences of the Mayor's committee on community Relations. (3 items)

MCRC 2:188

Correspondence to Reverend Melvin Taylor from Cunningham dated 10 January 1964 expressing gratification to him for his statement which have given to the press this week helping to give the community a balance point of view on race matters and hopes that the Charlotte Community Hospital will get some new doctors and that the Negro population will recognize that the service is as good there as at Memorial. (1 item)

MCRC 2:189

Correspondence to Cunningham from Claude Temple, Preachers' Aid Society of the Central Illinois Conference dated 6 April 1965 commending him and the committee on Civil Rights legislation. (1 item)

MCRC 2:190

Correspondence to Cunningham from J. J. Thasson, President, of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce dated 31 January 1962 regarding additional memberships for the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and naming those who will be invited to be present at the next meeting. (1 item)

MCRC 2:191

Correspondence from Thasson to Cunningham dated 15 May 1962 informing him of those who have been offered membership to the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. (1 item)

MCRC 2:192

Correspondence to A. B. Thornton from Cunningham dated 23 August 1962 requesting a conference with him and the Mayor concerning the demonstrations at his restaurants and offering to do anything possible to allay these difficulties which are causing embarrassment to you and your business and to our city. (1 item)

MCRC 2:193

Correspondence to Charles b. Trexler from Cunningham dated 31 May 1963 regarding the plan presented by your group for working out the problem confronting your businesses and the Charlotte community expressing that the plan is well thought out and could be practically applied. (1 item)

MCRC 2:194

Correspondence from Floyd C. Trexler, Mooresville Ministerial Association to Cunningham dated 12 September 1961 concerning his work with the city of Mooresville to get a bi-racial committee to help with progress in the realm of race relations and extending an invitation to speak to the association. Correspondence to Trexler from Cunningham dated 15 September 1961 declining their invitation to speak to their group since he is on a speaking tour that week. (2 items)

MCRC 2:195

Correspondence from Cunningham to Dr. J.S. Nathaniel Tross dated 27 April 1960 expressing regret to have missed him when he called at the office. (1 item)

MCRC 2:196

Correspondence to Davis L. Thompson from Cunningham dated 11 February 1964 regarding his letter about some unhappy incidents which had happened at the library and on the street involving Negro children and the concern of the Negro people about such discourtesy. Correspondence to Thompson from Cunningham dated 19 December 19963 concerning the ugly expressions by Negro youth in our community and that he will bring this matter to the attention of our committee and see what proposals may originate for the cultivation of a better attitude on the part of the Negro citizens. (2 items)

MCRC 2:197

Correspondence to the Honorable James Smith, Mayor of the City of Charlotte from Janie McDiarmid Thompson, Women of the Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church regarding their endorsement of a recent resolution of the Executive committee of the Council for United Church Women endorsing his appointment to a Committee on Friendly Relations. Correspondence to Thompson from Cunningham dated 28 July 1960 thanking her for her letter to the Mayor. (2 items)

MCRC 2:198

Correspondence to F. C. Uffelman from Cunningham dated 5 October 1960 reading his letter concerning how well interracial matters have worked out in Oak Ridge, Tennessee and stating that Charlotte's difficulty is now unrelated to the sit-in question and has to do with crime in the Negro community and that we must recognize that a new day has dawned for the Negro race and they are not willing longer to be overlooked. Correspondence to Uffelman from Cunningham dated 20 July 1960 regarding our procedure in getting the sit-in strike settled in charlotte and briefly outlining the steps involved (2 copies). Correspondence to Cunningham from Uffelman dated 1 September 1960 thanking him for his letter of July 20th and that the information was helpful to them in their work at Oak Ridge. (3 items)

MCRC 2:199

Correspondence to G. B. Vinroot from Cunningham dated 7 July 1960 expressing disappointment that you were unable to be with us at the meeting of the Mayor's Committee where a paper was presented and approved and which the seven merchants are accepting it and plan to open the lunch counters within the next day or so with the exception of Sears. (1 item)

MCRC 2:200

Correspondence to W. J. Veeder, Charlotte City Manager, from Cunningham dated 18 April 1962 offering assistance wherever possible in resolving problems which arise, particularly in the area of interracial relations and the concern with the effect of the proposed North-West Expressway and the effects on the Negro community. (1 item)

MCRC 2:201

Correspondence to J. M. Wasson, Chamber of Commerce from Cunningham dated 21 May 1962 replying to his letter of May 15th and that the four names which he has submitted as candidates for Chamber membership are first rate. Correspondence to J.M. Wasson from Cunningham dated 22 January 1962 regarding the delay in getting the list of names which you requested because he wanted the advice of one or two other persons who know the Negro business and professional men better than he does. (2 items)

MCRC 2:202

Correspondence to Cunningham from Charlotte Watkins dated 14 April 1961 concerning her regrets that she will not be able to attend the April 20th meeting of the Friendly Relation Committee due to the flu and regrets that she will be unable to attend the next meeting due to her required attendance at the North Carolina PTA Convention. (1 item)

MCRC 2:203

Correspondence to J. A. Watkins, Chairman, Commission on Christian Social Concerns, Myers Park Methodist Church and Reverend Wilson O. Weldon, Minister, Myers Park Methodist Church from Secretary to Cunningham dated 11 December 1961acknowledging receipt of their December 8th letter and informing them that Dr. Cunningham is en route home from the meeting of the World council of Churches in New Delhi, India (2 copies). (2 items)

MCRC 2:204

Correspondence to Cunningham from t. H. Watson, Jr., Piedmont Engineering Corporation dated 2 January 1964 concerning his speech to the Dilworth Methodist Mens Club on February 3rd at the Dilworth Methodist Church. (1 item)

MCRC 2:205

Correspondence to Cunningham from Pat Watters, Director of Information, Southern Regional Council dated 20 March 1964 regarding returning the copies of minutes of the meetings of your committee and thanking him for his courteous and valuable assistance and what a pleasure it was to meet with him. (1 item)

MCRC 2:206

Correspondence to Cunningham from J. Harry Weatherly, County Manager dated 26 July 1963 regarding regret that publicity was given in our press to the suggestions you so kindly gave us for membership on the Mecklenburg county Board of Public Welfare since it was confidential information and he did not give it to the press. (1 item)

MCRC 2:207

Correspondence to Mayor Stan Brookshire from Wilson O. Weldon, Pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church dated 8 December 1961 regarding Myers Park Methodist Church unanimously going on record wishing to commend you for your wise and courageous Christian action in smoothing the path of racial re-adjustment in Charlotte. (1 item)

MCRC 2:208

Correspondence to Cunningham from Albert Wells, Presbyterian Foundation dated 9,13, 20 December 1960 regarding the work of the Community Betterment Committee of Laurinburg, N. C., which includes their by-laws and minutes as well as a summary of the handling of the Charlotte sit-ins including the recent crimes by Negro youth.. Letters 28 February and 1, 14 March 1961 concern Wells' inability to attend meetings, a visit from Dr. John Larkins, a consultant with the State Welfare Board.; Wells appreciate for the summary on the resolution of the Charlotte sit-ins. Letter dated 20 April expressing Well's interest in the interracial life of the community. (5 items)

MCRC 2:209

Correspondence to Reverend J. F. Wertz from Cunningham dated 22 February 1963 thanking him for his gracious expression from the Executive Committee and Officers of the Opportunity Foundation. Correspondence to Wertz from Cunningham dated 28 August 1962 regarding an invitation to appear with other citizens on a 1963 program of the Opportunity Foundation and offering a substitute proposal of speakers. Correspondence to Cunningham from Wertz dated 24 August 1962 expressing regret that he was not able to attend the last meeting of the Mayor's Committee on Community Relations and his interest in the article that appeared in the Harper's Magazine. Correspondence to Cunningham from Wertz dated 23 July 1962 expressing gratitude for the privilege to have read in the July issue of *Harper's Magazine* the article entitled, "What the Negro Needs Most" and requesting four persons to discuss the article at our next meeting. Correspondence to Cunningham from Wertz dated 21 February 1961 extending an invitation to become a member of the permanent committee. Correspondence to Wertz from Cunningham dated 19 July 1962 wondering what would be the effect of asking two Negroes and two white persons on the Mayor's Committee to be prepared to discuss the *Harper's* article. Correspondence to Wertz from Cunningham dated 18 October 1961 concerning the next meeting of the Mayor's Committee on November 14th. Correspondence to Wertz from Cunningham dated 6 March 1961 expressing appreciation of your invitation to join your Committee for Community Betterment and regrets due the Mayor's desire he continue with the Chairmanship of the Committee on Friendly Relations. Correspondence to Wertz from Cunningham dated 14 November 1960 regarding his report on my conference with Judge Helms. (9 items)

MCRC 2:210

Correspondence to Mayor James Smith from Nancy K. West dated 15 March 1960 congratulating him on appointing a committee to consider interracial problems. Correspondence to West from Cunningham dated 28 July 1960 acknowledging her letter of March 15th to Mayor Smith. (2 items)

MCRC 2:211

Correspondence to Cunningham from M.D. Whisnant, Thompson Orphanage and Training Institution dated 5 Jun3 1963 enclosing a letter from a Rotarian requesting information. Correspondence to Whisnant from Cunningham dated 10 June 1963 and enclosing the letter from our Rotary friend in Kenya expressing that it is a remarkable statement that our Charlotte situation should have made its way into the heart of Africa. (2 items)

MCRC 2:212

Correspondence to Mayor Brookshire from R. Edwin Wilson, Wilson, McCullock, Yeargin Architects and Engineers dated 31 May 1963 expressing his sincere appreciation for the work that has been done by you and your Committee. Correspondence to Cunningham from Wilson dated 31 May 1963 regarding a copy of his appreciation to the Mayor. Correspondence to Wilson from Cunningham dated 4 Jun3 1963 expressing gratitude for his letter of May 31st. (3 items)

MCRC 2:213

Correspondence to Robert Wilson from Cunningham dated 13 March 1964 acknowledging receipt of his letter and giving his opinions on the questions he raises with a two page attachment of answers to 16 questions asked. Correspondence to Cunningham from Wilson, student at Alexander Graham Junior High School dated 10 March 1964 asking 16 questions about integration for a class research. (2 items)

MCRC 2:214

Correspondence to Cunningham from Christine White dated 21 March 1962 regarding a visit to Charlotte of four people who are interested in bettering our race relations in South Carolina and particularly in Rock Hill. Correspondence to Cunningham from White (affiliated with South Carolina's Council on Human Relations and her family's affiliation with McCrory's and Woolworth's) dated 3 March 1962 requesting an opportunity to talk with you. Correspondence to White from Cunningham dated 15 March 1962 inviting her to come talk on Friday, March 23rd. (3 items)

MCRC 2:215

Correspondence to Cunningham from James Whittington, Hankins and Whittington Funeral Directors dated 6 July 1963 expressing regret that he cannot be present on July 9th due a previous engagement and commending him and the committee. Correspondence to Cunningham from Whittington regarding his acceptance to chair the sub-committee on Housing in the Mayor's Community Relations Committee. Correspondence to Whittington from Cunningham dated 10 January 1964 requesting he contact Tommy John and his offer to work on a project to include painting or repairing houses or building, clearing vacant lots and laying out recreational facilities or other charity programs, Correspondence too Whittington from Cunningham dated 19 December 1963 regarding the Airport Motel to admit a party of three or four men, one or two of whom were Negroes and the likelihood of picketing of the motel. Correspondence to Whittington from Cunningham dated 10 July 1963 and that Mr. Claiborne might call about any matters that arise having to do with the restaurants and drive-ins and enclosing a list of the eating places which are now integrated (not included). Correspondence to Whittington from Cunningham dated 12 November 1963 requesting information of any progress with reference to the approach to our restaurants, drive-ins and so forth considering their integration expressing opinion that if we could persuade a few top eating place to adopt this plan, others would fall in line more readily. Correspondence to Whittington from Cunningham dated 20 November 1962 regarding his frank discussion with Mr. Claiborne of the Barclay Restaurant who is President of the Charlotte Restaurant Association who is personally in sympathy with the idea of ultimately integrating the eating service of Charlotte Correspondence to Whittington from Cunningham dated 21 May 1962 expressing delight that he has accepted the Chairmanship of the Sub-Committee on Housing. Correspondence to Whittington from Cunningham dated 20 April 1962 expressing how fortunate the committee would be if he accepts the chairmanship of the Sub-Committee. (9 items)

MCRC 2:216

Correspondence to William Wood from Cunningham dated 21 June 1963 regarding his interest in constructive race relations. Correspondence to Cunningham from Wood dated 18 June 1963 regarding interest in Sherman, Texas in dealing with race relations constructively and requesting information. (2 items)

MCRC 2:217

Correspondence to Reverend C. Young, Jr. from Cunningham dated 17 April 1963 expressing regret about his experience with the Manger Motor Inn in connection with you recent Conference and that the manager indicated they would accept Negro guests. Correspondence to Cunningham from H. C. Young, Jr. dated 10 April 1963 regarding the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns and the fact the Inn refused to register our Negro minister several who had come from New York and Washington. (2 items)

MCRC 2:218

Correspondence to Cunningham from Terry W. Young, Manager Shoney's dated 10 July 1963 regarding they are presently serving negro customers in both of our locations and would be very happy to be included on your list showing desegregated stores. Correspondence to Young from Cunningham dated 30 July 1963 in response to communication to a list of integrated restaurants of Charlotte. (2 items)

MCRC 2:219

Correspondence to Cunningham from Harold Washington, Johnson C. Smith University regarding the Sears store has decided to accept patronage of all members of the community and open the dining facility to all customers. Correspondence to Washington from Cunningham dated 19 October 1960 regarding Sears store has integrated their restaurant. (2 items)

MCRC 2:220

Correspondence to Cunningham from Fred H. Wright, Director for Community Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce inviting him to attend the May 20-21 meeting of the Community Relations Service. (1 item)

MCRC 2:221

Correspondence to Cunningham from Paul R. Younts, Commissioner, State Highway commission dated 19 April 1962 calling his attention to the portion of the North-West Expressway which will go through McCrorey Heights and Oaklawn Park and that consideration is given to re-locating a portion of the Expressway in order to limit its affects on the areas involved. Correspondence to Younts from Cunningham dated 18 April 1962 regarding the proposed North-West Expressway and the concern of some Negro citizens that this will encroach upon the best residential area for Negroes in the city. (2 items)

MCRC 2:222

Correspondence to Cunningham from Kenneth B. Wilson, First Baptist Church, Mount Airy, N. C., dated 8 July 1963 requesting that members of his committee on Human Relations have the opportunity to meet with you relative to theater and desegregation. Correspondence to Reverend Wilson from Cunningham dated 9 July 1963 regarding his work on the Committee on Human Relations in Mount Airy. (2 items)

Box 5

Series 3 Miscellaneous

MCRC 3:1

"Who's Who" on the Program. Program for worship service at Myers Park Baptist Church and program for May Fellowship Day May 3, 1963. (2 items)

MCRC 3:2

Mayor's Community Relations Committee date May 11, 1965 tribute bidding farewell to James A. Nelson as a member of this body, and an asset to the Douglas Aircraft Company during his stay in Charlotte.(1 item)

MCRC 3:3

Speech by Stan Brookshire entitled "Total Citizenship" in Charlotte and the importance of citizenship to all citizens including Negroes. (1 item)

MCRC 3:4

Miscellaneous news clippings on integration and Civil Rights, various dates and various newspapers across the country. (Approximately 90 items)

MCRC 3:5

Miscellaneous notes, papers, postcards, correspondence, summaries and statements of propose for the Student Protest Movement, lists of integrated restaurants in Charlotte and postcards polling restaurants on whether they are integrated or not from Cunningham's Committee on Race Relations about Student Protests and Desegregation of restaurants and public facilities. (Approximately 30 items, plus 38 surveys restaurants asking if they were segregated)

MCRC 3:6

Notes dated 7 August 1962 regarding John Fischer's editorial in July 1962 *Harper's* entitled "What the Negro Needs Most: A First Class Citizen's Council." No author. (2 item)

MCRC 3:7

Article dated 6 February 1964 no author entitled "Who Is My Neighbor." (1 item)

MCRC 3:8

Editorial from WBTV Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company broadcast date 21 May 1964 in which they criticize Dr. Reginald A. Hawkins decision to lead a picket outside of the YMCA offices in Charlotte for their decision to refuse him membership into the health club at the white YMCA. (1 item)

MCRC 3:9

No author, no date. A paper comparing the civil rights work in the sought to that of Jesus in Samaria entitled, "The Church Going Through Samaria." (4 pages)

MCRC 3:10

No author, no date. Description of the Charlotte Placement Bureau which emerged from the work of the Mayor's Committee with details regarding the staff needed as well as a location – it was proposed as a solution to assist Charlotte's black citizens find employment. (4 pages.)

Series 4: Miscellaneous Correspondence

MCRC 4:1

Correspondence from E. J. Moore, Chairman of the Citizens Committee for Dr. Reginald Hawkins to Mayor Stanford R. Brookshire dated 14 July 1964 regarding the case of Dr. Reginald Hawkins. (3 items)

MCRC 4:2

Correspondence from John R. Cunningham to Stan Brookshire dated 13 May 1963 regarding a letters from Dr. Reginald and Mrs. Henry E. Bryant. (1 item)

MCRC 4:3

Statement from Mayor Stanford Brookshire dated 24 March 1963 praising the efforts of Dr. Cunningham and the committee. (1 item)

MCRC 4:4

Correspondence from Fred D. Alexander to John R. Taylor, Manager of a Holiday Inn in Greensboro dated 5 July 1963 with a series of questions and answers regarding the impact desegregation had on his business. (1 item)

MCRC 4:5

Correspondence from John M. Belk, President of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Stan Brookshire, 17 March 1964 regarding employment opportunities for Charlotte youth. (1 item)

MCRC 4:6

Correspondence from Karl H. Helfrich, Vice-President of Public Relations of the S.H. Kress and Company to George L. Abernathy dated 28 April 1960 in which Helfrich states that the corporate office will not pressure its stores in the south to integrate. (2 items)

MCRC 4:7

Correspondence from A. Walton Litz to the Reverend Harold J. Dudley of Raleigh dated 6 April 1960 in which Litz sends his support to the Reverend Dudley and the new race committee formed in Raleigh. (2 items)

MCRC 4:8

Correspondence from Robert B. Gore to R. L. Kincheloe, Manager of the Woolworth Company in Charlotte dated 12 July 1960 thanking him for integrating his lunch counter. (1 item)

MCRC 4:9

Correspondence from Brodie S. Griffith to C. D. Spangler dated 5 September 1961 in which the former expresses his pleasure that he and Spangler will be working together. (1 item)

MCRC 4:10

Memo from County Commissioners to County Managers dated 21 September 1961 requesting that they remove any signs identified as White Ladies or Colored Women. From that point, the only acceptable sign was Ladies or Women. (1 item)

Series 4: Miscellaneous Correspondence

MCRC 4:11

Moses S. Belton to Robert Kirby, Personnel Manager of Harris Teeter Stores dated 11 January 1962 thanking him for opening his stores to some black employees. (1 item)

MCRC 4:12

D. Grier Martin of Davidson College to H.F. Kincey dated 12 September 1962 regarding the enrollment of a Congolese student, Benoit Nzengu and the desire of the college for Nzengu to be able to attend the movies at theaters in Charlotte. Requests that an arrangement be made with local theaters for Nzengu to be able to see the movies if accompanied by two Davidson (white) students who will sit on either side of the Nzengu to insure there is no trouble. (1 item)

MCRC 4:13

Letter from Benjamin S. Horack to Dr. A Craig Phillips, Superintendent of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools dated 8 January 1963 informing him that he can no longer serve as the School Board representative to the Mayor's Community Relations Committee. (1 item)

MCRC 4:14

Letter from Harry S. Jones and Executive Secretary of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council on Human Relations to Dr. Craig Phillips, Superintendent of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools dated 4 February 1963 in which he expresses his disappointment over the decision to hold two baccalaureate services, on for the white graduates and one for the black students. Jones urges Phillips to reconsider. (1 item)

MCRC 4:15

Letter from the Reverend Charley P. Harnest, Pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Amarillo, Texas to Betty Hutchison of The Presbyterian Foundation in Charlotte dated 16 March 1963 thanking her for the information regarding the Mayor's Committee. Reverend Harnest mentions the growing number of "police actions" occurring in the black community of Amarillo. Also includes a newspaper article most likely from an Amarillo newspaper, (2 items)

MCRC 4:16

W. M. Ficklen, Industrial Manager of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce to William Macht who worked in the Washington office of New York Senator Jacob K. Javits dated 2 August 1963 in which he describes the information he forwarded regarding the city's voluntary integration program and suggests for additional materials to contact Dr. John R. Cunningham. (1 item)

MCRC 4:17

James A. Nelson Chair of the Economic Opportunities Subcommittee to the members of his subcommittee, including Charles M. Lowe, Dave Gillespie, A.E. Spears, James K. Polk, and Francis Fitzgerald as well as the members of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Council on Human Relations dated 29 January 1964 regarding an upcoming meeting on the 6th of February of the subcommittee in which Dr. Cunningham also planned to attend. (2 items)

MCRC 4:18

Letter from Francis M. Fitzgerald of WGIV Radio Station to James A. Nelson Chair of the Economic Opportunities Sub-Committee dated 30 January 1964 expressing his regrets that he cannot attend the February 6th meeting but provides a detailed report of the activities of WGIV including a Job Clinic for the black community. (1 item)

Series 4: Miscellaneous Correspondence

MCRC 4:19

Open letter from James A. Nelson Chair of the Economic Opportunities Sub-Committee dated 10 February 19664 regarding the Meeting of 6 February in which various local groups came together to discuss how they could improve equal employment opportunities for the black citizens of Charlotte. (2 items)

MCRC 4:20

Howard B. Arbuckle, Jr., Chair of the Sub-Committee on Crime to other sub-committee members, including Guy T. Carswell, Fred D. Alexander. J. F. Wertz and David E. Gillespie dated 12 February 1964encouraging them to attend the Law Enforcement Committee meeting of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce on 18th February includes a questionnaire about crime in Charlotte. (2 items)

MCRC 4:21

Randolph Norton of the *Charlotte Observer* and the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Urban Renewal to Dr. George Hyatt, Jr., Director of Extension Service at North Carolina State College (University) dated 24 February 1964 regarding Dr. Hyatt's upcoming presentation on 5th of March. (1 item)

MCRC 4:22

Letter from D. Grier Martin to Dr. Max Polley of Davidson College dated 6 March 1964 regarding encouraging an alternative solution to a planned student march from Johnson C. Smith University to the Post Office in uptown Charlotte. (1 item)

MCRC 4:23

Letter from the Druid Hills Community Council n.d. informing the School Board that they have registered their children at North West and insist a new school be built in the Statesville Avenue Area. Accompanied with this letter is a statement from the Mayor's Community Relations Community that the School Board assured the committee that the Statesville Avenue area school would be complete by September of 1962. (3 items)

MCRC 4:24

Letter from Dr. James F. Wertz to Charles Jones dated 22 March 1960 regarding the student demonstrations. (1 item)

Series 5 Correspondence of Mayor James Saxon Smith (1960-1961)

Letters to Mayor Smith

MCRC 5:1

Harry S. Jones, Executive Secretary of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Council on Human Relations to smith dated 1 March 1960 encloses a letter that the committee planned to send to managers of department stores and other stores with lunch counters to encourage them to meet with the Johnson C. Smith University students. (2 items)

MCRC 5:2

Reverend H. W. Givens, Pastor of Biddleville Presbyterian Church to Smith dated 17 March expressing his concern that the committee will actually be able to achieve its goals and the need to have a large representation of black leaders on the committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:3

Reverend Howard Chadwick, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlotte to Smith congratulating Smith on establishing the committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:4

James F. Wertz to Smith dated 17 March 1960 that includes a list of organizations he recommends for sponsorship of the Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:5

Charles J. Henderson, Charlotte attorney to Smith dated 25 March 1960 thanking him for suggesting Henderson to serve on the committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:6

Grover c. Ritchie, Vice-President of Citizens Bank of Charlotte to Smith dated 25 March 1960 declining his appointment to the committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:7

A.E. Spears of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company (Charlotte Office) to Smith dated 26 March 1960 accepting his appointment to the committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:8

Clinton L. Blake, Principal of West Charlotte Senior High School to Smith dated 1 April 1960 declining to serve on the committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:9

Lex Marsh of Marsh Realty company to Smith 1 April 1960 declines to serve on the committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:10

Reverend J. Paul Byron, Pastor of St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Charlotte to Smith dated 2 April 1960 congratulating him on establishing the committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:11

Reverend H. W. Givens, Chairman of the Committee for Civic Advancement, to Smith dated 3 April 1960 expressing his committee's concern that no blacks have been assigned to serve as any of the Friend Relations Committee's officers. (1 item)

Series 5 Correspondence of Mayor James Saxon Smith (1960-1961)

MCRC 5:12

Betty C. Gilreath, President of the Woman's Missionary Union Mecklenburg Baptist Association to Smith dated 4 April 1960 commending him for the selection of officers including McCraw as Vice-Chairman. (1 item)

MCRC 5:13

H.W. Givens, Clerk of Catawba Synod to Smith dated 5 April 1960 with a list of names and their affiliation of individuals who are leaders in the black community. (1 item)

MCRC 5:14

Copies of a form letter to Smith dated 4 July 1960 seeing the cooperation from the managers of the Belks, Grant's, Ivey's, Kress, Liggett's McLellan's and Woolworth to integrate their lunch-counters. (2 items)

MCRC 5:15

Dr. Tinsely L. Spraggins, Department of History of Virginia Union University to Smith dated 21 1960 seeking information on how the Mayor's committee succeeded in integrated the lunch counters in department, variety and drug stores. (1 item)

MCRC 5:16

Reverend John D. Smith, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Morganton, North Carolina to Smith dated 21 November 1960 requesting information on how the Mayor's committee succeeded in integrated the lunch counters in department, variety and drug stores. (1 item)

MCRC 5:17

Albert N. Wells of the Laurinburg Community Betterment Committee to Smith dated 14 March 1961 encouraging him to continue the Friendly Relations Committee and inviting him to attend one in Laurinburg. (2 items)

MCRC 5:18

Carrie Marshall Gilchrist to Smith dated 10 May 1960 congratulating him on forming the Friendly Relations Committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:19

Edith J. Roush, president of the League of Women Voters dated 15 March 1961 with a list of names of women from the League to serve on the committee. (1item)

MCRC 5:20

Louise S. Hatz of West Point, Virginia to Smith dated 1 March 1961 requesting information on how the committee succeeded in Charlotte. (1 item)

MCRC 5:21

Gordon W. Lovejoy of The National Conference of Christians & Jews (Greensboro Office) to Smith dated 3 August 1960 congratulating the mayor and the committee on the success of integrating the lunch counters in Charlotte. (1 item)

Correspondence From Smith

MCRC 5:22

Smith to R. C. Robinson of the NC Mutual Life Insurance Company (Charlotte Branch) inviting him to serve on the Friendly Relations Committee. (2 copies)

MCRC 5:23

Smith to Buell G. Duncan of Piedmont Natural Gas dated 13 February 1961 inviting him to serve on the Friendly Relations Committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:24

Smith to R.L. Weathers, President of the Merchants Association requesting the names of three of the members of the Merchants Association to serve on the Friendly Relations Committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:25

Smith to Joe H. Robinson, President of the Chamber of Commerce dated 14 February 1961 requesting the names of three of the members of the Chamber of Commerce to serve on the Friendly Relations Committee. (2 pages)

MCRC 5:26

Smith to Oliver Rowe of the Bouligny Company and the United Community Services dated 14 February 1961 inviting him to join the Friendly Relations Committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:27

Smith to W.W. Kale, President of Kale-Lawing Company and the Merchant's Association dated 23 February 1961 inviting him to join the Friendly Relations Committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:28

Smith to George Ivey, Sr. of J.B. Ivey Company dated 23 February 1961 inviting him to join the Friendly Relations Committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:29

Smith to W.W. Crymes, Sr., President of Faul & Crymes, Inc. and member of the Merchants Association dated 28 February 1961 inviting him to join the Friendly Relations Committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:30

Smith to Coleman D. Rippy of the Oaklawn Community Center dated 20 March 1961 inviting Coleman to serve as a trustee of the Friendly Relations Committee. (1 item)

MCRC 5:31

Smith to Dr. Moses S. Belton of Johnson C. Smith University dated 20 March 1961 inviting him to serve as a trustee of the Friendly Relations Committee. (1 item)

MCRS 6:1

Public Law 88-352, 88th Congress, H.R. 752, July 2, 1964, "Voting Rights," 1 booklet, 29 pages.

MCRC 6: 2

"Dime Store Demonstrations: Events and Legal Problems of First Sixty Days," reprinted from Duke Law Journal, volume 1950, No. 3, 1 booklet.

MCRC 6:3

Civil Rights Act of 1964 Information Report 101, Community Relations Service U.S Conference of Mayors, 1 booklet, no date, 8 pages.

MCRC 6:4

New Negro and Carver College: A Statement by the Executive Committee of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council on Human Relations, August, 1961, 1 booklet, no date, 3 pages.

MCRC 6:5

"Direct Action in the South: A Southern Regional Council Report, October-November, 1963, Southern Regional Council," *New South Magazine*, Vol. 18, No. 10-11, 1 periodical, 32 pages.

MCRC 6:6

New South Magazine, January 1963, Vol. 18, No. 1, 1 periodical, 15 pages.

MCRC 6:7

New South Magazine, June 1963, Vol. 18, No. 6, 1 periodical, 15 pages.

MCRC 6:8

New South Magazine, March 1960, Vol. 15, No. 3, 1 periodical, 15 pages.

MCRC 6:9

New South Magazine, July-August, 1960, Vol. 15, No. 7, 8, 1 periodical, 15 pages.

MCRC 6:10

New South Magazine, December, 1960, Vol. 15, No. 12, 1 periodical, 15 pages.

MCRC 6:11

"School Desegregation: the First Six Year," *New South Magazine*, May 1960, Vol. 15, No. 5, 1 periodical, 35 pages.

MCRC 6:12

Economic Status of Negroes: in the Nation and in the South, by Vivian W. Henderson, Toward Regional Realism, No.3, Southern Regional Council, 23 pages.

MCRC 6:13

Southern Regional Council Report L-42, June 6, 1963, 2 pages.

MCRC 6:14

Civil Rights Crisis: A Synopsis of Recent Developments, Southern Regional Council, July 26, 1962, 29 pages.

MCRC 6:15

Southern Regional Council Report L-41, March 22, 1963, 8 pages.

MCRC 6:16

Civil Rights Crisis: A Synopsis of Recent Developments II, Southern Regional Council, June 25, 1963, 17 pages.

MCRC 6:17

Problem Solving through Race Relations Committees, Southern Regional Council Report L-20, October 25, 1960, 5 pages.

MCRC 6:18

Public Schools and Community Development, Southern Regional Council Report L-21, November 30, 1960, 7 pages.

MCRC 6:19

To Florida Leaders in Civic, Religious, and Business Affairs, Southern Regional Council, Report L-22, December 9, 1960, 7 pages.

MCRC 6:20

The Price We Pay for Discrimination, prepared by Barbara Patterson and other staff members of the Southern Regional Council and the Anti-Defamation League, June 1964, 44 pages.

MCRC 6:21

New South Magazine, June 1961, Vol. 16, No. 6, 15 pages.

MCRC 6:22

Case for Integration by Daniel C. Thompson, Southern Regional Council, notable addresses, 1961, 11 pages.

MCRC 6:23& 7:24

Student Protest Movement: A Recapitulation, Special Report, Southern Regional Council, September, 1961, 16 pages, 2 copies

MCRC 6:25

Lunch-Counter Desegregation in Corpus Christi, Galveston, and San Antonio, Texas by Kenneth Morland, Special Report, Southern Regional Council, May 10, 1960.

MCRC 6:26

School Desegregation: Old Problems under a New Law, Special Report, Southern Regional Council, September 1965, 23 pages.

MCRC 6:27

Question from Jacksonville, Southern Regional Council, Report L-47, April 16, 1964, 14 pages.

MCRC 6:28

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