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The President of Tuskegee Institute, Dr. Luther H. Foster has in the past and continues to make himself manifest as a lover of white people (Devils). You, Mr. President, were invited by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah (God) along with your colleagues, to his Chicago residence in 1968 to discuss the financial condition of the Institute and the ways and means of making Tuskegee Institute one of the greatest educational Institutions in America for the training of Black students.

Nevertheless, you told your secretary to tell me that "He said that his summer schedule would not permit him to visit Mr. Muhammad at this time."

I attended many meetings wherein the President, his staff; and white faculty or Board of Trustee members would turn a deaf ear to any students who would talk of ways to make the school financially independent of the

white man and his foundations or federal agencies. Instead, the devils would advise the Black faculty as to -how additional white - owned industries or white - controlled money could be applied for.

It should be evident, Dr. Foster, after the racist Alabama legislature cut \$200,000.00 from the school's budget that white people in the governmental structure of Alabama or anywhere else are not concerned about the educational welfare of Black students unless Black people become concerned themselves.

How can you Mr. President, call vourself a leader of a Black Educational institution when you go about begging for money when you have the resources there on the school's 5,000 acres to make yourselves independent with the help of Allah and His Messenger? As I wrote in this paper some weeks back: "History has proven that all who reject Allah (God of the Black Man) and His divinely guided Messenger will suffer hardship and destruction."

The "critical financial problems" you have spoken of will become more critical when you find that the students are not able to pay the high cost and that teachers are

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unwilling to accept the increase in work loads due to a lack of expanding facilities.

You, Mr. President, are practicing the old slavish habits of Booker T. Washington when you beg the devils (White People) in Montgomery and Washington for money when it has been offered to you by one of your own, the MESSENGER -OF ALLAH (GOD).

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad saw this day coming for Tuskegee Institute when he sent you his invitation Mr. President, through me The Black Student of today will never accept a beggar for a leader as you have become. I am truly thankful to Allah (God) that He has Blessed the Muslims with an independent and able Black Man as Our Leader, Teacher and Guide.

Tuskegee Institute will continue to have difficulty until the white man is driven out and every Black Man and Woman submits to Allah (God) and His Messenger as the Honorable Elijah Muhammad Teaches.

All praises are due to Allah. May Allah forever Bless you Dear Holy Apostle.