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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
The Crisis
69 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This will acknowledge receipt of the photograph mentioned in your letter of June 3rd. It came in this morning and we immediately examined it carefully in order to answer the questions that you raise.

We find that it would be impossible to do what you suggest with the picture; that is, to retouch the photograph in order to bring out the lineaments and character of these men. In fact, we believe that any such attempt would be disastrous, not only because the artist would have an extremely difficult, if not impossible, job but because it would not be a proper proof of your point. We can, of course, reproduce the picture as it stands, but we doubt that the result would be satisfactory. We can only suggest, therefore, that you make some effort to secure the original or originals from which the present print was made. Meantime, we are holding this photograph here.

Yours sincerely,

Charles P. Trace

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