

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 9, 1942

Lewis Webster Jones, President  
Bennington College  
Bennington, Vermont

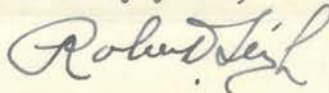
Dear Lewis:

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd indicating that it would not be very good sense to have the summer school for training of undergraduates in secretarial skills at Bennington. I am now taking the matter up with one or two other college heads.

In thinking of war work which might be done by undergraduates, have you investigated the citizenship program for aliens which Marshall Dimock and Will Russell are supervising? They are looking for skilled, voluntary supervisors and instructors to carry on the work with the aliens registered in each state. It occurred to me that some students, graduates or faculty members might be interested in the program. I hope you don't mind my sending on suggestions like this as they come to me here.

I am asking the Board to send you a copy of the latest post-war pamphlet by Alvin Hansen. Where are the holes in it from an economists point of view?

Sincerely yours,



Robert D. Leigh

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February 21, 1942

Mr. Robert D. Leigh  
National Resources Planning Board  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Leigh,

Thank you very much for your note. I have written Marshall Dineck in accordance with your suggestion to find out if there is any way in which we can be of use to them.

Sincerely,

*WJ*  
Lewis Webster Jones

February 21, 1942

Mr. Marshall E. Dimock  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dimock,

We have been informed that you are looking for skilled voluntary supervisors and instructors to carry on the work with aliens registered in each state. We would be very much interested to get any information which you have about this project and if there is any way in which Bennington College can cooperate, we would be glad to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis Webster Jones  
President

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

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TO ATTORNEY GENERAL IN CHARGE  
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March 2, 1942

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Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, President  
Bennington College  
Bennington, Vermont

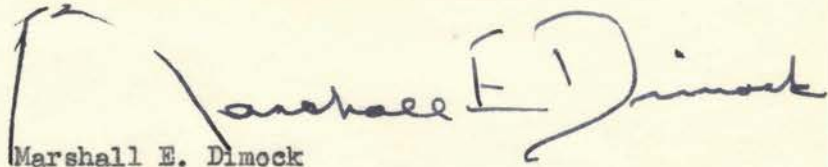
My dear Dr. Jones:

Your letter of February 21, 1942, with reference to the volunteer aspect of the National Citizenship Education Program has been read with interest, and I am taking the liberty of sending it to Dean William F. Russell, who is national Director of the Program.

As you may know, the National Citizenship Education Program is a program which this Service has sponsored in cooperation with the Work Projects Administration and the United States Office of Education. Under the present emergency, it has become apparent that in many localities there are insufficient numbers of teachers qualified under the W. P. A. rules to carry on some of the needed work, and for that reason volunteer workers have offered their services in order to bridge this gap.

I am enclosing a question and answer pamphlet on the Program which, I believe, will answer many of your questions. I am also asking Dean Russell to communicate with you with more definite suggestions on how your college may be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

  
Marshall E. Dimock

Enclosure

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NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Associate Director

OFFICE OF  
BENNINGTON COLLEGE

3-10-42  
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March 7, 1942

President Lewis Webster Jones  
Bennington College  
Bennington, Vermont

Dear President Jones:

Marshall Dimock has sent me a copy of your letter of February 21, together with his reply.

The National Citizenship Education Program is operated state by state, and in Vermont consists of a program under the WPA and certain work in the Public Schools. I have written to Commissioner Noble asking him to consult with you when he has an opportunity as to whether or not some of your Juniors or Seniors might not take on a class of noncitizens on a volunteer basis. I am sure that it would be fine for the noncitizens and might make an excellent practical project for some of your students who are interested in teaching.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours faithfully,

*William F. Russell*  
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March 11, 1942

Hon. William F. Russell, Director  
National Citizenship Education Program  
Washington  
D, C.

My dear Doctor Russell:

Thank you for your letter of March 7 indicating the interest of President Jones of Bennington College in the instruction of non-citizens.

I am calling the matter to the attention of Mr. E. Harmon Kelley, WPA Supervisor of National Citizenship Education Program for Aliens, and suggesting that he communicate directly with President Jones to utilize any assistance which Bennington College may be in a position to give to the Service in that section of the State.

I appreciate your calling this matter to my attention.

Very sincerely yours

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Commissioner of Education

copy to : E. Harmon Kelley

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NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM  
Washington, D.C.

March 7, 1942

Honorable Ralph E. Noble  
State Commissioner of Education  
Montpelier, Vermont

Dear Commissioner Noble:

President Jones of Bennington College has written a letter to Commissioner Dimock of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, a copy of which I enclose. It seems to me that if there are noncitizens in the vicinity of Bennington College who could profit from special instruction, it might be that President Jones could arrange for such volunteer services as a part of the experience which Bennington College requires its graduates. At any rate, I would appreciate it, if you have an opportunity to talk to President Jones about this.

Faithfully yours,

/s/ Wm. F. RUSSELL

William F. Russell

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President's Office

March 13, 1942

Mr. Lewis Webster Jones, President  
Bennington College  
Bennington, Vermont

Dear President Jones:

Your letter of February 21 to Mr. Dimock of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington offering the cooperation of Bennington College in our Citizenship Education Program has been referred to me for attention.

Your offer of volunteer assistance is greatly appreciated and I am sure that some arrangement may be made whereby advantage may be taken of such a valuable source of leadership.

This Division is about to make a survey of the alien population in the Bennington area and classes will be organized as their need is indicated.

I am in hopes to come to Bennington sometime during the week of March 16th and will contact you at the first possible moment.

Very sincerely yours,  
*E. Harmon Kelley*  
E. Harmon Kelley  
Supervisor, NCEP

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*W. H. M.*