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From Robert Agard Re: Black Library Committee

I have been asked to call a meeting of the Black Library Committee and I believe the best time before Thansgiving vacation will be Monday, November 19, at 4:15 p.m. in the Library Conference Room.

- 1) There may be concerns from Committee members to be discussed.
- 2) Perhaps we can make some decisions on the matter of periodical subscriptions. Information about these has been previously circulated.
- 3) The portion of the bibliography, Resources for the teaching of anthropology, which deals with Africa has been checked and we have 74 of the 175 titles listed. This is a basic bibliography on the standard works on the anthropology of Africa and our holdings would be very greatly strengthened if we were to purchase from the English titles which we do not already own. Our most serious gaps are in the area dealing with South Africa.
- 4) The only publication listed in the New York Public Library's Publications List of interest to us is No crystal stair, a bibliography we have already checked and could well purchase from.
- 5) In the matter of African languages there are one or two bibliographies listed and a small number of titles of a general nature. Most of the titles deal with specific languages or languages in specific areas. To try to acquire extensively this type of material would be likely to exceed our resources and the competence of our users. Perhaps we should consider some basic language like Hausa or Swahili.
- 6) I find some dozen titles in Black English listed in recent issues of the Catalog of the Library of Congress. This is a fairly comprehensive listing of available materials and perhaps our need for this kind of book could be provided for by purchasing these.