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2056 First National Bank Building Detroit, Mich., October 19, 1934.

Mr. Fielding H. Yost, Athletic Director University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Sir:

This letter is written to confirm an understanding had on October 17, 1934, between you, representing the University of Michigan, and the writer, representing Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, Inc., wherein it was agreed that this Agency shall undertake for your University's account, the investigation of certain matters at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

It is understood that our rate for this work is \$15.00 per day, plus expenses, for the operative detailed. Our bills are rendered monthly and at the conclusion of the work, and are payable upon presentation.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding, will you kindly endorse your confirmation on the enclosed carbon copy of this letter and return it to us immediately?

Yours very truly,

PINKERTON'S NATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, Inc.

Accepted:

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2056 First National Bank Building Detroit, Michigan, October 27, 1934.

Mr. Fielding H. Yost, Athletic Director University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Yost:

We are very glad to note that nothing happened last Saturday. Please advise if you are satisfied with the investigation and result.

Yours very truly,

PINKERTON'S NATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, Inc.

Superintendent.

I. F. H. reports:-

Detroit, Michigan, Thursday, October 18, 1934

At 8:30 a.m. I proceeded to Ann Arbor, Michigan and called on Mr. Yost in the athletic office of the University of Michigan, who gave me the following names of men who in his opinion are interested or sponsoring the movement to get Willis Ward, negro football player, into Saturday's game:

Maurice J. Wilsie 207 N. State St. Ann Arbor, Michigan

Jack Wiesman
Kappa Nu Fraternity
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Mr. Yost called my attention to an article on the front page of "The Michigan Daily," the University paper, which gives information about a mass meeting to be held by the Ward United Front Committee at 8:50 p.m., Friday in the Natural Science Auditorium. He suggested that I attend this meeting and to get any information pertaining to plans of the committee during Saturday's game.

In an effort to interview Jack Wiesman, I called at the follow-ing:

Kappa Nu Fraternity House 800 Lincoln Avenue. Ann Arbor, Michigan

Talked with a student at this Fraternity House, who stated that Jack Wiesman was not in at present;

that he knows Wiesman; that Wiesman is no longer active in the Vanguard Club. He stated that in his opinion Ward will not play in Saturday's game; that nothing can be done by the students or their organizations to get him into the game; that he is aware that they have petitions with hundreds of signatures, but in spite of this Ward cannot play due to a ruling by the officials which will keep him out of this particular game; that it is his opinion that nothing will be done by the organizations during the game.

I made another attempt to interview Jack Wiesman, later in the day; however, was unable to find him in.

Mr. Bethke 527 Fifth Avenue Ann Arbor, Michigan

I called at this address in an effort to interview Mr. W. Fisch, who is reported to be the Chairman

of the United Front Committee on Ward. Mr. Bethke informed me that Fisch was not in; that he is very seldom at the house except to sleep; that he did not know where he spent his time, but thought it was at the Law Library. He stated that Fisch had some of the petitions for Ward at the house; that Fisch was an active member of the Vanguard Club; that in spite of the petitions with 1,500 signatures, it would be impossible to get Ward into the game as he was already officially ruled out; that in his opinion, there would be no demonstration or trouble at Saturday's game; that the National Students' League and

Vanguard Club are not influential with the students; that their total active membership is not more than twenty or twenty-five students; that most of their movements are carried on for the publicity they obtain from them.

Mr. Healey City Editor The Michigan Daily Ann Arbor, Michigan

stated that National Students League and Vanguard Club, who are sponsoring the Ward campaign are small

and inactive as far as constructive things are concerned; that they do not have a headquarters; that they are anxious to gain publicity and this is usually their motive for making efforts on a campaign such as the one they are now sponsoring; that none of the University officials have ever stated that Ward would not play in Saturday's game; that this movement was started by the National Students' League and the Vanguard Club on account of the general understanding of the policy of the Southern Universities of not allowing negros to play with whites.

He stated that he was quite sure there would be no disturbance during Saturday's game; that any trouble would immediately be stopped by Michigan Students, who are not in his opinion in sympathy with this movement; that if it is true that they have 1,500 signatures on their petitions, that most of these who signed were not fully aware of what the movement was about; that it has been previously proven that a student signs without reading it, merely to satisfy the solicitor. He stated that the University of Michigan acts as host to Georgia Tech on Saturday and that in his opinion practically all of the Michigan Students would welcome them in a most sportsmanlike and friendly manner in spite of their southern racial discrimination policies.

Interviewed a student on the campus, who stated that for the past few days there have been two young men with the Ward petitions, soliciting signatures on the steps and in the front doorway of the Library; that their efforts to obtain signatures was apparently stopped as these men were not soliciting at their regular places today; that they were there yesterday; that they had been using insistant methods to obtain single signatures; that in his opinion nothing would ever result from the petitions; that Ward would not play in the game Saturday; that there would be no trouble during the game as the sponsoring organizations of the Ward movement compose only a handful of students and they would not have the nerve to start any such action; that they realize the consequences if they should attempt any action.

I interviewed several students on the campus at the Michigan Union and the Student Christian Association but the opinion of all of them was similar to that expressed by the above interviews. Most of the students state that the National Students' League and Vanguard Chub are composed of students who are foreigners, some orientals, and have radical and socialistic ideas; that the student body as a whole pays very little attention to their activities and surely would not

co-operate with them in case of a disturbance at Saturday's game. One of the students stated that he was positive Ward would not play Saturday as Coach Kipke has not been rehearsing Ward for this game; that he was getting two other men in shape for this game.

I made two attempts to interview Maurice Wilsie at 207 N. State St., but no one was home at this address.

I returned to Detroit and discontinued at 8:45 p.m.

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Detroit, Michigan, Friday, October 19, 1934

At 9 a.m. proceeded to Ann Arbor and called on:

William Fisch 427 S. Fifth Ave. Ann Arbor, Michigan

Fisch is Chairman of the United Front Committee on Ward. He is decidedly Jewish. He stated that

he is just about positive that Ward would not be in Saturday's game; that he was in conversation with Ward yesterday and Ward expressed gratitude toward their campaign; that Ward was boiling with anger over the fact that he is being barred from tomorrow's game; that Ward had told him that if it were not for certain obligations and personal affairs, that he would quit the team.

risch stated that they were now through with the campaign; that it is up to the students to take any further action; that he was well satisfied with the outcome and quite surprized at the great number of students who supported them in the movement which was indicated by the signatures on the petitions and letters from the alumnae; that their campaign may not have put ward in the game, but the real accomplishment is that there would not be a recurrence of this situation of scheduling a game with a Southern University, while there are negroes on the team.

He stated that Yost is a southerner and for this reason is not in sympathy with their movement; that Yost should never have signed this game while he knew Ward was on the team; that immediately after Yost signed the game some one called this fact to his attention but he passed it off as if there was nothing to it; that Yost thought he could keep Ward out of this particular game and no one would notice it that the athletic activities are being handled entirely by the bosses and without regard for the wishes of the students.

Stated that at the game tomorrow there is a question of what will happen; that the students may just yell, demanding to have Ward put into the game; that if he is put in, Georgia Tech may just call off the game; however, there is a possibility that such action may result in the forfeiture of the game by Michigan, which no one would want to occur; that they had not planned any action during the game; that it would be silly and perhaps disastrous for thirty or forty men to get out and attempt to make a disturbance; that they could not afford to start any action as they are known and it would jeopardize their standing and no doubt force them out of the University; that they have not committed themselves on any contemplated plans at the game; that they actually have no plans; that the reason for the mass meeting tonight is to see how the students accepted their campaign; that if anything happens tomorrow, it will be put over by the majority of the students who might be so angered by the fact that Ward cannot play, that they will forget themselves.

Interviewed a student on the campus, who was of Jewish extraction.

He stated that the movement for Ward was started in order to get settled

the matter of racial discrimination in the games; that it is not for Ward's sake as much as it is for the principle involved; that in his opinion Michigan should not give in to Georgia Tech; that in his opinion no matter if Ward plays or not, there will be no demonstration at the game; that he is quite sure of this as he has learned of the attitude of those sponsoring the movement in hearing their conversations and talking with them.

I interviewed several students on the campus and at the Michigan Union and the consensus of opinion is that the Ward movement was started by a certain few students who do not have any following and are not supported in any of their movements by the student body; that they are after publicity; that they are not powerful enough to do any harm and cause any disturbance at Saturday's game.

I called on Mr. Yost in the late afternoon and gave him a brief verbal report of my investigation. He instructed me to attend the mass meeting which is to be held this evening and to communicate with him by telephone after this meeting.

I attended the Ward Rally and Mass Meeting held in the Natural Science Auditorium. By 8 p.m., the scheduled starting time, the auditorium was almost filled to capacity, which is about 350 persons. A large percentage of those present were observed to be people of other than the white race, such as Jewish, Orientals, etc. The meeting was very disorderly, in fact some of the speakers could not give their speeches due to the protests of about one-third of those in the hall. The group who made the disturbance finally were allowed to have some of their speakers talk. They claimed to be representative of the students as a whole and all important organizations and stated that they were in opposition to the Ward movement; that there was a great chance for Ward to get hurt if he were put in the game.

After several of them spoke, at about 9 p.m., this entire crowd left the hall and then the meeting proceeded in a fairly orderly manner. The substance of speeches of most of these speakers was concerning the principle involved. Two negroes and three men of dark races made speeches, however, they were merely finding fault with those who believe in racial discrimination and with the athletic officials who scheduled the Georgia Tech when they knew Ward was on the team. Nothing was mentioned regarding a demonstration on the field tomorrow; however, a resolution was passed to the effect that the majority at the meeting were in favor of having Ward in the game tomorrow. The meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m. I stood in the lobby of the building and outside of the entrance after the adjournment and overheard conversations of several small groups. None of them mentioned anything about plans for a disturbance at the game, in fact all the conversations were confined to the principle of racial discrimination and comment on the speakers.

I telephoned Mr. Yost and gave him a brief outline of the result of the meeting. He stated that he would no longer need me on the investigation. I returned to Detroit and discontinued at 12:45 a.m. October 20th.

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He also made the resolution protesting the Board in Control for having scheduled this game.

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Campus Organizations

University of Michigan

re: Willis Ward colored football player.

Cosmopolitan Club

National Student League

Cooperative House

Socialist House

Vanguard Club, student liberal organization.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

UNITED FRONT COMMITTEE ON WARD

Joseph D. Feldman	'37 Lit.			
421 S. Fifth Ave.	New York City	Sec. 43	Row 27	Seat 15
William L. Fisch 427 S. Fifth Ave.	'37 Lit. Newark, N. J.	Sec. 43	Row 68	Seat 6
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Advisors

Sandy Charles Orr Sec. 22 Row 29 Seat 21

Syche Kendall Wood (No order)

Checked with the University Oct. 15th, 1934.

Alpha Phi Alpha (colored) 1193 Ann Street, is the only one of the fraternities listed now active at Michigan.

The rest are colored fraternities, national.

No record of the sorority.

Joseph Feldman, telephone 5775, called and asked that the following questions be presented to Mr. Yost. Feldman stated that he was designated by the Student Group to present these questions and get the answers so that "there would be no misunderstanding" as he had been told that Yost has said "They were shooting off without knowing what they were talking about."

- Question 1. Did the Athletic Administration make any agreement with Georgia Tech not to have Ward play?
- Question 2. Will Coach Kipke be permitted to play Willis Ward in the Georgia game?
- Question 3. Has Yost any statement to make on the entire affair generally?

(above received over the telephone at seven o'clock Wednesday evening, Oct. 10th, after Feldman had attempted to get in touch with Mr. Yost personally)



October 4, 1934

An Open Letter to Fielding H. Yost and Harry Kipke:

A number of unverified rumors have been circulating around campus to the effect that Willis ward will be barred from the Georgia Tech game because of the fact that he is a negro. The National Student League, determined to fight all forms of racial discrimination, is naturally concerned about these rumors.

Therefore, we respectfully ask you either to verify or deny these rumors within the next two or three days. If such statement is not forthcoming then we shall feel entirely justified in assuming that you have thereby given an automatic verification to the rumors.

The National Student League

Committee on Piscrimination

Anderson: Did not feel that a statement should be made by either Ward or the Board.

Boak: If Willis makes a statement then the Board should make one. Prefer really not to make any statement.

Angell: In favor of a statement from the Board clearing "our position." Angell left the meeting here.

Yost: Feel like Henry, unless a statement is made stating the "Coaching Staff and the Board and all of us are in accord."

Boak: If a statement is made from Ward himself, then a statement from us should be made. Otherwise nothing should be said.

Anderson: My position is that neither Ward nor we should make a statement.

Yost:

In the smallest way possible say that all are in agreement. If Ward should make a statement, it should not need a statement from the board necessarily, or from anyone else.

Mitchell: A statement by Willis Ward wouldn't help matters. No statement at all is better than one or two.

Oliver: I feel the same way. If we can get away from without making any statement we would be better off.

Fehsenfeld: Felt the same as Oliver.

It was suggested that the Cheerleaders might be instructed to "drown out" any booing or yelling that the opposition might begin by leading the stands in some Michigan Yell.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that a committee of three, consisting of Aigler, Yost and Anderson, be appointed with power to deal with any future matters that might come up in connection with this game.

It was the consensus of opinion of all those present that adequate police protection should be furnished for the teams and that every precaution should be taken to prevent any demonstration by the opposition on the field.

An effort should be made to see that the students occupy the seats actually assigned them and prevent them from congregating in groups elsewhere in the stands or stadium.

It was felt that it would be better not to have Ward appear on the field or sit with the team.

No tear gas is to be used.

Willia Ward Play?" WARD RALLY

1500 students support the slogan EITHER WARD PLATS OR THE CAME MUST BE CANCELLED. Everywhere the question of Willis Ward playing in the Georgia Techs game is raised, the response has been condemnation of the policy of the Board in Control of Athletics. Students support your convictions and

ATT D THE RELLY AT NATURAL SCIENCE AUDIMORIUM FRIDAY EVENING.

"Speakers"

PROF. H.J. MAC FARIEN

REV. H.P. MARLEY

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YOST and KIPKE have been InvitedWILL STAFF

FRIDAY Oct 19,1934 8:00PM WATURAL SCIENCE AUD.

Michigan Daily Supplement

Issued by the Ward United Front Committee
Against Negro Discrimination

PETITIONS ARE DUT

FELLOW STUDENTS!

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Prominent faculty members, various campus clubs, three fraternities, and one sorority have united against Negro discrimination with the following resolution:

"Because he is a Negro, Willis Ward is not to be permitted to compete in the Georgia Tech football game.

"Such a flagrant example of racial discrimination is inexcusable in a university with our cosmopolitan traditions.

"We call upon the athletic authorities to put Ward in the game or to cancel it."

Among the faculty signers of the resolution were: Professor Norman E. Nelson, Professor John F. Shepard, Professor C. L. Meader, Professor John H. Muyskens, Professor Preston W. Slosson, Professor Roy H. Holmes, H. Shohara, Charles A. Orr, and Paul Wiers.

The Greek letter societies which supported the resolution included the Omega Psi Dhi Fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

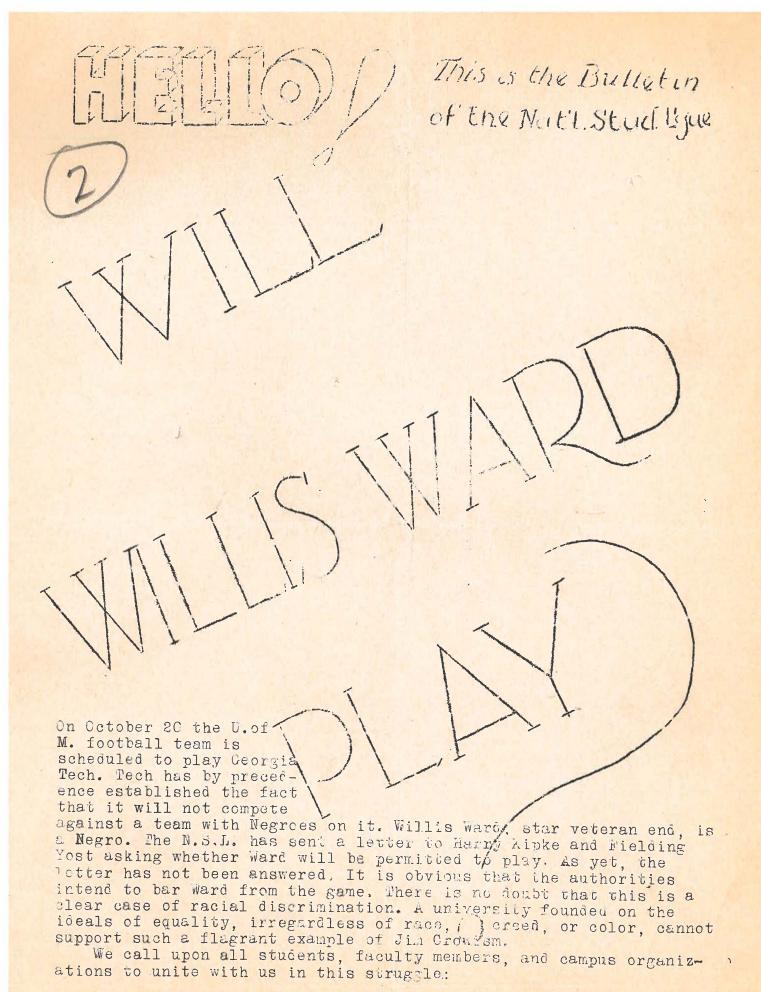
The Vanguard Club, the Michigan League Against War and Militarism, and the National Student League also backed the stand taken by the professors.

Fellow Students! You too must take your stand. This week a petition will be circulated on campus similar to the one quoted above.

Sign it! Show your determination to fight for equality for all races!

SIGN UP

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ATHLETIC ASSN ADMINISTRATION BLDG ANNARBOR MICH-

YOU AND HARRY KIPKE ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SPEAK AT

STUDENT RALLY ON THE WILLIS WARD ISSUE TO BE HELD THIS

FRIDAY EVENING EIGHT PM AT MATURAL SCIENCE AUDITORIUM=

CARE JOSEPH FELDMAN UNITED FRONT COMMITTEE ON WARD

421 SOUTH FIFTH AVE.

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October 13, 1934

F. A. Rowe c/o Board of Education Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

There has been much dissension on the Michigan Campus concerning the coming Georgia Tech game. The cause for all this has been the attempt of the Tech team to keep Willis Ward out of the game because he is a Negro. Disregarding the fact that Ward is a star on the team it is our firm belief that racial discrimination has no place on the Michigan campus, and should not be tolerated. We call upon the alumni of this University to give us their views on this matter and to please do that before October 20, as that is the date of the game.

Sincerely yours

United Front Committee on Ward

c,o W. Fisch 427 S. 5th Ave. Ann Arbor, Michigan

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION?

Reports that Willis Ward, Negro left end for Michigan, would be kept out of the game with Georgia Tech on Oct. 20, because of the fact that Southerners are opposed to engaging in gridiron conflict with members of the colored race, has resulted in some action, local and otherwise, which seems to have converted the question into what might be termed a semi-public issue.

The National Student League demands that Ward be allowed to play in the Georgia Tech game, and it is rumored that there are plans to interfere with the contest by taking possession of the field if "racial discrimination" is practiced. The local ministerial association likewise passed a resolution which, in effect, condemns the prospective benching of Ward for the Georgia Tech combat. Meanwhile, Coach Kipke has not officially announced a decision concerning the Negro end's status for the game in question. There are several little cuestions about the lineup against Chicago this coming Saturday which are yet to be answered to his own satisfaction, and he is not now devoting much attention to the Georgia Tech game.

As a matter of principle, we are quite convinced that the personnel of the lineup for any football game is a problem for the coaches to decide. Obviously it is none of the business of the National Student League, which is scarcely in a position to make decisions concerning what is the best combination to use against any of Michigan's opponents. Kipke must select the players, is the final analysis, and several factors need to be considered. First, he wants a combination that will win. Second, he must exercise judgment regarding the physical welfare of the Michigan contestants, and again there is the question of courtesy to the visitors.

Racial discrimination scarcely can be charged to the Michigan Athletic association. Tolan and Hubbard became famous on the track. Ward has won track honors also ,and he is generally regarded as one of Michigan's best tootball players. He is generously applauded when he makes a good play. He has every opportunity to make good, and he has made good. But if Kipke thinks it would add to Michigan's chances of victory to keep Ward out of the Georgia Tech game, he should keep him out. And it is possible that the attitude of the Southerners would suggest such a course for such a reason. Furthermore, he wants Ward for future games, and if Ward sustained injuries in this game he might be laid out for the rest of the season. There is his personal welfare to be considered, also. In addition, if the Georgia Tech players object to playing against a Negro, their wishes command some respect in the realm of sportsmanship, regardless of whether their attitude may be right or wrong according to northern standards.

Ward may play in the game in question. If he does not play, there will be good and sufficient reasons, none of which is any intention upon the part of Coach Kipke to discriminate against him on account of his race. To insist that he play, if his playing is deemed inadvisable by those in authority, is to place Mr. Ward in an exceedingly difficult position, and one that he does not deserve. His well-wishers surely would be the last to join in any such demand.

WHEREAS the daily newspapers of October 15, 1934 carried an article stating that foot-ball coach Harry Kipke would not allow Willis Ward to play in the game of October 20, 1934 against Georgia Tech; and

WHEREAS the undersigned believe that the sole reason for this action is that Willis Ward is a Negro; and

WHEREAS the University of Michigan is the capstone of the public school system of Michigan, supported by public taxation; and the traditions, statutes and court decisions of Michigan are diametrically opposed to such action as outlined above; and

University constitute the governing body of the institution, rather than the Committee in Control of Physical Education, the Director of Physical Education (2) the Coach;

Now therefore Be It Resolved that the undersigned go on record as condemning the public statement of the coach as an act contrary to the traditions, statutes and court decisions of Michigan; and as condemning the uncalled for intolerance shown thereby; and

Be It Further Resolved that the undersigned demand that the Board of Regents and President of the University of Michigan either cancel the Georgia Tech game or see to it that Willis Ward plays in the game.

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