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WHEATON COLLEGE  
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TO: Mr. Kenworthy

FROM: M.E. Samma *ME*

In answer to your request for reasons the black students did not choose to attend Wheaton, I am enclosing: 1) a list of the financial aid offered by the colleges they tell us they plan to attend (information gathered from the few overlap lists Miss Irrgang has received), and 2) the four questionnaires that have been returned so far by black students. You will note that I have shown the amount of financial aid we offered these students.

Of the thirty-one students accepted, seven are coming, three have withdrawn without telling us where they are going, and four have never answered us at all. The remaining seventeen are going to attend: Barnard, Brandeis, Boston University, University of Chicago, Connecticut College, Goucher, Hollins, Jackson, Mount Holyoke (2), Pembroke, Radcliffe, Trinity, Wellesley (2), Wells, and Yale.

Of the twenty-four students who are not coming to Wheaton, we have some sort of specific reasons only on eight..... one-third. Judging from these few indications, I would say that first our financial aid offers were not as good as those they received from other colleges. In particular, we offered larger loans to the students. Secondly, I do not think our location, with the concurrent lack of transportation, attracts these students. Most if not all of them cannot afford cars, and even if they receive a small scholarship, they cannot bring one to campus. Thirdly, it seems that our "reputation" as a "socially select suitcase school" does not appeal to this type of student. We also can add the additional factors of co-education, small number of blacks presently on campus, and the atmosphere Judy Rollins and Anita Rhetta sensed when they visited Wheaton.

P.S. Please return "yellow questionnaires."