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Plan for making Tuskegee A Greater Center For
Information Relating To The Negro. *(Original Plan submitted
To Booker T. Washington)*

- I. Make the Material now here available. This by means of indexes, and a special card catalogue.
- II. Build up a select Library of Publications relating to the Negro
- III. Get out a bibliography of publications relating to the Negro.

As for example I have about 2600 references to works on Africa. From these a select bibliography of from 100 to 500 references could be compiled that would cover the various parts of that continent and would also give sources of information concerning past and present conditions there.

IV. Have a systematic gathering of data relating to the Negro. This data in extent should relate to the Negro in Africa and America. In content it should refer to past and present conditions.

V. As my contribution for the year 1909 I have in course of preparation "The Influence of Tuskegee on Macon County," "The Work and Influence of Tuskegee's Graduates and Former Students." "A Book on African Folklore," the material for which I have almost collected. "A Brief History of Africa," suitable for schools.

Respectfully submitted,

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