February 11, 1963 Mrs. Rebecca Bragg Robinson Bookstore Manager Florida A and M University Tallahassee, Florida Dear Mrs. Robinson: Florida A and M University is continuing its Hall of Fame which was inaugurated last year during the Seventy-fifth Anniversary. Each year we take time out to honor alumni of the University who have been eminent in several fields. We are happy to inform you at this time that upon the recommendation of our Hall of Fame Committee for 1963, your father, Mr. J. B. Bragg, has been elected to go into the Florida A and M University Hall of Fame for outstanding service in the field of Athletics. We will have Vespers honoring all electees to the Hall of Fame on March 10, 1963 at 6:00 P.M. We take this means to invite you to be present at this time to represent your father. Yours very truly, George W. Gore, Jr. GWGjr/dd

February 11, 1963 Mr. Julian Adderley 112-19 34 Avenue Corona Long Island, New York Dear Mr. Adderley: Florida A and M University is continuing its Hall of Fame which was inaugurated last year during the Seventy-fifth Anniversary. Each year we take time out to honor alumni of the University who have been eminent in several fields. We are happy to inform you at this time that upon the recommendation of our Hall of Fame Committee for 1963, you were elected to go into the Florida A and M University Hall of Fame for outstanding service in the Field of Music. We will have Vespers honoring all electees to the Hall of Fame on March 10, 1963 at 6:00 P.M. We take this means to invite you to be present and to be the guest of the university. Please inform us the time of your arrival so that we can make arrangments to meet you and see that all accommodations are adequate for you. Yours very truly, George W. Gore, Jr. OWOjr/dd

February 11, 1963 Mr. Rufus J. Hawkins Box 133 Franklinton, North Carolina Dear Mr. Hawkins: Florida A and M University is continuing its Hall of Fame which was inaugurated last year during the Seventy-fifth Anniversary. Each year we take time out to honor alumni of the University who have been eminent in several fields. We are happy to inform you at this time that upon the recommendation of our Hall of Fame Committee for 1963, you were elected to go into the Florida A and M University Hall of Fame for outstanding service in the field of Education. We will have Vespers honoring all electees to the Eall of Fame on March 10, 1963 at 6:00 P.M. We take this means to invite you to be present and to be the guest of the university. Please inform us the time of your arrival so that we can make arrangements to meet you and see that all accommodations are adequate for you. Yours very truly, George W. Gore, Jr. GWGjr/dd

February 11, 1963 Mr. David Bryant 501-8 South Dakota Avenue Washington, D. C. Dear Mr. Bryant: Florida A and M University is continuing its Hall of Fame which was inaugurated last year during the Seventy-fifth Anniversary. Each year we take time out to honor alumni of the University who have been eminent in several fields. We are happy to inform you at this time that upon the recommendation of our Hall of Fame Committee for 1963, you were elected to go into the Florida A and M University Hall of Fame for outstanding service in the field of Government. We will have Vespers honoring all electees to the Hall of Fame on March 10, 1963 at 6:00 P.M. We take this means to invite you to be present and to be the guest of the university. Please inform us the time of your arrival so that we can make arrangements to meet you and see that all accommodations are adequate for you. Yours very truly, George W. Gore, Jr. GWGjr/dd

February 11, 1963 Mr. Robert Bacon 280 Pembroke Street Pembroke, New Hampshire Dear Mr. Bacon: Florida A and M University is continuing its Hall of Fame which was inaugurated last year during the Seventy-fifth Anniversary. Each year we take time out to honor alumni of the University who have been eminent in several fields. We are happy to inform you at this time that upon the recommendation of our Hall of Fame Committee for 1963, you were elected to go into the Florida A and M University Hall of Fame for outstanding service in the field of Business. We will have Vespers honoring all electees to the Hall of Fame on March 10, 1963 at 6:00 P.M. We take this means to invite you to be present and to be the guest of the university. Please inform us the time of your arrival so that we can make arrangements to meet you and see that all accommodations are adequate for you. Yours very truly, George W. Gore, Jr. GWGjr/dd

February 11, 1963 Dr. William Patterson 528 N. W. 14th Street Miami, Florida Dear Dr. Patterson: Florida A and M University is continuing its Hall of Fame which was inaugurated last year during the Seventy-fifth Anniversary. Each year we take time out to honor alumni of the University who have been eminent in several fields. We are happy to inform you at this time that upon the recommendation of our Hall of Fame Committee for 1963, you were elected to go into the Florida A and M University Hall of Fame for outstanding service in the field of Medicine. We will have Vespers honoring all electees to the Hall of Fame on March 10, 1963 at 6:00 P.M. We take this means to invite you to be present and to be the guest of the university. Please inform us the time of your arrival so that we can make arrangements to meet you and see that all accommodations are adequate for you. Yours very truly, George W. Gore, Jr. GWGjr/dd

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P. O. Box 133 Franklinton, North Carolina February 16, 1963

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr., President Florida A and M University Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Gore:

I have your letter of February 11 in which you inform me that the Hall of Fame Committee for the current year recommended my admission to the Florida A and M University Hall of Fame, and that I have been elected to that body.

Needless to say, I am very keenly thrilled - as well as genuinely surprised and humbly grateful - because of this signal honor which the University has conferred upon me. Words are inadequate to express my appreciation for this public endorsement of my efforts and accomplishments since graduation, and for this token of confidence in my future activities as a retired person.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your personal approval of the action of the Committee and of those who implemented the Committee's recommendation in my behalf.

I gladly accept your invitation to be present at Vespers on Sunday, March 10, 1963 at 6:00 P. M., and to be a guest of the University during my brief stay on the campus. I cannot state the exact time of arrival at present, but I will let you know within the next ten days.

Again, I thank you.

Respectfully yours, Rufus J. Hawkins Rufus J. Hawkins

P. S. My wife will accompany me.

## AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

R. J. Hawkins

Box 133

Franklinton, North Carolina





Dr. George W. Gore, Jr., President Florida A and M University Tallahassee, Florida

19 February 1963

David Bryant 5018 S. Dakota Avenue Washington, D.C.

Dr. George W. Gore, President Florida A & M University Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Gore:

In receipt of your letter of 8 February 1963, I am exceedingly gratified and honored to learn that I have been selected for the Florida A & M University Hall of Fame.

It is always a great privilege to be chosen for such an honor and position, but most particularly when it involves an institution which has meant so much to me in the past, and for which I have nothing but the highest degree of feeling and respect.

Barring any unexpected date conflicts either personally or in respect to my Defense Department position, I will be most happy to be in Tallahassee on 9 March and will be looking forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely,

David Bryant

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

David Bryant - Florida A & M University 1938-1942. Served in the Navy during World War II. Worked as a statistical clerk for the U.S. Census Bureau 1946-1947. From 1947-1951 worked as a code clerk for Army Security Agency while attending American University's School of Anthropology. In 1951 was assigned to a special studies group within the Department of Defense. Attended an Agency sponsored school for linguists for one year, eight hours daily. Attended Polycultural Institute of America School of Languages for two and a half years specializing in Eastern Area Studies. I am employed as a Research Analyst in an Agency of the Department of Defense. In this position I feel that I am able to make my personal contribution to the well-being of my nation. Have received specialized training in the field of expository writing, special analysis, briefing skills and machine programming.

Assisted my Agency in establishing a recruiting program involving Florida A & M University and other nego institutions. Outlined for FAMU the advantages that negro college graduates have in Government. Made available to FAMU Placement Officer the unusual professions in government that the negro is now engaged. Participated in establishing scholarships for worthy students within the Washington area. Arranged alumni forum and luncheon in Washington area for President of FAMU during his northeastern tour. Have constantly kept the University aware of job opportunities in various government agencies. Am presently writing an article for the school paper entitled "Pitch-in as Well as Sit-in".

In addition to the above I am a memoer of the Masons, Elks and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. I am also President of an investment Club and active in several social organizations in the Washington D.C. area.

My wife, Inez Bryant, is also engaged in work for the U.S. Department of Defense, and I have two daughters; one attending high school in the District of Columbia and the other in her senior year at Central State College in Wilberforce, Ohio.

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Dr. George W. Gore, Jr.

President Florida A. and M. University

Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Gore:

I regret that my engagements are such that it will be impossible for me to be present as the guest of the University to receive the Hall of Fame honor.

Please convey my regrets to the Committee.

Respectfully yours,

Robert T. Bacon