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Memorandum

To: Dean Paul Boylan

From: Willis Patterson *WCP*

Re: Martin Luther King Jr./Rosa Parks Visiting Professorships.

I have called Leontyne Price's New York office to inquire into the possibility that she might be interested in a visiting professorship during the coming academic year under the auspices of the MLK/RP Program. Her secretary informed me that she is now under a different personal manager (Hugh Dilworth has retired), and that the manager is her uncle. I believe his name is General George Price. The secretary also informed me that her schedule is now fairly tightly booked for the next three years. Even so, I will write to her on the outside chance that something may materialize.

In the meantime, Bob Reynolds and I have been talking about the possibility of having Adolphus Hailstork, composer, up for a week during the Fall semester (Bob is doing one of Hailstork's compositions for band which is entitled "American Guernica" and commemorates the tragedy of the four little girls who were killed in the bomb explosion at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, during a Sunday School Class in September, 1963) He is willing to come for a week. Other activities would include his interacting with the band in preparation of his piece, talking with students in a composition class, etc.

I have also talked with Richard Crawford and Rae Linda Brown, a couple of months ago, about the possibility of having Eileen Southern or Samuel Floyd, Director of the Black Music Institute of Chicago. Either one of these persons (once contacted) could be brought to campus for a week to interact with Music History Musicology students and others for a week or so.

Finally, Rae Linda and I had talked about the possibility of inviting Leon Bates to come for a week or so. (He plays with the New York Philharmonic on a special program commemorating Duke Ellington this weekend.) His wife will have him call back the first of next week.

I suggest we submit the names of three of the above with the hope that all will be approved and schedule them during both semesters of 1987-88. What do you think?

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