

Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C.

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER

May 11, 1950.

My dear Mr. Murray:

For Charlie Houston to be struck down in mid-career came to me as a heavy blow. You know, of course, that he was a student of the Harvard Law School, but you may not know that he was one of my students whom I saw intimately. It gave me unusual pleasure to make possible for him the enjoyment of the Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, one of the outstanding academic recognitions at Harvard, which led to juristic studies both in Spain and in Rome. Later I took equal interest in his professional work. Before I came down here I was one of the counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which brought me in close relations with him. Later, when he argued before this Court I took pride in the excellence of his advocacy.

I say all this in order to indicate the depth of my sympathy with your desire to establish a memorial fund for the education of Houston's son. In the limited way I can I want to contribute to this fund. But I am sure you will appreciate why the judicial office bars participation in the raising of funds from others.

With good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Felix Frankfurter

Donald G. Murray, Esq.