

be more relevant and more useful.

My marriage may or may not last the rest of my life, but I shall be Black and be known as a Black American through my works as long as the work remains in libraries.

I seriously count on Black friends with whom I will share this disastrous decade to support, encourage, and teach me how to survive. I look to you, Richard, as an extension of myself for deeper understanding and greater wisdom than you showed in your recent telephone call.

Yours,

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