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Dear Dr. Cole,

I am writing to recommend Regina Burns to you for the doctoral program in history at the University of Texas at Arlington. I have known Regina since she was a graduate student in the Department of Journalism at the University of Memphis. I was the chair of the department at the time she received her master's degree in journalism administration. I later became dean of the College of Professional and Liberal Studies at Memphis. Regina has kept in contact with me throughout her journalism career.

Regina has been examining what she would like to do next in her career. I think her journalism career at the Associated Press and in public relations has often intersected with historical stories and issues. In Memphis she did a radio documentary on Martin Luther King that won an award from the National Association of Black Journalists. Just recently she has written some short feature stories for the *Texas Highways* magazine about African American people who have made a contribution to 20th Century-Texas history. Journalists often have a need to provide historical context for their stories. I think these news features have helped shape Regina's interest in African American history.

In addition to Regina's journalism career, she has also taught at the community college level. Her desire to move into teaching at the college level specializing in African American history is a result, I believe, of her historical reporting on Black Americans and Black issues and her interest in college teaching. I believe her experience and focus should make her an excellent candidate in the doctoral program. I believe she could make a real contribution to historical research in African American history. Her motivation, coupled with her experience and focus, should make her an ideal student for a successful doctoral candidate.

I strongly support Regina Burns' application for the doctoral program at the University of Texas at Arlington. I am retired, but if I were still dean at Memphis, I would try to recruit her back to Memphis for our doctoral program in liberal and professional studies. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dan Lattimore, Ph.D.