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## Black Symposium Invitation Letter from Stephen Hughes to James Forman to the Symposium on Black America

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January 6, 1969

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Mr. James Forman  
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee  
100 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Forman:

On behalf of the Distinguished Lecture Series, I would like to cordially invite you to appear at the University of Maine as a major participant in the Symposium on Black America which we are planning. Your address will conclude the three-day event and is tentatively scheduled for February 18, 1969. We would be pleased if you would accept our honorarium of \$1,000 in addition to your travel expenses from New York to Bangor and your overnight accommodations at the University Motor Inn in Orono.

As our plans for the Symposium become more firm, the prospect of a significant experience, both intellectually and emotionally, for our 3,000 students is becoming more and more clear.

It seems to many of us that this program may well be the most important extracurricular event ever held on our campus. It can be this successful only if we get past the usual superficial treatment of this whole issue and into the "guts" of the matter. We are confident that your contribution to the Symposium could help us do this and can thus help our students see their society a little more clearly.

I hope to hear from you soon, and will have the final details available in a few days.

Sincerely,

Stephen T. Hughes

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