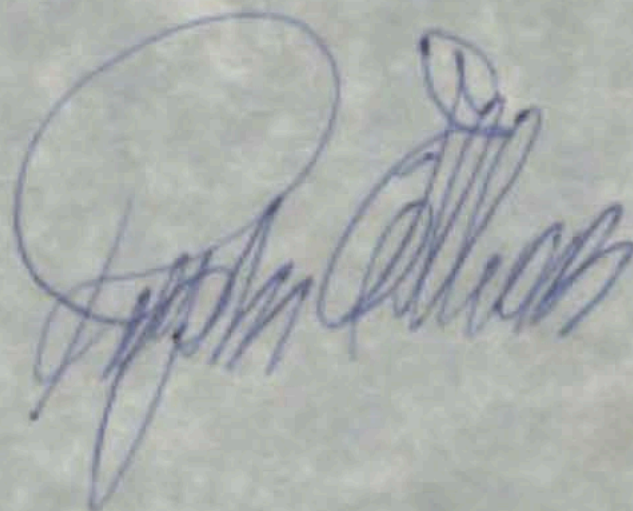


INVISIBLE MAN

BY RALPH ELLISON

"Whence all this passion toward conformity anyway?-- diversity is the word. Let man keep his many parts and you'll have no tyrant states. Why if they follow this conformity business they'll end up by forcing me, an invisible man, to become white, which is not a color but a lack of one. Must I strive toward colorlessness?"

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of Ralph Ellison, located in the lower right quadrant of the page. The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.