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Dear Friend,

We are pleased to send you a report on the Youth March which is being circulated by "In Friendship," an organization which gives support and financial aid to Southern leaders and to projects that forward the struggle for racial justice in the South.

We know you have been anxious to hear from us and we had hoped to give you a fuller report before now. However, at the conclusion of the March, we had a deficit of several thousands of dollars. A good deal of time and energy had to go into erasing this debt and thus, several of the plans we had for action on the Douglas Bill had to be suspended. Meantime, a considerable portion of the deficit has been made up.

Now we want to recommend two things that you can do to follow through on our pledge to do all possible to help get the Douglas Bill passed:

- 1) Write your congressman now, urging the passage of the Douglas-Celler Bill. Get at least one adult in your community to write. Urge your club, church, community group to get 100% of its membership to write their congressmen.
- 2) We have buttons saying "PASS THE DOUGLAS CIVIL RIGHTS BILL NOW!" They sell for 25 cents each, or six for one dollar. Send for these and resell them in your community to arouse sentiment and action.

In the meantime, we hope you have a pleasant and successful summer and vacation.

The autumn will bring the opening of schools and no doubt some friction and tension as the struggle for integration proceeds. We hope you will be prepared to do then whatever our leaders feel is the most constructive step possible to continue the struggle for democratic education in our nation.

We sincerely feel that the spirit and enthusiasm that was manifest in the Youth March will continue to grow amongst American youth.

Sincerely,

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