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Mr. Bob Moses
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Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear Bob:

We are thinking of establishing a kind of clearing house for adult educators who want to work in the South. People are constantly writing us for jobs or for information about available jobs and it occurred to us that we might make this information available to organizations who could make use of volunteers or part-time employees.

What we have in mind is to furnish information to organizations about available people and to available people about the needs of organizations. The arrangements will be worked directly between the adult educators and organization concerned. I am enclosing a sample of some of the people who have written Highlander in the last year or two. If you and some of the other people we are writing think it is a good idea, we will have each applicant for work in the South make a one-page statement covering their educational background, experience, availability, financial requirements, and references. The organizations, in turn, would provide a one-page statement of personnel needs and possible financial arrangements. Highlander would mimeograph this information and send it to people and organizations concerned. Please let me have your reaction to this clearing-house idea.

I am also enclosing an exchange of correspondence regarding an offer of books. If you are interested, write directly to Mrs. Forrest Peters. Please let me know what you decide to do. If you cannot use the books, perhaps someone else might be able to.

A more important matter is a training program for SNCC representatives which Jim Forman and John Lewis asked me to work on. I have been exploring the possibility of getting some funds for a program in connection with Morris Brown, but the problem of what kind of program is needed remains unresolved. I learned a lot about the problem observing the 8 or 10 SNCC representatives who took part in the Sea Island Voter Education Workshop. There is certainly a great diversity. Bobbi Yancy

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who was designated as an office contact in working out this program was at the Sea Islands part of the time. She promised to make arrangements for me to meet with some of you soon. But in the meantime, I want to be thinking about the kind of training program that would be most valuable. I understand you have just about worked out a separate staff training program for Mississippi. Perhaps it could be adapted for the training we are discussing to take place in Atlanta.

The extent of my thinking so far is that for the most part experienced SNCC personnel should be used. Perhaps some use would need to be made of others who have done research on the South or on kinds of background information needed by SNCC representatives. Certainly we should make the fullest use of all available educational information and techniques. It is in this area that you will be particularly helpful.

I know you are extremely busy, but I know you will also realize the importance of an effective training program for the field workers. I was especially pleased with the people you sent to our Sea Island Workshop from Mississippi.

Cordially yours,

Myles Horton

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Enclosures - *list of example applicants*

P. S. I am still hopeful that something can be worked out in Mississippi for Bernice. She is doing an excellent job directing the second-period workshop on Johns Island.