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Dear Phil,

By the time you get this, Randy Battle will be in the Bay Area. He drove out with Ken & Sue Cloke, and they arrived in Berkeley today. The best way to get in touch with him would be in either phone Ken (phone in his name on McGee Street) or perhaps through Phil Davis who Randy will no doubt contact immediately. I think he's definitely worth talking to. Randy has a girlfriend from Carmel so he might be living down there.

We got back here Thursday morning - New York was very restful because we didn't run around like we did the last time we were there. We saw very few people, spent three days in Woodstock, N.Y. with Mike Elias' parents, and another two days at the Jersey shore. Also spent Labor Day weekend at the hotel in the Catskills where I used to work as I wanted Wendy to see that part of my "cultural heritage" also.

I'm enclosing a clipping from the Times on the law students conference. It was a lot better than the article would indicate - the LSCRRRC took a very good civil liberties position regarding students we send south. They will not screen politically and if anyone objects to any particular student on political grounds we pull all the students out (and if the objections come from the Inc Fund or LCDC we pull all students out who are in any way associated ~~from~~ with them. Tho' this sounds drastic it is probably the only way to keep them from pulling this kind of shit. Also note the statement made by one student who worked with the New York Civil Liberties Union this summer: a whole lot of folks were upset that anyone should attack the New York court system (I mean, after all, it's not Mississippi or someplace terrible like that). Also enclosing a clip on the Job Corps riot in Kentucky. This was in ~~that~~ paper one day and then absolute silence.

Wendy and Carol have just flown to Washington to fight the OEO. I won't bother going into all the treachery that has gone on in our absence, but Washington is at its most devious best. I'll give you a full report when they return.

There isn't much to say about the New Leader article. People like Moses and Laurence Guyot (MFDP) will have nothing to do with anyone who ~~is~~ is not a Guild lawyer based on previous experiences. Everyone in the Movement in Mississippi knows that the Congressional Challenge is Arthur Kinoy (Guild) and no bullshit from the Presidents committee or the LDCD is going to change that. They know who stuck by them when no one else felt it had even the most remote chance of success.

In NY Kinoy made a fantastic offer which I had to turn down, but it might arise again (or something similar). He is starting a Research Center at Rutgers Law which will do in depth research into the litigatory problems of the Movement and try to figure out new avenues of legal attack. The whole thing will be funded by a big foundation and will have no government and very little school connections. Anyhow, he wanted me to be the Director. But it would ~~not~~ start in January at the latest and it is impossible to get out of here by then. Aside from finding a replacement for CB and resolving in my mind that I want to leave Albany this season, it would be terribly unfair to Wendy and the Nursery School. So I had to turn him down for now but he said that if another opportunity presents itself later on he would let me know. Also SNCC is now talking seriously about having staff counsel again (recognizing the same thing that the unions saw in the thirties - that you need your own lawyer or you'll get sold out) and I think Kinoy will be pushing me for that spot.

The pictures really came out gretty good. When I was in New York Elias mentioned them and I didnt know what the hell he was talking about as I hadnt got my copy before we left. I have no porblmes with you using stuff an Americus and also Coleman for the next Despite. Bob Cole wrote and says he has gotten a feeler from the U of Miss to teach Con Law there next years and wants to know what I think. I will write him and suggest that he takes it - not for what it would do for them but what it would do for him.

Dont worry about the thing with Slater. I told him before he left that he was crazy as I felt he was biting off more than he could chew - and as it turned out I was right = he ran around like a madman from Georgia to Mexico City and all through California and ~~ra~~ really didnt have time to even see anything.

I wont bother will a letter the week, but will let it go until next week.

Dennis