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Dear Howard,

I think Jim wrote you a day or two ago about the possible things you could do for and with us while you are up Nawth.

I am enclosing a copy of a fund raising report Mindy Samstein gave me after his trip up that way. He made a lot of important contacts that we can perhaps follow up on. He thinks you would be ideal to make an entrance for SNCC ~~tin~~ into the money-intellectual circles up that way. Gail Sclar has been working on fund raising for us and on setting up a Friends of SNCC group in Boston and you can talk with her about what she has done. I would add the following suggestions:

= Boston: Contact Marty Peretz about letter and about other fund raising ideas with this group. I don't have much faith in mailings and something else can perhaps be done with them. You might help Gail with the joint fund raising concert idea. I understand from Mendy that she would rather we try to do one on our own up there; I don't care, but they might be able to help us with contacts, etc. Roger Hagan is also willing to help us work with this group of peace-money people. I am sure you'll like him if you don't already know him. There are probably many people who need to be approached individually and can be if we have introductions from these two men. I have given Gail the names of most of the student contacts we have up there already. Besides this, you probably know that Bob and Dottie Zellner will be at Brandeis. Dottie wants to work with SNCC up that way fund raising. Between you three, Gail, and Noel and Peg Day we should be able to clean up New England.

I am inclined to think that getting to the intellectuals in that area with the concreteness of our program and the need for political organization as well as political thought in the South is as important as the fund raising. I hope you will be able to interpret that to these professor types and get some of them writing about SNCC and our approach to local work.

New York: The most important thing you could do here would probably be to follow up on the Peretz contacts. If you can win Peretz and get him to go with you (working on a need for political change in the South before peace can be achieved line, perhaps) that would be excellent. Mendy seems to think that someone will have to spend a week or so in NY with these contacts. Julie Prettyman, who is now working in the NY office, has the list of names.

I will write Mrs. Good and Mr. Eisner from here again indicating that Mendy mentioned he had spoken to them and that we hope they can work something out with the NY office.

We are also waiting on a full list of hosts who kids from the South stayed with in NY and NE areas this summer under the auspices of the Medical Committee for Civil Rights. We will add them to the mailing list here but Julie will have to be following up on them and perhaps you could help on that. (I have the feeling that might turn out to be more organizing benefits, etc., than personal contacts and solicitation, so it might not be the best thing for you to work with. At any rate, Julie will have ideas.)

I will write the ~~three~~ two people Mendy mentions at the end and they should also be followed up in New York, so maybe you could help on that.

Most important thing in NY, however, is the Peretz contacts.

I hope this doesn't turn out to be too much to ask of you. Jim may have mentioned the need to publish about the big Mississippi push--it is a real change in our program there directed toward forcing the JD to come in with troops if necessary to insure the right to vote for Negroes. Bob can tell you more about it. If you do want more information we might send you the full notes of the executive committee meeting. You'll be getting an abbreviated set of minutes soon.

I am putting some material in the mail to you so you will have it on hand for use up there in various ways. Please let me know if you need more. The enclosed should give you some ideas for things to specifically solicit funds for.

We all miss you. Bobbi Yancy and Staughton are plotting about what to do at Spelman re your firing. Keep in touch.

Regards,

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