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Mr. Marc Raskin
c/o Institute for Policy Studies
1900 Florida Ave.
Washington 9, D.C.

Dear Mr. Raskin,

Thank you for your contribution. I'm enclosing your receipt! We are in sort of desperate need of funds now, so your support is sincerely welcome.

Art Waskow mentioned in the letter which accompanied your contribution that you've been involved in a conference on education--particularly, I gather, as it relates to "outsiders" (as Art puts it). I wondered if you are aware of the literacy project we are beginning in Mississippi? It will attempt to apply what is currently known about programmed learning to illiteracy and come up with a literacy program which can be self-administered. Illiterates are non-existent as far as any federal programs are concerned (retraining, adult education, etc.) but they make up the bulk of the people our programs reach. Bob Moses has been largely responsible for the program learning project. If it is successful it will have a fantastic effect on the South and, hopefully, on federally supported education programs. I'd be interested in whether you have any indication that administration thinking on education might begin to take lower income group problems more seriously, especially Southern Negroes in that group who can not expect any help from state governments? The tragedy is, I suppose, that the Congressmen from the states where such programs are needed have no intention of taking any steps to change the status quo.

I'd be interested in hearing from you on the above and any other ideas you have along the lines of possible educational programming in rural Southern areas. I'll look forward to hearing from you when and if you have the time.

Sincerely,

Sandra Hayden

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cc: Art Waskow