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1017 Lynch Street  
Jackson, Mississippi  
March 10, 1964


Norma Becker  
51 West 9th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Becker:

Enclosed is a copy of similar letters - with variations according to the people involved - sent to Sid Harris, Dick Partish, Charles Cogen, George Altaman, Ted Bleeker, (and Al Shanker.).

Thanks for everything. And good luck with the mess up there.

Sincerely,

  
Penny Patch



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Ted Bleeker  
Editor,  
U.F.T. Journal  
300 Park Avenue South  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Bleeker:

Enclosed is material regarding the special educational program in Mississippi this summer. This letter is to call your attention to the project on its own merits and to its news value to you as an editor.

As an educator, you are well aware of the crucial necessity for a program of this sort and the implications that such a program could have for these students in Mississippi. It is also clear that a number of people, experienced in teaching the subjects and students that we will be dealing with, would be a valuable addition to the Freedom School staff. We would like to have at least three or four such people in each day school and fifteen or twenty professional teachers in each boarding school. I'm sure too, that the program will be a valuable learning experience for those who participate in the project as staff.

We would hope, in addition, that some people could operate primarily as observers, so that the experience we gain will not be lost and can perhaps be used as the basis for further planning in this area.

For obvious reasons, we have felt that the United Federation of Teachers would be a likely source of assistance in the implementation of this project. There are several ways in which a group such as the U.F.T. could become involved, depending on the extent to which the group is willing and able to commit itself. As you can see in the prospectus, the budget for the day schools calls for \$3,000 per session. The boarding schools will operate at an estimated expense of \$10,200 each.

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The U.F.T. could help by providing funds, staff, equipment, etc. The mechanics of this relationship would of course depend on whether or not the Union is willing to support this project and how much it is willing to contribute to the success of the project.

We are asking your support of this program, and would also be interested in receiving any material that you release on the project. For further information, please contact Mrs. Norma Becker in New York (51 West 9th Street) or John O'Neal at our office here in Jackson.

Sincerely,

*Bob Moses*

Robert Moses  
Program Director,  
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Organizations