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Dear Norma:

This is just to thank you for all the material you've been sending us. It all looks great to us. You appear to be in great shape. When you get the materials committee organized, let us know. We're x trying, in that respect, to get a more realistic idea, interms of what one Freedom School will need, of what to look for!

We had an idea: Miss Jean Fairfax of the American Friends Service Committee, is working in ~~xx~~ Mississippi on school desegregation. Three school districts, in Jackson, Biloxi and Leake County, are under court order to submit desegregation plans by July 15. We will not know precisely what the plans will be until then, but after the hearings in May, we should have a general idea of the kind of plan they will submit. If the plan involved the grade-a-year type, as we expect, and if it calls for high school desegregation first, we will want to concentrate on the remedial programs of the Freedom Schools in those three ~~w~~ locations. This will probably mean extra heavy use of the professional teachers from the UPT. Does that sound like a good plan to you? One summer isn't time enough to prepare students to compare if they have not had a good enough foundation, but we want to at least make an attempt to work with the students, and give ~~them~~ some of the confidence they need to compete with white students. Anyway~~x~~, I think it is something you could communicate to teachers, and they might be thinking of this kind of situation. Along with tutoring, of course, would be an intensive campaign to get students to apply if they are eligible, so we would have a fairly specific idea of our subjects. I'll keep you informed of ~~xxx~~ what the three Boards do.

Thanks again for all your work.

Yours truly,

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