

April 29, 1964

Mrs. S. Johnson
SNCC
6 Raymond St., N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Shessie:

Dinky told us last night of the decision to go on half salary -- that is, get paid once every two weeks. I am writing to urge special consideration of our situation.

As you know, we finally received \$400 of the scholarship money. Because of the foul-up, this was the first check since January. We had long since used up our reserves, and the Boston Friends of SNCC had paid for rent and phone bills.

I do not want it thought that I think the Zellners to be privileged in some way, but I wanted to offer for your consideration the fact that there are two of us, and that it is impossible for the two of us to live on \$69.30 per month. As it is, 2/3 of the \$400 went for back bills which we had ignored for two or more months, so we cannot count on that to get us through.

I believe that some SNCC staff members who are single receive at least my salary if not more, and yet both of us are expected to live on \$34.65 every other week. I assure you I wouldn't complain at all had we had the scholarship money to help us live, but you know the story about that.

Since we must pay \$103 for rent,
40 per month for food
20 per month for phone bill (mostly SNCC)
it is obvious that \$69.30 cannot possibly get us through.

I am sending copies of this to Howard Zinn and Julian because I know they have been concerned about us. I hope that the people in charge of financial dispersement can take our situation into account.

Thank you for your attention.

Freedom,

Dottie & Bob Zellner