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Dear Norma:

What ~~xx~~ ghastly reports? We thought we were doing all right~~x~~. Did you mean Berea? We may recover from that in good shape. Did you mean the mailing we sent to Freedom School teachers? It does sound pessimistic, but that represents not so much new knowledge as just a facing of old facts. We never did have any money; we've just given up talking about it.

Re cars: The Need DESPERATELY overshadows the risks involved in out-of-state cars. People will have no transportation if they can't bring it. I ~~wx~~ would be less than honest, though, if I didn't explain about the difficulties. A driver is required to get a Mississippi license tag after 30 days in the state, and a Mississippi driver's license after 60. Freedom School teachers will probably have to get Miss. tags or risk impounding of the car. This is especially bad because Miss. license fees are exorbitant, running around \$50 for a modest, 3-4 year old car, and PHENOMENAL for new cars. Sorry. But please try to appeal to the idealistic side of people and tell them how badly the cars are needed.

Re literature: Penny sent you some stuff several days ago, but it apparently has not gone out yet, due to ~~mx~~ no postage money. We've had a lot of trouble that way recently, with mail ~~px~~ piling up as much as 5 or 6 days. Can't be helped. I'll try to find one of the envelopes and slip this in. If I can't, it's already gone out, and you should be getting it soon.

Thanks for all the good work. I hope you like the stuff in the mailing. Another mailing soon, as soon as we get some curriculum stuff to and back from the printer. NCC is paying, so we should be able to count on getting it done.

Overcoming, slow but sure,

Lois
Lois Chaffee