

Mr. President:

You are undoubtedly aware that this summer almost 1000 Americans will travel to Mississippi under the auspices of the Council of Federated Organizations in that state. The purpose of their trip will be to carry on educational activities, community center programs, and voter registration work, in order to insure equal opportunity for all. Among these volunteer workers will be 45 students from Harvard, Brandeis, Radcliffe, and Boston University, whose names are appended to this appeal.

As you know, the record of the past several years indicates that the liberties, and the lives, of these people will be in jeopardy this summer. That record is full of intimidations, arrests, beatings, shootings, and even murder, inflicted upon Negro and white citizens. It is clear beyond doubt that they cannot depend upon the State of Mississippi for protection.

The Constitution of the United States vests responsibility in you, Mr. President, to enforce the laws of the nation. For this purpose you have both inherent and statutory powers. We urge you, in the name of that humanity which the nation espouses, and that equality of rights to which you have pledged support, to use the plenitude of your Presidential authority to take preventive and corrective measures to protect the lives and the constitutional liberties of all persons within the State of Mississippi. We ask that you station in Mississippi, in advance of trouble, federal marshals sufficient to deter, prevent, or immediately suppress actions which would deprive Americans of their constitutional rights.

The eyes of the nation, and of the world, will be on Mississippi this summer. Let them see right and justice prevail in that state through the authority and dignity of the Chief Executive of our nation.

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COLLEGES -- SUMMER 1964

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Ganz, Marshall  
Gerber, David  
Goldstein, Barry  
Holdes, Bill  
Kelley, Parrish  
Kindermann, Gibbs  
Levine, Madeline  
Levine, Stephen  
Levy, Betty  
O'Brien, Tony  
Ohls, James  
Morganthau, Thomas  
Strickland, John  
Toda, Yasushi  
Vogel, Lise  
Whitman, Grenville  
Harper, Philip  
Tushnet, Mark  
Orris, Peter  
Wiley, James  
Thomas, Morton  
Cowan, Jeff  
Frank, Barney  
Livingstone, David  
Hymer, Robert  
Woore, Philip  
Archibald, Larry  
Wright, Robert  
Fallon, Frank  
Churchill, Michael  
Lake, Ellen  
Ryerson, Sue  
Amatniek, Kathie  
Ellis, Evelyn  
Falk, Gail  
Leonard, Marilyn  
Mendelsohn, Janet  
Schlesinger, S.

Boston University

Kravetz, Janet  
Schumann, Bettina  
Mutnick, Barbara  
Hurst, Christina

Brandeis

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Zehlner, Bob  
Davies, Jon

Smith College

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Zuckerman, Leda

University of Massachusetts

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Eisenberg, Elliot

Amherst

Williams, Christopher  
Norall, Peter

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Treusch, Karen

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