Oxford, Ohio
June 18, 1964

Dear Friend:

The following letter was sent to John Lewis, Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. It was read to those present at the Oxford orientation this afternoon. Upon the request of those assembled this letter is being reproduced so that you may understand some of the viscious propaganda circulating not only about the Mississippi Summer Project but also about the movement in general.

The letter refers to a speech that John Lewis made in Dayton on Sunday, June 14, 1964. With the letter came three pieces of literature. One of them was a so-called famous quotation by Abraham Lincoln put out by the White Citizens Council of Greenwood, Mississippi, designed to discredit Abraham Lincoln.

We Shall Overcome

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Mr. Lewis:

It is to the credit of the majority of your race in the Dayton area that they had enough good sense to stay away from your Communistic race-mixing attempt on Sunday, June 14th. They are beginning to wake up to the fact that it is immoral, unjust, stupid, against the Laws of Nature (each to his O N KIND), and absolutely Communist-dictated!

For your information, we had observers at your Communistic "song-fest" and were kept regularly informed as to the actions and general stupidity, not only of members of your race, but also of the morally rotten outcasts of the White race that went with you. These "White Negroes" are the rottenest of the race-mixing criminals. All race-mixers will some day be brought to justice for their crimes against humanity and all future generations, and, since race-mixing is morally more CRIMINAL than MURDER, it would give me great satisfaction if I were selected to sit on such a jury.

You are right about one thing - this is going to be a long, hot, summer - but the "heat" will be applied to the race-mixing TRASH by the DECENT people who do not believe in racial mongrelization through racial prostitution, which is in violation of all concepts of justice, decency, and Common Sense. When your Communist-oriented GOONS get to Mississippi, I hope they get their just dues as infiltraters of an enemy power, which they will be in FACT.

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