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Dear Friend:


Many thanks for your recent message concerning the students who are planning to spend the summer in Mississippi in a voter registration drive.

Please be assured that I stand ready and willing to assist any New York student whose own civil rights are violated in the course of this work. In this connection, the enclosed telegram may be of interest to you.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me again if I can be of further assistance.

I regret that the great pressures of mail I am receiving dictate this form of reply. I know you will understand.

Very sincerely yours,



Kenneth B. Keating

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Enclosure

C O P Y
TELEGRAM

June 23, 1964

HONORABLE ROBERT F. KENNEDY
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TWO NEW YORKERS, MICHAEL SCHWERNER AND ANDREW GOODMAN
WHO ARE IN MISSISSIPPI TO ASSIST IN A VOTER REGISTRATION
DRIVE HAVE DISAPPEARED AND ARE THE SUBJECT OF A WIDE
SEARCH.

THE PRESIDENT HAS INDICATED THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WILL
BE DONE TO INVESTIGATE THIS DISAPPEARANCE. I AM CONFIDENT
THAT YOU WILL MAKE THE FACILITIES OF YOUR OFFICE FULLY
AVAILABLE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MAY I SUGGEST THAT U.S. MARSHALS BE ASSIGNED TO PROTECT
THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE IN
MISSISSIPPI IN CONNECTION WITH VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES.
I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION TO THIS SUGGESTION.

KENNETH B. KEATING
U. S. SENATOR

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

July 1, 1964

Dear Miss Eiberger:

Pursuant to your letter I have been trying to do everything possible with regard to the situation in Mississippi.

Since June 22 we have been in touch with the Justice Department on a round the clock basis.

As you perhaps know, on Tuesday, June 23 I accompanied Mr. Nathan Schwerner and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodman to the Justice Department and the White House along with Congressman Ryan. We talked at length with Attorney General Kennedy, Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach, and Burke Marshall, Chief of the Civil Rights Division -- with regard to maximizing efforts to locate the three missing men and also to help insure the safety and Constitutional rights of the students in Mississippi -- and those scheduled to arrive in Oxford.

Further, we spent some twenty minutes Tuesday afternoon with President Johnson and I subsequently talked with the President on the telephone late that night. The President's deep concern and commitment to taking moral leadership and all appropriate action was very heartening.

On June 29 I accompanied Mrs. Michael Schwerner to meetings with Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach at the Justice Department and with President Johnson at the White House. President Johnson assured Mrs. Schwerner that he would "put into Mississippi as much manpower as they could effectively utilize."

Essentially, as I am sure you have gathered from press accounts, responsibility for the maintenance of law and order rests, under the Constitution, with the States. Nonetheless, it is my conviction that the Federal Government, within its Constitutional responsibilities, must do everything it can to see that Federally guaranteed rights are protected.

If there is anything you personally feel I can do I would value hearing from you and I will be glad to help in any appropriate way that I can. Obviously, it is a human problem and one that involves dedicated efforts by a number of young men and women who are trying to guarantee voting rights -- rights which inherently belong to all Americans.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Ogden R. Reid

Miss Linda A. Eiberger
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July 6, 1964

Miss Linda Angela Eiberger
56 Grant Avenue
White Plains, New York

Dear Miss Eiberger:

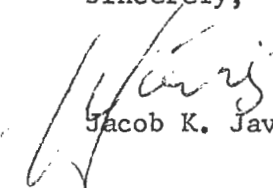
Thank you for your recent communication concerning the safety of students who are taking part in civil rights projects this summer. Every American must be free to travel in any State and be protected there by the United States in the exercise of his Constitutional rights.

I am gravely concerned with cases in which civil rights advocates fail to receive adequate police protection in Southern areas. You may be sure of my every effort to get the Justice Department to use its full authority to give such protection - an authority greatly enlarged by enactment of the much-needed civil rights bill; also to get all the authority of the President to back its efforts. Enclosed for your information is a fuller statement of my views on this issue on the Senate Floor.

Your concern is appreciated and shared, I assure you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Jacob K. Javits, U.S.S.

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Enclosure