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Dear Mr. Lewis:

The President read with interest your letter which you left for him regarding the present situation in Mississippi and the contested seating of a delegation to the Democratic National Convention from the State. I believe that the talk you had with the President should have dispelled any doubts that you may have had about the personal interest and concern that he has about the situation in Mississippi. If you will recall, he recounted the many ways in which the Federal Government moved to demonstrate its concern; the sending of Mr. Dulles to meet with Governor Johnson, the use of hundreds of Navy personnel to assist in the search for the three missing boys, the strengthening of the FBI establishment in the State, the opening of an FBI office in Jackson, and the personal visit of Director Hoover.

The question of the seating of the Mississippi delegation at the National Convention of the Democratic Party is one that most properly should be considered by the Credentials Committee and I am confident that the points you have made in that connection will be fully considered.

I appreciated the opportunity to meet you yesterday, and I hope that if you have any need to be in touch with us at any time in the future, you will feel free to write or call.

Sincerely,

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