

September 21, 1964

Mrs. Norma Becker
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Dear Norma (sorry, but you should see the condition of the black side of the ribbon):

Thanks for the letter.

1. What is Mr. Cogen's address? I read in some magazine about him, and his record, but I don't have his address that I know of.

2. about tax-free giving: We usually refer requests like that to either the National Council of Churches or to CORE's Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund (SEDF). They're both tax exempt, I think (SEDF is for sure) and they can be trusted to send the money on. Last summer I heard that SNCC had applied for a similar tax-exempt arm, and that the application should be acted upon soon if they have their tax-exempt agency, though, I haven't heard of it, and you would have to ask NY SNCC about it.

3. Thanks for the reaction to the "standby" idea. You sounded pretty lukewarm, and if you think it is impractical or impossible to organize, please say so. If we should have an emergency, we would scrape through, as we always have, but the specter of mass denial of education, Prince Edward-style, really bothers me, and I thought this might facilitate our meeting the challenge if it should come.

Thanks for all the work, in the field, and in the more fertile field up there. I think you'd be interested to know that the Harmony boycott fell through. The parents got cold feet and sent the kids, sullen and unwilling (but now recovered and wrapped up in football) back to school. Principal of Philadelphia expelled seven students for wearing free dem buttons. Students are planning mass button-ins, naturally.

Yours,

Lois