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Dear Marv:

Any news on the yard goods front? I haven't heard from you recently, and I am still eager for any cloth you know about.

The newest problem I'm writing about is architects. Do you know of any architects who dig the movement? We could use at least one architect a week. If somebody could come, he could give us some valuable general advice about how to plan new centers, and then he could travel around and give as many communities specific help in designing their centers as he had time for. There remains the problem of money, but even ~~xxx~~ before that we need help in planning for the community centers.

The most pressing need for an architect's help is in Cleveland, although we are also writing to another man and he may come through. Up there the people have a site with a building on it which they hope to tear down and salvage material. They could start construction tomorrow if they had their plans. They asked us for an architect, and I would very much like to be able to tell them within a week that an architect was coming. Other communities are going about things more slowly, but they could use such advice too. For instance, the Vicksburg center which was bombed will hopefully be rebuilt if they can find land soon.

Thanks very much for any help you can give. I'm enclosing some materials for a mailing which we are sending out. Do you think you could find groups which would be suitable as sponsors—we need groups which are stable in composition and have some regular source of income, so that we can set up an ongoing exchange program. The group would have to have some interest in civil rights, I suppose, but we would like to reach groups which are not already committed too deeply to local civil rights work—we'd like to reach ~~more~~ people through the adoption plan who are not reached by the civil rights groups already. We think we can appeal to people who are too snooty for politics and social change. I'd appreciate any advice you might have on the subject of this kind of fund-raising. Also, I'll send you the complete mailing when it's ready. Thanks for the help.

Yours truly,

Lois Chaffee

P.S. What has happened with the new people who were supposed to go on the payroll. I'm particularly interested in Mrs. Idessa Johnston and Miss Jimmie Lou Toabert of Clarksdale and Mrs. Lee Bankhead of Cleveland, since I'm afraid they weren't properly handled.