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Miss Lois Chaffee  
Council of Federated Organizations  
1017 Lynch Street  
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Lois:

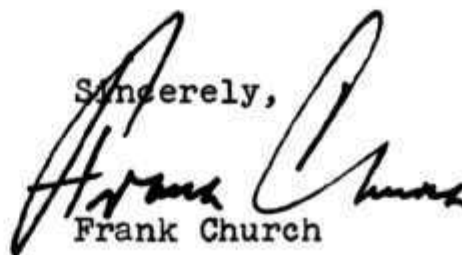
Thank you for your good letter. I share your concern for the situation in the Delta area, although obviously I could not feel it as vividly. I have checked with the Department of Justice and the F.B.I. and I am sure you know their attitude by now: Besides the question of authority and their belief that their guarding "freedom houses" would inflame public resentment of the federal government, they claim they simply do not have the men necessary to do the job. The F.B.I. says it has by far the largest number of its men in Mississippi. Justice also has a lot of men in Mississippi, and more will be available now that it has its appropriation to carry out the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Not long after your letter arrived, 10 men were arrested in McComb. The Department of Justice was very much encouraged by this, feeling that capture would lead to a cessation of violence. Although this may be optimistic, in view of the fact that they would be judged by a jury, it cannot be doubted that this is a step forward.

I intend to express my concern publicly in Idaho during the campaign as you suggest, Lois. You can readily understand that these things are hard for Idahoans to comprehend. That is why I would urge you to do the same: Tell your story in Idaho, particularly among students, at every opportunity. Perhaps this could be accomplished through writing, or personal appearances at any time you return to Idaho.

With best regards, and my best wishes to a brave young woman,

Sincerely,



Frank Church