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Dear SNCC staff,

Enclosed is a copy of some guidelines for school desegregation that we wrote here in D.C. and sent to the Office of Education as SNCC's suggestions for the way they ought to enforce Title VI (the part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that says that people who use federal money can't discriminate). We wrote these mostly because the Office of Education waited so long to issue any guidelines of their own (they still haven't done anything although they keep saying it will be "next week"). Even though though they haven't issued their guidelines, we do know that theirs will **not** come close to the ones here. We know that they are still allowing freedom of choice; we know that they are not asking that all grades be opened this fall; we know they are not pushing teacher desegregation. Also enclosed is a copy of the letter we sent to Secretary of Health , Education and Welfare, John Gardner.

We hope that you'll be able to use the material in these guidelines as a basis for discussion of school desegregation in your town and for some community action around this problem. If there is other information you want and that you think we can provide, please write.

A final note: There is a major problem with these guidelines which people ought to recognize. That is that the assumption in the guidelines is that school desegregation is a good thing. This is not necessarily so. The more we see what happens when "desegregation" occurs, the more we don't want that kind of school system and that kind of price for a so-called better (white) education. Probably people in various communities have already started talking about this--and have realized that they really don't need to see good education in terms of going to school with white kids at the white school-- but that quality and good education is what they want.

"One Man, One Vote" Freedom,

Betty Garman
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