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MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM

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Dear Stokley,

I have gone to great lengths to inquire as to the possibilities of providing transportation for the people from the Southern areas, let me tell you partner ain't nothing happening.

Frank Monter, the late fund raiser for the March now working for the U.N., states that there was a slight misunderstanding as to the promise for those fifty buses.

Both of the "Freedom Trains" have been abandoned. There are five coaches being chartered from Birmingham which is now alleged to be the "Freedom Train". There will also be a few buses from here and there, the largest number coming from the upper South (e.g. North Carolina, Virginia).

You know the old saying, in Harlem that goes, "I feels for you brother but I can't reach you." This seems to be exactly the case as far as our brothers down home are concerned.

Everyday I am caught by a fit of depression because of the almost unconcerned attitude of those who are able to underwrite the cost for the trains from the South (e.g. NAACP, SCLC).

Bayard proposed that if the two organizations would take responsibility for the trains the March Committee would raise the funds after the March to assure that no loss is incurred. Their reply...nothing doing.

You know good buddy when Billie Holiday said "Mama (NAACP) may have and Papa (SCLC) may have but God bless the child (the sharecropper) that got its own, that's got it's own, she wasn't funning.

Yours respectfully,

*Courtland Cox*