

To the President and the Justice Department,

This summer, courageous individuals and tragic events turned the attention of many to the conditions of life in parts of the American South. Under widespread urging, the Federal Government significantly increased the number of its operatives in areas of great tension. The effect was to curb violence and overt reprisals. Yet now that the summer volunteers have returned home and the attention of the country has turned elsewhere, the Federal Government has seen fit to reduce the size of its presence to minimal levels. The result has been that many, deeply opposed to the Mississippi Summer Project, have now emerged to exact a toll from those who dared to hope and act this summer for a better life in that state. For example, the F.B.I. was reduced from 16 to 4 in McComb, Mississippi. Since then there have been 11 bombings, and local officials act, unhampered by the Federal presence.

We believe that Federal concern should not end with the return of the summer volunteers. We believe that the Federal Government should take immediate steps to end domestic violence in Mississippi and that as an initial step, it should restore the full F.B.I. contingent to McComb.

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I wish to add my name to a list of faculty members and university officials who urge the Justice Department to insure Federal protection in Mississippi.

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Signature

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