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To: Anne Braden
Ed Hamlett

re: Sam

I'm sorry this has taken so long, but I had to make several calls and you know how it is.

On the New York scene, Julie reports that she has several psychiatrists ready if needed, and one or two places where Sam can stay.

On the Boston scene, I spoke with Bob Coles yesterday, and he suggested that before he made a commitment about Sam, that he would like to come South and speak to him personally, get the drift of what's wrong, and then be in a better position to estimate what needed to be done. I need hardly tell you that Coles is one of the finer men on this earth and didn't hesitate to take the problem under his wing.

Now...I do not know where Sam is, and I am hoping that one of you do. Bob Coles will come down to Atlanta or anywhere in the next three weeks if Sam agrees to speak with him. I am counting on one of you to get hold of Sam right away and tell him this. I mentioned to Bob Coles that nobody had evidently spoken to Sam about the possibility of psychiatric help, and that I didn't know if he'd accept it. He urged whoever speaks to him to tell him that a psychiatrist, and in this case Bob Coles whom he knows already, is only there to help him, that it doesn't mean that he's crazy, that we all admire and trust Coles, etc. If you want us to do it, please have Sam call collect. As you know, Bob Z. is going to McComb this Thursday and may be out of circulation for a while, so he may have to speak to him.

If Sam decides he wants to speak to Coles for a few weeks, bear in mind that he won't be here at all...we are leaving Cambridge June 6 for New York and from there to Mississippi, and this might mean leaving Sam entirely alone in a stragge city. X

I would suggest having Bob Coles speak to Sam in the South, get an estimate of what's happening, and then maybe refer Sam to someone in New York so that he can be near people

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he knows. Of course it is possible he can get lost in NY even with people he knows, but if he comes up here after we're gone, it's also possible to get lost in Cambridge, Mass.

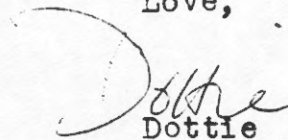
One more thing: if Sam has resistance, Bob Coles says to tell him that it can't possibly hurt him, that many people often need help, and that his friends are concerned about him and want to help him help himself.

I will be glad to talk to Sam once you get hold of him. He can call collect nomatter where he is or if he's near a WTS line or not.

Once Bob Z. leaves for trial, I will be staying with friends of mine: Robert & Janice Campbell, 20 Boylston St., Cambridge, 491-0545. If I am not there, I may be in NY for the weekend, GR 7-1051, or AL 4-2428, but I'll be back Monday on the job.

Please advise as soon as possible.

Love,


Dottie

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