

Monday May 10, 1960

Mr. James Dombrowski
822 Perdido Street
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dombrowski:

Mr. Gray of Charleston, Mississippi was here today, May 9, 1960. He came to inform me that his wife's contract as a school teacher in the city schools of Charleston has not been renewed. Mrs. Gray was given this information by the local trustee-board, Charleston, Mississippi. Mr. Gray told me he thought he would go to a small town in East Mississippi, Coffeenville, if his wife could get a teaching job out there. I don't know just why, unless he is frightened, that he must leave Charleston, he has ten acres of cotton planted and he has cows, hogs, chickens etc., I am sure he can make a living there in the county. I don't think he will live here if his wife doesn't get another job.

I asked Mrs. Kegljar of Charleston, Mississippi to try to register over at the Circuit Clerk's office, she and some of her friends tried to register but was told that the clerk's books were in Jackson, Miss. As I understand it Mrs. Kegljar's son who teaches in the city school will not get a new contract for the school year of 1960-61. I have been thinking about getting a few affidavits but since the new law which makes it \$1,000 fine and five years in prison to make these affidavits and submit them to anybody. Of course the law reads "false statements" but as you know any statement that is made will be considered a false statement by the courts of Mississippi.

About the letter of April 25, I understood that your committee will make a survey on conditions (2) (3) and (4). In answer to number four I shall be very happy to accept the "working proprietorship plan" I need a job to pay my debts and to pay for the property. Answer to number (2) two, Mr. & Mrs. Wilder would know better about the night business. Number (1) one is the problem. I can find no place to go to get this training except Mississippi Vocational College forty miles from my home.

Thank you for your letter, and I shall look forward to us trying to do something about the twenty new laws put on the statute books by the Mississippi legislature. All the laws are anti-Negro.

Sincerely yours

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