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Ganton, Miss.
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Marilyn White
March Coordinator
SDS

Dear Marilyn:

I've discussed the idea of taking a bus load of students from here to the march with the other COFO staff people who are planning to be with the march. The consensus is opposed to the idea simply because the young people really don't understand what it's all about and because we don't want to lead them into doing something which they haven't thought through for themselves. The process of pre-march education would probably work in most other situations without being conducted as brainwashing. But not so here at this time.

We would offer one suggestion, though: SNCC is having a student meeting during the Easter vacation which a number of student leaders from Mississippi will be attending. You might see if the SNCC people are interested in considering the march as part of their program. The kids who will be in Washington for that program probably will have done a little more thinking and will be at least aware that there's a war in Viet Nam.

At least 4 COFO staff and perhaps one or two local people will be in D.C. the 17th. We look forward to receiving more information about gathering places, etc. Thanks.

For peace and freedom,

JoAnn Coiman
Ganton COFO