

Letter to his family by Larry Wright, 344 Dickens Ave.,
Chicago. Written from Holly Springs, Mississippi.

June 13

Dear Gang: I expect to be home about the middle of next week. Will be there a few days, then will go to Oxford, Ohio, on June 20 for the second week's training session. Then will be returning directly here from Oxford about the 27th or 28th.

I have been all over Mississippi, delivering books to Freedom Centers or to people who are going to set up centers. We have sorted and hauled about 30,000 books. These were donated by people all over the country. Some of the students at Rust College helped us sort them - some children's books, Negro history, fiction, etc. for each center.

Three of us went to Memphis to rent a truck. We loaded it at Holly Springs for each trip and didn't stop for anything but unloading until we got back here. There was hardly time to get it done, and besides the cops seemed to be watching for us. We were using a closed moving van. On one trip we went 36 hours with no sleep and nothing to eat but an ice cream cone given to us by a druggist in a town where we delivered books.

Note by Larry's father: Upon his return at the end of August, Larry told us about having made several trips that month, taking more books to the same towns referred to in his June 13 letter. He said that in many cases there had been no place to deliver the books in June, except someone's house or shed. In August he found a Freedom Center at each spot, with the books on display and circulating as a lending library - ~~xxxx~~ along with the other activities.