

June 15, 1964

L. H. Rosenthal, Attorney  
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Dear Rosenthal,

I tried diligently to locate you on Saturday, the 13th, but without success. I was especially hopeful of discussing the Chinn case with you before continuing my trip to Canton. Since I missed you, I wonder if you could summarize the progress of this case by giving some light on these questions.

Have you been able to gather sufficient evidence from records to draw up a substantial case of exclusion of Negroes from Madison County Juries?

Could you suggest an approximate time when you will present this material before the court?

Is there the possibility of carrying this procedure to a higher court if you are denied?

Is it feasible to consider petitioning for the release of Mr. Chinn by habeas corpus?

Do you have any suggestions as to how this work may be helped, either by CORE or the Chinn family?

Do you not think it would be a good morale builder for Mr. Chinn if you arrange to see him the next time you are in Canton?

I would appreciate very much some comments from you on these questions. I am sure Mrs. Chinn would also; I hope you will send her a carbon of your reply. Please let me hear from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Richard Haley

RH /ds

cc Mrs. C. O. Chinn