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DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
WASHINGTON

Dear Joe and Nancy,

Thanks for your short note and long letter. I am feeling particularly rotten today, having stayed up until all hours last night watching that disgusting debacle in San Francisco.

Ellie Langer (whom Nancy will remember from S'More) and I have just been to some book stores, and have sent a few of the books we found right off hand. We both think that appeals to the publishers to donate batches of paperbacks would be effective. Name the particular books which you'd like most, and we'll try calling some publishers. C. Vann Woodward? Souls of Black Folks? Black Reconstruction--or is that too long? There is an Anvil paperback anthology which we sent some ~~10~~ copies of--tell me if you think its any good. Also, if we have success, how many copies of each would you like (I presume you'd like these things for textbooks)? Also, what other ~~3~~ COFO places ~~1~~ have schools which need stuff? I think the possibility of getting New York liberal-type publishers to donate goods might be a good thing to exploit.

What are the chances that the Freedom Schools and Centers can be kept going in the fall?

202 Write soon. Better still, ~~xxxxxx~~ if you have important suggestions re book needs, call me some evening collect ~~xxxxxx~~---you can make it station-to-station after 9 and it will hardly cost anything. ~~xxxxxx~~
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Cheers,

Linda