507 Mobile Street Hattiesburg, Mississippi July 22, 1964

President Lyndon B. Johnson The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I am a teacher at a Freedom School in Hattiesburg Mississippi. The school has been running for two weeks now, and each week we have produced a newspaper. The first issue consists of stories written by the students and selected by the teachers; in the second issue the stories were selected by the students themselves. The ages of the children whose work is represented in these newspapers ranges from ten to sixteen, with the exception of the ltters to you in the first issue, which were written by eight year olds.

Some of the parents of the children who attend the Freedom School suggested that I send you these newspapers so you can see how the schoolchildren in Mississippi feel. Wy own impression is that, although their education has been inferior beyond belief, they know what their rights are and are eager to exercise them.

You

Yours truly

Pres- I hope you will read them & that they will be an uspiration to you to do your best for these children Gov. - Those you will read they