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Dear Jo Anne

We were very glad to receive the letters from the children. I have given them to Mike Lawrence at the Register Mail, who says he will be using them in news articles. He already has used some more of your descriptions of desperateness of everyday living in Mississippi in a good summary article. The story of your work in the Peoria paper has also aroused a great deal of interest. I think that this is all worthwhile in terms of further shaking off some of the all too widespread apathy in Galesburg.

I am hoping to see Mrs. Settle tomorrow night about another concentrated fund raising campaign - also for food and clothing - for the continuation of the Mississippi project. I think that we may try a combination of flyers, rallies, and personal canvassing. Unfortunately, those with the most funds often seem to be the most reluctant to part with money for any reason.

We have started some preliminary plans to resume the tutoring program. I just wrote to Dave Moore and Sandy Cump. There are a lot of details to work out, but I have high hopes for the coming year, and I think we will be reasonably well organized soon.

We are still working on open housing with some sporadic, mild encouraging signs, but still some frustration particularly with the slow pace of things.

The Mississippi project seems to be really making a dent in the conscience of the country. I hope that it will continue to grow and develop - as it is becoming more starkly apparent that we need more and more such projects all over the country.

Sincerely,

Louis Lehmann
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