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Mississippi Project Parents Committee
100 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Subject: Summer letters from Judy York

Dear Friends,

My delay was caused by the delay in getting a copy of the July 15th letter back to me. I seem to have spent the summer sending copies of Judy's letters to friends and other interested people: "Please forward these to John Doe and ask him to return them to me as I'm trying to keep everyone informed of the venture Judy has made this summer." When I collected the file for you, I discovered the only copy I had of the letter mentioned was firmly pasted in a scrapbook.

Most of the solid news we received was by telephone, which accounts for the copy of the clipping of the school boycott, the copy of the "Freedom Flame", also the copy of the letters which the Shaw Negroes sent to the editor of the New York Times. These seem to Mr. York and me to be wonderful and pathetic at the same time,--completely the work of the people in Shaw, unedited by anyone. These people had never been helped on an organized basis by anyone from outside, and could think of themselves only as animate tools. The letters Judy has received from them since she returned home give proof that they know they are people with friends.

I was given permission by George Barnes to use the two missives at the bottom of the stack in any way that would help the crusade which has started. I'm quite sure that your legal advisor will not use the names of plantation owners quoted, but, as he is working on his doctorate in political science, his facts are probably well checked.

The volunteers from this part of the country were guaranteed bond for themselves in case of arrest, but there was no provision made to insure bail money for the local Negroes who might be arrested. It is possible that the young people from the North gained the trust of the people they were trying to help by refusing to accept release from jail until the local people were also freed. I have not seen this fact stressed in any publication, but I believe it gave strength to the program.

With best wishes,

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