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Dear Lois...

Gotcha letter. We've organized ourselves into a sort of ad hoc committee for the purpose of trying to involve both UFT & AFT in some kind of project to support the on-going program in Mississippi. Actually we were thinking mainly in terms of publicity, money, materials and recruits for next summer. The possibility of organizing a "stand-by" group of volunteers seems rather bizarre, under all the existing circumstances...but nothing ventured, nothing gained...we'll try and see what we come up with.

In the meantime, could you please let me know immediately if you have any tax deductible agency through which money donations could be channelized into the project. We've made contact with some well-heeled individuals who expressed willingness to make substantial contributions for particular purposes...i.e. transporting Holly Springs cast of Medger Evers play to perform in N.Y.C. during Christmas Week, a year's sustenance for a Freedom School Teacher, etc. etc. But they want to be sure that they can make a tax deduction for their donation. So please let me know if you have some such existing structure...if not, we'll have to get one set up through the NCC or some "front" organization.

Hope everything is going well...is it? Incidentally, any communications to AFT should be addressed to Charles Cogen, newly elected President. He is the former president of UFT and a fairly O.K. guy...in his sympathies & intentions, at least.

Take care and let us know how we can help.

Regards to all.

Love..

Norma

*Cogen's address?
NCC + CORE SEDF
Thanks -
(Harmony fell through)*