

300 Elm Street
Northampton, Mass.
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Miss Beryl Banfield
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Dear Beryl Banfield:

I am very much interested in the "Africa Handbook" Lois Chaffee described in her letter of Sept. 21. If your group is willing and if it seems to be the kind of thing a publisher would go for, I'll certainly be very happy to try to help land it somewhere (starting with Doubleday).

Could you send me a copy as quickly as possible (I'm assuming one is immediately available). Perhaps you could send it up special delivery, both because I have a friend who is an expert on this coming to visit, probably, next week, and because I may well be coming in to New York to speak with some people at Doubleday at the end of the week. If I had a chance to read through the "Africa Handbook" before then it would be most helpful.

Please do tell me if I'm assuming too much here; I received in the same mail as Lois' letter today a SNCC mailing with details of events in McComb and it becomes harder, perhaps, the further one is from events to keep a detached perspective on them and on the few things one can do.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Lauter

cc. Lois Chaffee

Dear Lois,

I'll certainly do whatever I can. I've a number of possibilities other than Doubleday.

It is, indeed, an anguish to sit here and read.

By (Lousy pen) the by: if anyone plans to come through Western Mass (or is on the way down the Mass Turnpike out here), there's a blanket invitation to put up here, and I'll also usually be able to get together a reasonable audience.

ever the best,

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