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dear mommy,

Whenever i sit down to write you there is always a funny feeling that i get inside of myself. i wonder if you can sense it when you write to me. it is the type of feeling that makes you wonder if you are just a vegetable or if you are really a functional human being.

all my life i have wanted to do something and go places and now i am able to do that, yet i wonder. i think perhaps that the reason i wonder is because i have never really thought for myself and now i am here on my own and it is my responsibility whether i make a success of myself or if i fall flat on my face.

you asked me when i am coming home for good-- all i can say is that when i come home it won't be because i am coming home because i have made some decision as to exactly what i am going to do with my life and i want to share with you my happiness. this doesn't mean that i will stay away for good but rather that i am not coming home right now. i am going to go to school this january at northeast louisiana state college and from there next summer i am going to work with core. then in september i will either go to louisiana state university to finish my education or i will go to england to the london school of economics. i have already sent for information on that school and i think that it might serve the purpose of letting me see what the u.s. looks like from a foreign point of view and also i will be able to study in a free atmosphere and with no ties of the system as here or at hunter. please understand that it is my decision and i will do it if i so desire or i will be frustrated the rest of my life.

i will be working in tallulah but living in rayville and working there also. there is a company there that we will be able to get a probable ~~suit~~ suit against because even though the negroes there in rayville voted in favor of the tax increase when the company came in there are still no jobs for negroes. the company is buccaneer slack company which i believe is nationwide and therefore subject to the interstate commerce commission and its rulings.

there is much to do this afternoon and i should be at work so therefore i will write more later.

i must do what i have to do...

love,
cathy

p.s.- for christmas all i need is money. grandpa can surely send me something even if it is only \$5.00 tell mama that i miss her and love her very much please send me her address or tell her to write me here. also send those things that i asked you for. my jewelry, sweaters and my watch and money for christmas.