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Dear Alicia,

The reason I took so long in writing to you is mainly that I didn't have time.

We have been having some trouble in Tutwiler, a small town of about 900 people in the north-west corner of the county. This is a town that is really scared. The whites do not come to us, but go instead to the owners of the restaurants that we patronize. They have apparently got small violations, such 'selling whiskey', etc, that the whites have overlooked until it is time to make an example out of some one. We went into a restaurant, and a couple of days later, it was closed down---but not for serving us. We think the charge was selling liquor---which in Mississippi is illegal, even tho there is an appointed office that pays \$100,000 for the collection of the illegal liquor tax.

We are presently conducting a survey of the number Negroes who have registered to vote in this county. We think that there are more than 80, even tho our records show only 78 at present.

We are attempting to organize the community ~~into~~ to construct a community center . This building is planned to be fairly large,--large enough to have ~~an auditorium, an~~ auditorium, ~~an~~ library, a small kitchen, a bathroom, an possibly one or two other rooms. The decisions of what we build, cost, etc will be left up to the community. We hope that this will be a good building, and will have many uses.