See you

November 30, 1964

Miss Sheila Shankman 244 Riverside Drive New York, New York

Dear Miss Shankman:

I am delighted that you are interested in adopting one of the Mississippi Freedom Schools. Both in terms of funds and in terms of communication with America (Mississippi considers itself another country, it seems) the schools very much need to be released from their isolation.

May I suggest that Cleveland, Mississippi might be a place where the children would like to correspond with your 5th grade students, and send some of the art work, as well as the writing, they are doing. Cleveland also is in great need of financial support, since they are hoping to build a community center of their own. You may contact them directly through the xx Freedom School Coordinator there, Mrs. Lee Bankhead, Box 141, Cleveland, Mississippi, and make arrangements with her. Mrs. Bankhead is a local Mississippian, and from what I can see is creating the best Freedom School we have in the state.

Good luck with your adopting! Mrs. Bankhead can tell you about the needs, both for the schools and the community center, and the clothing needs of the community this cold-promising winter in the Delta.

Yours for freedom,

(Mrs.) Liz Fusco, Coordinator COFO Freedom Schools