

[64, Dec 8]

Dear Mr. Moore,

Sorry to keep writing you when I have complications, but I do seem to get into all sorts of confusion with those nice ladies in Ruleville. Or they get into complications, and I am somehow involved.

Anyway, the problem at the moment seems to be that because I met Mrs. McDonald first, I have been corresponding with her, which is not very successful, as she really doesn't quite seem to understand what I try to say, and her letters are very difficult forme to understand. Mrs. Davis has now written me that Mrs. McDonald is keeping the cotton goods from the other ladies. I do wish she had told me about this when I was down there, but anyway, now that I know that they are having troubles inside their little group, I can only guess that it makes sense to send some of the materials to Mrs. Davis or one of the other people instead of doing everything through Mrs. McDonald. I had asked Mrs. McD. to make me up a quilt to a special order as a sample, and it was done all wrong, but I think it's better not to tell her, I am enclosing a check which I think you had better handle rather than sending directly to her, as she says she has trouble cashing checks. Will you see that she knows that you have it for the ladies in the quilting group? I presume that you still have a bank account for them.

I also need help with more information about the church in Ruleville. A friend of mine here who had a son working as a volunteer with COFO this summer has been asked to raise money to help enlarge their church. Do you know anything about this? It is difficult for her to raise money without knowing more about their plans.

I haven't heard from Lois at all since she's been back, and as you know, she didn't get in touch with me when she was in Chicago, so I am just really all out of communication and puzzled about it. Would be very grateful if you can bring me up to date. I hope you are all recovered from whatever it was that had you so ill when I was in Cleveland.

Sincerely,

Bill Johnson