TO: Anyone With Photographs of Libraries or Books in Mississippi
Who'd Let them Be Used in an Article on that Subject

FROM: Virginia Steele...who tried to be co-ordinator of libraries
during the Mississippi Summer Project

Re: Use of these photographs in an article on the libraries
requested by a library journal which I'm trying to write

Also any comments or suggestions about what would be helpful
to the projects were it to appear in a library journal...

Working in a library last week I discovered Harold Wilson, M.P.
An Appeal to the Conscience of Mankind.* On the flyleaf are
two quotations:

"I could never believe that Providence had sent a few men into
the world ready booted and spurred to ride, and millions ready
saddled and bridled to be ridden."

Richard Hambold on the scaffold,
Chap. 5

"The only kind of war we seek is the good old fight against
man's ancient enemies...poverty, disease, hunger and illiteracy."

President Truman, 24th May, 1951.

Since last fall I have made a collection of magazines with
articles about the Mississippi Summer Project, COFO, SNCC, the
Movement, segregation in all areas, etc. The magazines are marked
and clipped for quick reference to the specific article. I had
thought they might make a project for a Freedom School, or that
the Project workers themselves might like to have them circulated.

I put a bunch like this in the Jackson office last fall and
the office staff quickly read them to death. So I concluded they
were useful. Won't send them unless I know for sure...if someone
lets me know they're wanted. I have wondered if projects wouldn't
like to have current magazines collected and sent, and give them away
to people. Just as I have wondered if high school clubs around the
country wouldn't send newspapers so a variety of news coverage would
be available in the Freedom Schools. (I'm for a newspaper exchange
that will let Southern students see newspapers from other areas) &
others see the Southern papers.)

Dear [Name] - Wrote you at end of Feb. to ask if any photos were available
that I could submit with my article...if I got written & accepted. Also sent a
bunch to Freedom School. Hope you got the letter, only not,
any possibility.
Pittsburgh Quaker Meeting sent me a $50 money order at first of November just after I left Jackson. When they didn't get an acknowledgment from me they asked for a postal investigation. The money order was in a personal letter. It had been signed for by "J. Morris." They won't go any further with the post office, but asked me to let someone in COFO office know about it.

Va. Steele

If Josephine Disparti, the Public Health Nurse is still there and you see her, would you tell her I left her a Swiss Hermes portable featherweight typewriter. Gave it to Claire Bradley to give to Jo. Hope she got it.