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Dear Bryant

I know that I need not say it, but let me emphasize how gratified we all are that the C.O.R.R. - Board of National Missions - San Francisco Seminary Civil Rights Action Program for Camden, Alabama, has come into being. A copy of the long letter which I have just dictated to Mr. Rollins is enclosed, outlining the personnel decisions which I have had to make by way of putting flesh and blood on the Seminary's end of the project. I hope that the fact that we have had to alter the arrival dates of the people involved, and the fact that not all of the team will be able to be there for the full ten weeks project will make sense. Had all of this had a chance to come into being a month earlier there is little doubt that we could have filled this out in exact fulfillment of the specifications of the project. As it was, with the final go-ahead at our disposal only a matter of days before the ending of the current academic year, what I have sent to Mr. Rollins represents our matching the given necessities with the specifications of the program. I have throughout, let me emphasize, sought to fill the bill with "five mature seminarians". That I have been able to do so awaits, of course, the test of performance. However, let me state that I have no doubt that these people all stand in the same stature as that indicated by Dick Dickinson, Dwain Epps, and Jim Martin, their outstanding predecessors.

I am writing this letter to fulfill the request for a detailed budget which you mentioned in your letter of May 17th. The figure of \$3000. which we have talked about in our telephone conversations breaks down to a unit price of \$595 per person. This amount is itemized as follows:

Bus transportation and expenses to and from Camden, Alabama	\$115.00
Expenses @ \$4 per diem for 10 weeks	280.00
Remuneration	200.00
Total	<u>\$595.00</u>

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As you will note from my letter to Mr. Rollins, three of the five will not be on the scene for the full ten weeks, and so will not need to draw the full \$280 under the \$4 per diem expense item. I leave to your judgment what should be done with reference to the remuneration item in each of these three cases. The \$200 is calculated at \$20. a week for ten weeks. That we have been enabled to secure top-flight people is of course directly correlated with the fact that these people do not need to declare their summer's involvement a total loss in terms of earning money to defray expenses for the forthcoming year. If it is possible, I would hope that the full \$200 can be paid to each of the five. If, however, in your judgment, this is unwise, and they should be paid at the rate of \$20 per week for the time that they are actually on the scene, then this makes sense to me also.

I trust, too, that it will make as much sense to you as it has to us in thinking about the matter here to send Gary and Yvonne Young on an equal footing as full participants in the project. Our experience in this connection has been extremely positive, and surely has indicated wisdom of the arrangement we have devised.

It is my dream that what we are proceeding to attempt has a good portent for the future. I fully realize that this all depends upon the successful and meaningful fulfillment of the project for this forthcoming summer. I have enjoyed the wise counsel of one or two colleagues in selecting the people named for the project. That we have had to move with despatch on this, in order to give these people definite word with reference to other possible summer involvements is no doubt perfectly obvious to you. I trust that our judgments in this connection will meet with your approval.

Within the next few days I will forward to you the addresses of each of the participants in the project so that you can forward to them the monies necessary to underwrite their travel to Camden. Please let me know at your convenience what arrangements for subsequent payment you wish to set up.

My warm personal regards accompany this letter, as does the hope that our paths will cross soon.

Cordially

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P.S. In a recent telephone conversation with Dwain Epps, while he was still in Camden, I relayed the broad outline of the project. He made the wise suggestion that formal and official notification of this would probably be helpful in terms of the involvements of Principal Hobbs with his colleagues there. This seems sensible to me, as does the fact that such notification should come over your signature.

B.A.R.

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