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Dear Lucy:

I just received word from New Orleans that they received your check. I don't know exactly what is going on in our office down there so in case they don't do anything, (mostly because we are in the process of moving again) please accept these hearty thanks.

As you can see, I'm still here in New York. For about two weeks now I've been doing research in the Schomburg Collection of the New York Public Library--that's the library that has all the stuff about Negroes and Africans. Its a great thing to finally walk into a library that has something to do with oneself...I mean I get a real feeling of "racial" pride sitting there plowing through books written by Negroes (mostly that I'd never heard of, learning about all kinds of things I never knew--I'm concentrating on Negro Drama--Drama written by or about Negroes. From this, I will make selections of materials that we can use in the South--either in workshop with the community or for production or for readings. Its the only exciting studying I've ever done. Also reading Malcolm X's autobiography which is fascinating and I suggest you get a copy and read it. Also, I finally found a book store that specializing in Negro and African materials--got a bunch of African plays for the theater to read and choose from.

Judy Richardson is here and will be going to Columbia starting in February. Just ran into her tonight in Harlem.

Did you get my letter explaining why we couldn't perform anything at the end of February. The way our schedule will work, we will do fund-raising tour in November and December to those cities where there is a working committee and probably to some colleges. I wrote again to Hildette recently because I've heard from noone in Chicago about what plans there are or what kind of activity is being thought about. I assume that much of my talking was in vain. Hildette has not responded as of yet. Maybe you should give her a call? Hildette Rubenstein in Evanston. Please write soon to New York address above

love  
Denise Nicholas

P.S. My warm  
REGARDS TO  
MR Montgomery