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Student Organization
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Friends,

This is a much belated thank you for your hospitality to John Lewis during his trip to the University of Wisconsin last fall and for your contribution to our work in the Southern Freedom Movement.

In the face of three civil rights murders in the South since January 1, and the expulsion of Julian Bond from the Georgia Legislature, SNCC finds itself once again in a crisis situation. A new Atlanta Project began at the beginning of the year to try to deal with the problems of slum housing and disfranchisement in SNCC's 'home city.'

In Alabama and Mississippi, local Movement workers have spent most of the winter in tent cities, one in Greenville, Miss., the other on U.S. 80 in Alabama; in both states Negroes are being thrown off their land for registering to vote.

Enclosed is the pledge envelope we are using in an attempt to establish a consistent fund base. If these can be used at the University of Wisconsin, please let me know. We would ask you to solicit the pledges, the Atlanta office would follow-up on them.

"One Man, One Vote"

Karen Whitson