

COPY

57 Frost Street
Cambridge, Mass 02140
September 22, 1967

Mr. Joel Fleishman
Assistant to the President
Yale University
Yale Station
New Haven, Conn 06520

Dear Joel:

I need your help and advice. Bicky and I spent the summer in Bolivar County Mississippi, where we worked on welfare, school desegregation suits, and other legal and non-legal problems of the Delta Negroes in the county.

One of the most pressing needs is for leadership training, especially in view of the fact that chances are good for electing on November 7th several Negroes who are running as independents for county and state offices.

Ansie Moore, the leader of Negroes in Bolivar County, with whom I worked closely over the summer, asked me if I could help him fund the enclosed proposal.

Do you know of any foundations interested in helping to raise the level of Negro political awareness and administrative ability in the rural south? As you look over the proposal, do you think it is sufficiently apolitical to avoid outright rejection from foundations on the ground that it might jeopardize their tax status?

I would be happy to talk to you further about the details of the proposal and to fill you in on the significance of such a program for Delta Negroes at this point in time. I am sure Marian Wright would be happy to fill you in on Ansie Moore, if need be.

Look forward to hearing from you. Do you expect to be up this way soon?

Sincerely,

Lowell

Lowell Dodge

cc: Ansie Moore

P.S. Please send me copies of any campaign literature you have developed. How are things going?? Say hi to everyone.