

Rust College
Holly Springs, Miss.
July 8, 1964

Dr. Henry C. Borger
Dean of Students
Clark University

Dear Dean Borger:

I am a little hesitant at writing what is a cross between an official announcement and a personal request. I am, as you know, working in voter registration here as a part of the Mississippi Summer Project. It is very likely that I will decide to take one year's leave of absence and join the SNCC staff here in Mississippi. I am finding that I cannot in clear conscience remove myself from the conflict here after a stay of only a few months.

My parents do not as yet know that I feel this way. They believe that this sort of decision is mine alone to make, and will certainly not prevent me from staying. I am, however, concerned about the financial effect this decision will have on an already burdened family. I have made a room deposit; and I am not sure that a leave of absence will not affect my scholarship. I am due to receive a National Defense loan; this can be used for the Tuition Plan payments my father will pay whether or not I return to Clark next year.

I realize that I could make some of these requests for information to other University officials. I am, however, extremely tied up with work down here, and would appreciate your help in finding out how a leave of absence would affect my parents' financial situation. I would rather not inform them of my tentative decision until I am more aware of how it will affect them financially. Thanking you, I am

Respectfully yours,

David W. Trimble