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Dearest Faith:

Now that was a real letter. Now I know what it's all about and what you are up to. But what an experience! Reading about that kind of situation is shocking enough (in the newspapers etc.). How much worse it must seem when you live in it.... I can see, since you've written about that roadside questioning, how very correct one must have to be all the time, since any lapse might be fatal.

Did last Tuesday's voting show any tangible effects of greater registration in Georgia? I forget what I heard on the radio. The one thing that pleased me enormously was Nixon's downfall. Not that I think he'll necessarily stay down, in spite of what he says; but at least it will shut him up for a while.

How in the world can you get regular meals on a hot plate? Don't you think you might wangle a stove from the woman who bought the house?

I've been invited to dinner up at the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center tonight, before the Bhagavad Gita class; which solves one problem for me. Sunday, Deb is going with me; lunch afterwards at my place.

This noon I had lunch with an old friend from Boston whom I haven't seen for about twenty-five years. Lines in her face, and gray hair, but she's much the same. When she was forty-seven years

old she married a man who was ninety-one. Now, a widow, she has stepchildren who are older than she is.

Soon it will be Thanksgiving Day. Do you have any plans? I hope you are invited out. This year it will be any Annual Ordeal with your Grandma Cora. We're switching it from Christmas, you know - partly because her birthday comes somewhere right in there.

Monday night I went to a P.E.N. Club dinner, devoted to Faulkner. Somebody said that he (Faulkner) told the Ole Miss authorities years ago that they should let a Negro in.... Frankly, Faulkner is not my man: I went because the finger was put on me to take Iris Origo, a Harcourt author....

Now it's raining. Very dreary. But at least the working day will be over in an hour or so. I hope all is well with you.

Much love,

Buddy