

Albany

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Hi Gang,

Happy good times to you. I'm very happy because, at last, (gasp) we know when the bus is supposed to start down toward South. I spoke to Charlie Jones last night in New York and he said that the bus would be leaving Wednesday or Thursday of this week. We have at least a thousand books to come down along with odds and ends. Maybe you guys up there have some things to send us like paper, canned food, a mimeograph machine, sleeping bags, stencils, light bulbs, toilet paper, pencils, ink, cooking pots and pans, a few flashlights, a car, napkins, a folding table, a large file cabinet with lock, a washing machine, chairs, all in the bus by Thursday or when you can. Three guys are supposed to come to work, one of whom I know. Prathia Hall, Joyce Barrett, and Donald Harris are supposed to work with us in February. The Sport at the office in Atlanta says that he needs somebody for Alabama. Soon the world -- Kenya, Morocco, Thailand, West Berlin, Spain, will be needing SNCC men. Ha! Perhaps we can accomodate the Sporty one, huh gang?

I have hopes, high hopes of seeing some of you at Dorchester. I hope you will come, even if we have to pitch tents. This can be the most effective meeting of our lives. It may chart the course for history in the United States for years to come. I am serious. It's about time that we flex our political muscles, even if it is initially in analysis and calculation. This should always be the first step, anyway. It is my opinion, along with others', that we have been protected long enough, rather using our youth and colors as an excuse for naivety on the level of scientific social reform.

We have had more trouble in Sumter County where we have had about six meetings now. If you remember, a Deacon Trim Porter had his ~~house~~ home burned down. (He could use some things -- clothes, home items, etc.). The F.B.I. and last week the Justice Department, declared the case closed, concluding that the fire had been started by two children. We also questioned those kids and found that they could be led to say anything. I don't know! I don't believe they did it.

Anyway, threats on lives, jobs, and other intimidations are being made. One rumor has it that come Thursday, I will be arrested in Sumter at the mass meeting, for libel. This came from the mouth of a sheriff. Well, that's the struggle for you. We're just beginning to document rumors. We're moving on. The skull sessions are getting hotter and hotter. See you soon. All love!