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Dear Stevd,

This will, of necessity, be brief. I have decided that the easiest way to keep in touch with everyone whom I want to, is to write up a weekly letter, on the weekend, and summarize what has been happening here to date. This will be sent airmail to a friend in Calif. who has promised to cut a stencil (or ditto) and run these off to be sent to those who are on a list I am sending him. You will be on that list. Therefore, any other information which you need, ~~or~~ or questions you have, etc., will be answered by me directly, but in very short notes as additional information will come to you from the other source. I hope this meets with your approval. If it doesn't - t.s.

Since arriving in Albany: We have discovered it to be much more expensive than we remembered. For example, SNCC staff minimums are \$10/week in Mississippi, and \$20/week in SW Georgia - and this is very indicative of the cost of living here. Right now ~~were~~ are living with a friend whose wife is away, and looking for a place for us - I am keeping a close account of expenses to be able to evaluate our needs. Any requests for additional funds will be submitted in triplicate with detailed itemization, rest assured. I started work at the office on Monday. C.B. seems very happy to have me here, and I likewise. First piece of work was non civil rights, in that it had nothing to do with "the Movement", but just another case of Negroes being screwed. A guy who was "married" to decedent is trying to get her estate (about \$6000) He was previously married, deserted W and 3 kids, and married decedent, tho this is null and void. Her collateral kin retained CB to get the estate. Would normally be a simple matter to show that the guy was not her husband and therefore without right, but he has retained a white attorney. Attorney seeks motion for summary judgment. I spent two days writing a motion opposing his motion for summary judgment and a memo of points and authorities as to why his motion should be dismissed. Today I am working on state habeas of a guy charged with possession of tax unpaid whiskey. He is illiterate Negro farmer. His parents retain "Mr. Charley" to represent him. He protests his innocence but the white atty tells him that the sheriff ~~will~~ will be believed no matter what he says and he should plead guilty. Negro protests innocence to judge, but atty pleads him guilty and judge accepts this plea without questioning defendant. Sentences him to \$750. fine and 6 mo in jail (to be served on weekends while he keeps his job). He is

then released from jail, probably for the purpose of getting together the money for the fine (things are done very informally in Terrell County). After a week he doesnt get up the money, a white man comes out to his house and he is next seen in the jail. In the interim he has been resentenced by the judge to a two year term. That's what I'm working on now. Also very shortly will be starting on two hospital desegregation suits, and a very godd flase arrest (sec.1983) case against a state trooper. I wasnt going to write this much as this is the kind of thing that will go in the weekly news-letter)

REQUESTS: 1) I have been asked to attend the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) conference this weekend in Atlanta. Transportation is \$10. roundtrip and the registration fee is \$5. I wouldnt ask for food as I would have to eat at home anyhow. You can send me the \$15. or not, as you choose, but we should reach some sort of policy decision on whehter you will pay for things like this in the future - whether I should represent the LSCRRC at SSOC meetings in the future, etc. Pls let me know. 2) Can you obtain for me, Leonard's excellent article on Federal Habeas, in Law in Transition, Vol 1, 1964. 3) We have Western Reserve L.S. law review (CB's alma mater) and also Harvard L.R. (subscription). We desperately need Yale Law Journal as every day I am cited to an article in siad publication and nearest copy is in Atlanta, 200 miles away. Also you never sent that library request list to this office - bungler! If you can get us back copies of Yale LJ this would be greatly appreciated, but certainly we would be happy with a subscription starting now. Maybe you can get it gratis through the LSCRRC group at New Haven.

OK, m' man, that's about it for now. Let me know on above. Also, send me my ghelt. Wendy sends love.

Your main man in the South,