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Dear Phil,

I would have answered sooner, but was holding out for an answer for Atlanta. I liked your idea about tying the FSM's demands of the University to the external necessity created by the MFDP. Harris and I talked about it at length and he too saw its value, which propelled him into calling Julian Bond, head of SNCC communications, in Atlanta. This was three days ago. Harris called again today and Julian said he "had been busy" for the last three days so didn't do anything about it. We told him to try and reach Savio or Phil Davis (who would know who he should get in touch with in re the FSM committee). Hopefully he will do this. Harris is very good for things like this - if it catches his imagination he will move like crazy. Unfortunately he is leaving in a few days. He was planning on law school for next year and wanted to use this time to take a reading course, learn typing, etc. - today he got an offer to be a correspondent for Muhammed Speaks in Africa at \$150/week plus expenses and is wavering dangerously. He really loves Africa and sees a future for himself there.

With this letter I am enclosing a money raising pitch which looks like it originated in Calif. They must be doing a heavy mailing as I got one and CB got two of them. Under separate cover I am sending you a very interesting article on decentralization found in Liberation.

Re your last letter. Cobb doesn't know about FSM because he is in the field too much, and when he is in the office Lewis isn't there - the usual SNCC communications problem. The Feuer article is one of the most grotesque things I have ever read. I was especially impressed with the homosexual innuendo conveyed along with brutality, lust and violence, where he alleges that Savio bit a cop on the thigh. On the thigh - beautiful - he has to be a fag, right. I also liked your prediction of what would happen with the "wild men" screaming for expulsion, forfeiture of scholarships, and castration for the students who took part. That Clark Kent would come off smelling like a rose and even become a spokesman for "academic freedom" by denouncing the legislation proposed as irresponsible and a curb on the first amendment. When you sent the clipping on that bircher from San Diego's bill for the Cal Assembly this is exactly what I told Wendy - the god damn thing is set up perfectly for this. Did you also notice in Feuer's piece that Savio never walks anywhere, he "stalks".

A favor - Randy Rattle keeps mentioning to me that Phil Davis has a tape recorder and some clothing at "the Funk Plummer girls" house.

I mentioned this to him once and he never told me whether it's true and if so, does he want me to collect the stuff and send it to him.

Please ask him about this the next time you see him.

Dennis