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Dear Phil,

I'm returning Murray's letter. There is no arguing with him - he's absolutely right. SNCC is battling this one out right now, here and in Miss. Many of the people are taking the position that it would be stupid to expend energy on a Federal program, no matter how "good" it sounds, but to just go on working like they have and ignore the Fed programs and point up its failures. Another group, the "radicalizing King" set is working on Fed. programs but I feel its a matter of time before the corruption becomes obvious and they pull out altogether. I am also enclosing a series of articles which SNCC reprinted - they are by Evans and Novack. They are almost funny in their stupidity but its insidious as hell. Did you know the Guardian "spouts the Chinese Communist line" or that Bill Higgs was a "Leftist radical" (SNCC constantly talks about getting rid of him because he's too much Establishment oriented). Anyhow, somewhere in the articles they talk about something which they gleaned from "a bulletin SNCC sends only to staff" - so shit, if those bastards get it, why pretend. Again, you're right. - and if anyone says anything to me I'll cite them to Evans and Novack. As for pics of the NS. All we have are one set of 8 x 11 but Steve (my brother) has the negatives and I'm sure he'll print you up a set of whatever size you want - just ~~kk~~ write and tell him what you want them for. One other thing. In the latest Life with Lyndon (which I am getting tired of I must admit) Minis does do one very interesting thing. He talks about Evans and Novack and who supports them - one of these people being a subsidiary of the Chicago Sun Times owned by the Field family of Field Foundation fame. He puts them down and goes on to say: "The (Fiedl) Foundation has been a large contributor to ~~tk~~ civil rights casuss, including the SCLC citizenship training program, and the SNCC work-study program. One would suppose that with SNCC continuing to show its political teeth, as it were, the Field money will soon dry up. I t doenst seem likely that Mr. Field would turn the dogs loose on SNCC, through his newspapers, and at the same time invite SNCC to sit at the sumptous table his father and gradnfather provided for him." - so either SNCC knows that Field Foundation wont give them any more bread and so this attack doesnt matter, or THEY DONT CARE. I'll be in Atlanta tomorrow (my ride didnt come through today) and will try to see Minis about this. Have you checked with Perdew if he minds your using his two letters? I was just carious. On p.9 to illustrate the point about the establishment getting the "complete picture" you might cite the Evans and Novack article as SNCC people will be familiar with it. I'm sending Poor Ivanhoe on to Nancy C and will ask her for commens which I will forward. I am certain she will agree with what you are saying. I dont have to tell you that the cover is FANTASTIC, esp. the quote. Also including a clip from the Village Voice - Hentoff again. Excitement has seemed to be regenerated aboutthe Challenge - NC said people in DC were very excited tho there is a big split among those who feel there is a chance of success and therefore dont want direct action which will hurt its chances (or want another milder kind of direct attion) and Forman who says fuck em, we'll shut down Congress. Roy is going to DC tomorrow so I'll see what info I can get on it from him when he gets back. I'll put this and the enclosures into an evelope so you get it right away, and will try to wok on the old Newsletter tonight sometime. The resson for the great delay is that my back gave out on me and I have been laid up for about three days now. I'm scared to death its a disc but its feeling alot better today. I have an appointment to see a specialist in Atlanta Monday a.m. and will then know where I stand. If I havent made this clear in the letter, do not delete anything from Ivanhow - its a mx damn important document for the Movement.

Dennis