

July 20, 1960

Mr. Grafton R. Gray
P. O. Box 128
Charleston, Miss.

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for your letter of the 11th.

Since my last letter, I have talked with a lawyer in Mississippi concerning the case of Mrs. Gray.

The lawyer stated that, unfortunately, there was no state law in Mississippi to protect tenure of teachers, as in some other states.

Apparently, there is no federal or state law to protect a person under these circumstances, and the only hope, seemingly, is for Mrs. Gray or yourself to find teaching jobs elsewhere.

As you indicate, it probably will be difficult, if not impossible, to find a job in your own state. If a job could be found, would you be willing to leave the state? If so, will you send me a brief biographical note about yourself and Mrs. Gray, giving your educational background and experience, in addition to a glossy photo of you both?

I do not know if anything can be done, but I will be glad to explore the possibilities and to write a number of letters to liberal magazines, etc.

A friend in California, Mrs. Clarice Campbell, a public school teacher, is spending the month of August at Rust College. I have told Mrs. Campbell about you and Mrs. Gray and hope that you can meet.

With all good wishes, and trusting that things will work out some way,

Sincerely,

