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Mrs. Walter Johnson 4919 S. Woodlawn Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bette?

As you know, the Board made me Executive Vice President this year with the idea that I should continue to take over administrative responsibility from Myles. You Board members will have to help me. Each of those at the meeting volunteered to help wherever possible.

One of the ways to accomplish this is for me to get acquainted with key people in the various communities where Friends of Highlander have been active in raising money for the program. As I looked over the list of towns and the distribution of Board members, Chicago looked like a good place to begin.

I think Lucy Montgomery would be willing to work with you. If you two could get your heads together and set a date toward which we could work, it would be helpful. Evelyn Brown is a Board member also, but I do not know how much she might be counted on, but Bea Schneiderman has indicated that whe would pitch in wherever she can.

Would there be any time between now and early December that you could get a group together for this purpose? This first meeting, perhaps, ought not deal on raising money, but just getting me acquainted with names and faces in the Chicago area. What are your reactions to this? You know the situation better than I.

At the moment my calendar looks fairy clear until the middle of December. Were this meeting to be basedon just getting acquianted, we might aim for some special promotion early in 1966. Please let me know as soon as you can whether or not this idea is feasible.

Enclosed also is a letter we drafted to send to select persons in the various cities. Please feel free to make suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

C. Conrad Browne

cc: Bea Schneiderman