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Mr. Bruce Hartford
819 Pearl Street
Grenada, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Hartford:

Thank you for your letter concerning our civil rights collecting program. It now contains over 175 separate accessions, many of which are listed in a brochure which we will publish this spring. I will send you a copy.

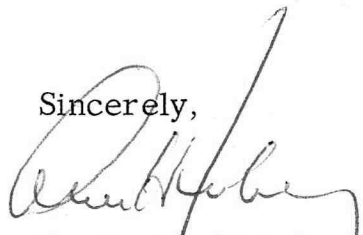
The project is a little over two years old, and until now has relied mostly on student activists at the University of Wisconsin, several of whom have worked for us part-time. We expect to obtain more money for civil rights collecting, and to be able to hire other workers on what is called "limited term employment." There will also be a full-time coordinator eventually, but that job requires a bachelor's degree.

You can be of immediate and considerable help to us if you will continue to save manuscript materials and encourage fellow workers in SCLC to do so. I enclose some copies of our checklist. We are, of course, most interested in your daily log, as well as anything you may retain from your California work. We would pay shipping costs and could restrict access to part or all of your collection if you wish.

I enclose an employment application form which you might fill out and return to Russell Gilmore in our Office of Field Services.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,



Leslie H. Fishel, jr.

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Enclosures
cc: Professor E. David Cronon

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CIVIL RIGHTS COLLECTION CHECKLIST

- I. Personal papers of individual participants in the civil rights movement
 - a. letters
 - b. diaries
 - c. recollections
 - d. manuscript books and articles
- II. Papers of civil rights organizations, independent civil rights projects, and allied organizations including the NAACP, SCLC, SNCC, COFO, CORE, Southern Conference Education Fund, Tennessee Voters Council, Fayette (Tenn.) Project, Appalachian Committee for Full Employment, DuBois Clubs, Free Speech Movement, Young Socialist Alliance, Young Peoples Socialist League, Emergency Civil Liberties Union, Students for a Democratic Society to name just a few.
 - a. organizational and administrative records
 1. constitutions and by-laws
 2. minutes
 3. policy level correspondence
 4. policy statements, directives, and memoranda
 5. reports
 6. newsletters and news releases
 7. clippings
 - b. conference or convention papers
 1. agenda
 2. speeches
 3. resolutions
 4. press releases
 - c. legal case files and papers
 - d. legislative files
- III. Freedom School records
 - a. directives
 - b. materials on curriculum
- IV. Papers pertaining to demonstrations, sit-ins, voter registration drives, etc.
- V. Papers pertaining to such supremacy groups as the Black Muslims, Black Nationalists, The Klan, and White Citizens Councils.
- VI. Photographs
- VII. Tape recordings
- VIII. Pamphlets and miscellaneous printed publications