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Mr. John F. Kennedy
Mr. Robert Kennedy
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Mr. Kennedys:

We the people of the United States cannot form a more perfect union as long as we have Federal Judges who will not give us court justice and a Justice Department with limited power under the control of these racist Federal Judges in the state of Mississippi. Sixty-nine people who were serving time on the State and County farms were guilty only of wanting to be first class citizens.

I feel that as every American citizen has the right to register and vote, so we have the Constitutional right to give assistance to any applicants for voter registration. We will continue to assist in every possible way the true existence of Democracy, which cannot exist when a constant attempt is made to stop or slow down the registration of local citizens.

We cannot justify the acts of the South by any criteria offered by the South, which has misused Democratic principle to further and protect the evils of segregation. When faced with democracy in disgrace, we must pinpoint our objectives and search for truth in order to realize our American dreams. We must be quite sure that there will never be another election like that of 1867. We must campaign for public awareness and participation in the fight for democracy and equality.

I personally, strongly agree that an American Peace Corps should be organized and sent to America to help civilize the people in these United States, especially the militant whites in the state of Mississippi.

Today we are not only trying to make the world safer for democracy, but we are also trying to make democracy safe for the world.

Yours truly,

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Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee