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Mr. Oscar Chase
Tugaloo College
Tugaloo, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Chase:

As Bob Moses will already have told you, the program for a work-study project at Tugaloo enormously impressed me and the others to whom I showed it here. We believe deeply in exactly this approach to education - that it be rooted in social realities and closely attached to social action - and I think our approach to the Institute is very similar to the outlook behind the Tugaloo idea. So we are excited to find that others had independently come to the same conclusions as had we.

We talked with Bob about having SNCC send several students to the Institute this Spring for at least a six-month stay, and I gather that work on this possibility is continuing. We also talked about adding a few weeks in Washington to the work-study arrangements of the Tugaloo students, and I wonder what you think about that idea.

I am also starting out to develop a research program on certain aspects of the civil rights movement, stemming from my research on a series of race riots in American history, and I hope I will be able to get into the South.

As for your program and other techniques of education for Southern Negroes, I can assure you our education seminar will be thinking this over. Paul Goodman and Christopher Jencks have already seen your memo and are at least as excited about it as I am.

Sincerely,

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