

*Nec Project  
Canton, Miss*

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Dear Ed:

I am also sorry that we missed connections in Mississippi. We will be in Des Moines this summer some time and hope that we will end up in town at the same time then so that we can talk.

I was quite interested in Dr. Tupper's position on this. On the whole, it doesn't quite sound like the way I thought he would respond. I am well aware that he had to serve as a kind of buffer for me in the church on some of these issues, but I had assumed that he felt that this was a useful role which some of us had to play. There may have been many other factors involved in his feeling as he did about your going. I think Dale is quite correct in terms of your reputation on the campus. There is only one thing which would have helped more and that is if we could have managed to get you arrested and kept in jail for a week or so.

I am not sure whether you have had an opportunity to talk with the persons in the state office about the question of Mount Beulah. If you have, you will begin to get some of the past history of the situation there. If you have not yet talked with them, may I encourage you to postpone your visit for a month or so until one or two of the decisions currently made about Mount Beulah have been worked out. I think that within a couple of months we will find decisions being made concerning that property which will be highly satisfying to all of us who are involved in Civil Rights. I would be concerned that those who have to make the administrative decisions not feel that they are being overly pressured at the moment. Loren Lair knows this situation far better than I do, however, and I would trust his judgment on procedure implicitly.

I am assuming that you have a check for your expenses. We were most grateful for your willingness to go and for the report which you sent back.

We are sending four more persons down to Greenwood, Mississippi this next week where their role will be that of participating rather than observing.

Cordially yours,

Ian McCrae

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