

Big Bend Voter Education Campaign  
403 North Macomb Street  
Tallahassee, Florida

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Mr. Richard Haley  
CORE  
2211 Dryades Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Haley,

It was very good to see you in Atlanta this weekend. This letter pertains to some of the things we talked about, but after the most recent memos, I thought I should write it down in detail.

Ever since the New Orleans Conference I have been struggling along without any expense money. I understand the financial crisis CORE is going through, and I have done my best to keep down expenses for gas, etc., and I have refrained from calling the national office except when absolutely necessary.

However, things have gotten to the point now that I really can not continue to operate in any effective way without either a part of a reimbursement for funds spent since February or an advance. My car has simply stopped running. I had taken it to a filling station for a tune-up and other work a while back, and it seems that they didn't know enough about the car to do anything except make it worse than it was. I have taken it to a dealer who knows something about the car—a Hillman Minx. He says that in order to get it where it will run and not continually require costly repairs, it will need about 75\$ worth of work. I am leaving the car with him to be fixed thoroughly, and I will be out of transportation until I receive funds to pay him.

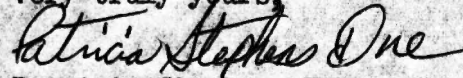
Also, there is the matter of my gas bill. As I mentioned in Atlanta, this bill has reached approximately 50\$. Several weeks ago I had to stop getting gas there (T. & T.'s), and I have been depending on the community for what little gas I can get. Mr. Tucker of T. & T.'s is very upset about this bill, and everytime someone I know goes there, he asks them where I am and mentions the bill. Since so much of my personal money is tied up in unreimbursed bills, I have no money at all with which to pay this gas bill, and I cannot consider asking for credit at another place until I pay off this bill. For these reasons then, I am without any transportation until I receive the funds to pay these bills, and it is impossible for me to be very effective, working in two counties, without transportation.

Would you mind checking with Mason's Motel about my sunglasses? I received a letter from Mrs. H.M. Gaddis written March 19, 1964, saying that she had sent them to me on that day. However, I have not received them. Their phone number is 822-3710.

Again, I fully realize how low CORE funds are. I don't like to have to write this letter requesting money when the funds are this low, but since I have received no expense reimbursement since before the New Orleans Conference, you can imagine the state of my financial affairs at this point.

Thank you for this consideration, and I hope will be seeing you in Tallahassee soon.

Very truly yours,



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cc: James McCain