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Dear Lois -

You did see me before the summer was over; at Atlantic City to be exact. That's what comes of making one letter do for two people.

The Mississippi Project teachers are still functioning. We are going to have a rally shortly and we will continue throughout the year to raise money and gather materials. I am not very optimistic about recruiting teachers during the fall and winter: regularly employed teachers cannot leave their positions, retired teachers are too old for the rigors of Mississippi, and at the moment, there are no striking teachers in New York. However, we will do what we can.

About the American Federation of Teachers; I would suggest that you write directly to Charles Cogen (he was formerly the president of the New York local) at 716 North Rush Street Chicago 11, Illinois. We will do what we can from New York as well. And don't even mention the NEA in the same breath with us. NEA is a rat fink segregated company union. *he's now president of AFT*

I am going to make a proposal, Lois, and I would very much appreciate a prompt reply - for reasons that I hope will be obvious. I will come to Mississippi in February - for a period of three or four months or through the summer if I can stand it - IF there will be a place and function for me and subsistence. I cannot come before February because it would be wrong to leave before the end of the Fall term. I know the situation is desperate in Mississippi but I could not be any kind of teacher if I did not honor obligations wherever I had undertaken them. If my plan is agreeable, let me know as quickly as possible so I can go about arranging for a leave of absence, subletting my apartment, and tending to the thousand details one cannot forget when one is no longer a 20-year old college sophomore.

Take care and write pronto,

Sandra Adickes