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Dear Henry and Sue:

I'm sorry to be late in checking out the insurance ~~xxx~~ for you, but what with closing the office and all, I was forced to be out of town for a week, and since then when I was in town I got a lot of ~~x~~ run-around.

I called Wm. Miller the day after you asked, and he was very evasive. He said to call him back in a few days, or something like that—couldn't answer now. When I called him back in a few days, he was very curt and said he wasn't able to carry that kind of policy, etc. He recommended the other two "egro insurance companies. I didn't get hold of them until today, and they both said that they were Life insurance companies, that they weren't ~~xxxxxx~~ licensed to make policies on property. They did say, however, that Mr. Miller could take that kind of policy. Mr. Miller has a reputation for working with the movement, so I don't really understand what all the fuzzy vapors are about. Anyway, for a policy on the center, the two life insurance companies can't, and Miller won't. I have one other thing I can do—I can call Henry Aronson, who used to be an insurance man, and can maybe think of someone who will write a policy, ~~x~~ and as a last resort I can canvass white companies. I don't want to ~~do~~ the latter unless you ~~xxx~~ ask me to, because for all I know you have found a company ~~xxxx~~ by now from another source. I will call Aronson as soon as I can catch him in, though, and report to you what he says.

The group health plan is bad news, too, but not as bad. Neither of the Negro life insurance ~~xxxx~~ companies is licensed to sell group plans. Mr. Jones, of Security Life Insurance Co., 1328 Lynch St. Jackson, said that he would be happy to sell individual policies to the people involved (I said no, that I thought you wanted group protection), and he said that he would ~~seex~~ what he could do. He says that if he gets approval from the State something-or-other, he might be able to write a group plan. He said to call him back in a few days. If the "egro companies can't make a policy, I'm pretty sure that some white company would. This kind of insurance isn't nearly the problem that the center's insurance is. However, here again, I don't want to go to white companies unless you say to, and until I know the number of people who want to be covered, the name and address of the chairman of the group, the official title of the group, etc. I was so ignorant about insurance when you first spoke to me that I didn't know to ask about this stuff, but Mr. Jones asked about it. There may be other stuff they will ask, but if it gets more complicated than that, I'll refer them to the chairman of the group. Also, until I talked to Mr. Jones about the thing, I didn't realize what a great idea the whole plan is. I'll talk it up with other projects which have stable local organizations, if we can find a company, and see what the reaction is. Thanks for telling me.

Lois