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Hello Alica,

I received your letter and the money order that you mailed me. the two last money orders that you mailed me; I had a time cashing them; the reason that I had such a difficult time cashing them; is because the money orders was not signed by you. but I finally cashed them; I don't know the way the people suppose to endorse the money orders that send them; but I signed my name twice back and front of the money orders. on your letter you stated that you have not seen the letter that I wrote you; because you been away from home. well I have mailed you a large amount of information about the happen here in Mississippi, and a small amount of information about myself and pictures trying to bring you close as possible to this struggle and the events that are taking place here at this time. ~~to attempt to bring you closer~~ I will explain how and why we are having so much trouble about. it began with our value system I mean ~~our~~ personal value system; it has some what over shadow the main reason that we came to do which is attempt or rather do it organize the Negroes, to vote and about the government, we just did not omit the cause but we was not going to vacate our personal values, but we were force to compromise with the people of Laurel, which mean cut your hair, go to church that doesn't mean that we don't go to church, but we did not go as we wanted to; because we don't have the garments to wear to church and the time that we did go we would wear our blue jeans because we ~~didn't~~ don't have anything else to wear. and we did go the people didn't like it because we wore starch and ironed blue jeans the only thing that we have to wear. to top that a week ago a guy came here from L.A. Calif. with distraction to the movement here in Laurel, such as truning the people against us. we have a meeting coming up this Tuesday night to expose this guy to the community. I will write and let you know the whole story on my next letter about the whole thing as an overall. but right now these are the thing that I need at this point now such as dress garments and shoes to wear to church. ~~the~~

I wear a size nine and a half shoe, size 29 in lg. 28wt ~~paat~~ trouser coat 38 I am hoping that you can get me these thing and-mail- ship them ~~before~~ before Saturday. I will write you back soon to let you know the whole story about our personal values and the Calif. fraud.

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