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Dear James and Rob:

It was most interesting to visit Radio City, Tougaloo. I became so diverted by "The Subterranean Homesick Blues" that I failed to concentrate on business. Somewhere along the way, you and Alan Ribback obtained what you wanted from the Freedom School Workshop, and I do not have the complete tapes of the sessions.

You may recall that the purpose of bringing Ribback and his machines to Highlander was to obtain a record of the "classes" and discussions. We need this for evaluation and for other purposes. James, will you please send me all of the original tapes at once and if you still need duplicates of some reels, you undoubtedly can get them from the tapes that Rob made. The originals belong to us for Highlander's educational files. I hope that you two are going to be able to carry out the plan for workshops at Tougaloo to develop skills in recording, editing, maintenance and repair of equipment. It was to help make this phase of training possible that I provided a thousand dollars worth of equipment.

The confusion about the records of the workshop arose because the roles to be played by you and Alan became somewhat jumbled together. Actually, of course, no matter who technically recorded the material, the content is our responsibility and it should be used only with permission from Highlander.

This means Highlander should be consulted if an occasion ever arises when somebody other than yourselves or the Freedom School Workshop group wants some of the tapes. Obviously, certain individuals could take out of context remarks that were made here and wreak havoc for Highlander Center and for some of our friends.

Rob, I never did get from you the typed list of tape recorders, microphones and other items, with prices attached, which I bought and are now in your possession, plus a statement of our agreement regarding their future use. I'd appreciate your mailing it to me for my Freedom School Workshop - Tougaloo file.

I'm going to ask all the peoples who came to the workshop to let me know if they are now conducting Freedom School classes or planning to begin soon. Hyles and I expect to visit some schools this summer if any exist other than in the minds of true believers. If as many as ten or fifteen of our recent pupils have been really doing something observable this summer, maybe we can have a workshop in fall only for them, if they want it and get down to specific problems and methods.

Loved your hospitality.
Fondly,

Lucy

James, if you are coming to the poetry workshop, please bring the tapes or else send them by Jane. L.