

*Strike City*

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Dear Lucy,

It was good to see you. Sometimes we get to feeling pretty isolated down here. So that we're glad when you come and we can relate what we're doing to Chicago politics and far away places.

Florence Halpern stopped on her way to a psychological convention in New Orleans to spend a few days with us. She gave us \$6,000 to put in the well, about which we'd been sweating. You know that was a welcome gift. If any of our fund raising efforts for the well come through, the money will be used to buy land on which to build the 100 houses.

We've gotten some action out of the Sunday meeting. We're writing the Congressmen who sent us the telegram and asking them to push Shriver about our proposal. Through Milt Kotler, at the Institute, we're getting coverage in the Washington Post. Also through Milton, we've set up a seminar at the Institute for next Thursday, March 31. We'll be working out the community government aspect of the housing scheme. There will be some foundation people and a few guys from government, along with the resource people that Milton pulls together. It would be good if you could come over to the meeting. It's not clear to me whether you'll be back from Tobago by then; but if you've made it back by Thursday, I hope you'll come.

As you could see, we will be through building at Strike City pretty soon. It will be a relief to me to get those houses finished. Since we're in the last phase of the building, we will need to spend the additional \$5,000 which Mr. Montgomery agreed to make available to us. It takes from a week to 10 days to make the stock into cash; so we would appreciate it if he would send it to the Institute as soon as possible. It will be tax exempt if it goes to the Institute.

Hope you enjoyed your vacation and that Rita recuperates with no trouble. We look forward to when we can meet her and Kenny. In the meantime, say hello for us.

Frank Smith

*-Frank*

*and Jean, too*

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