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Dear Friend:

Thanks for yours of January 13th, including the Freedom Day action project. We have been doing as much as possible on the subject already, but sorry to have to say that we cannot make a special mailing to our group leaders, due to the fact that we are in the middle of two major crises of a program nature, one dealing with the U.S. surplus food to China and the other a reconciliation tour to Cuba. However, be assured that our every effort is directed toward an increase of interest and activity in the elimination of segregation and discrimination.

I was interested in the mention of the Austin, Texas project, having participated in its planning. The demonstrations themselves did not start until the day after I left town. The local newspapers played up this fact a little bit.

I hope that the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, in addition to encouraging groups to work on these projects, will provide them with minimum disciplines, some advice as to the best ways and spirit in which to go about these things. I am sure you are doing this, however.

Sincerely yours,
Glenn E. Smiley
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