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Mr. Jonathan Schwartz  
21 Inman Street  
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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Our spirits are lifted anew by "An Open Letter to the Student Committee from a member of EPIC", by the mere fact that you wrote to us, by the courageous and unequivocal stand which you are taking, and by the depth of understanding which is embodied in the letter. Thank you.

We rejoice in the work and the discussions which have taken place in Boston. It is essential now that we explore "in depth" the philosophy of nonviolence, not only in terms of the student movement, but, as you have said, in terms of our whole existence and relationships with the peoples and powers of the world. Only from such broad approaches can a redemptive community be born.

In whatever area the concept of nonviolence is applied, we must get to the basic threat - the loss of personhood. Being implies relationship; nonviolence says "Yes" to the other individual - be he friend or foe. The potential of the movement is fantastic. Let us continue to work together to realize the full potential and to bring about, through a belief in Something greater, the community of persons.

We are indeed different people, - people jerked from the complacency of the ivory tower and thrown up against the barriers that separate men from men and thus, men from themselves. Let us maintain humility and remain true to the freedom we have but tasted.

Again, thank you for the letter. We ask your permission to publish it in the August issue of "The Student Voice", our newsletter? Please let us know immediately if this is agreeable. We would sign it with your name and introduce it as you have, "An Open Letter..." Hoping that you will allow us to use this, we are

Yours in freedom,

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