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Dear Ed,

Pardon my lengthy lack of correspondence. It has resulted from being too busy spreading the story of what has been happening in Jackson around the uninformed in Los Angeles. It is really amazing what the newspapers don't know. I'll try to remember to send along some clippings.

First, let me thank you and your wife for the hospitality shown me during my recent trip to Jackson. It was a real privilege getting to meet you and share even briefly in the situation in which you find yourself. Thanks so much. I only regret we didn't have more time in which to get acquainted.

Next, out here in the wild west we just don't get information on what is really going on in Mississippi. I think that the sort of thing that's happening at Tougaloo needs to be publicized as much as some of the more distressing negative happenings. So, could you send me reports, from time to time, on what is happening? Do you have regular mailings or such? Anything so that we can get the full story. Would appreciate it.

One other thing - would you consider it valuable to have us send a team of young people down to Tougaloo to visit the campus, get acquainted with the students, share ideas, learn of SNCC's work in Mississippi, maybe even do a work project of some kind? If so, when would a good time be to do something like this?

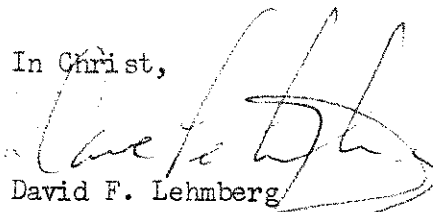
I reported to Bishop Kennedy our confrontation with Bishop Franklin, and also on conversations with Grandberry and Cunningham. I don't really know what Kennedy will do - he feels one bishop really can't interfere too much in another's territory. Several of us will keep putting pressure on him to take some action, however, for the good of the state of the church. Can't forecast what that will be, however.

We will be organizing an Interracial Council of Methodists out here this month, patterned after the Chicago group. I'll try to keep you informed on the progress.

Rev. Bob Washer of our conference asked me to ask you to give his regards to Clarice Campbell, who I understand teaches at Tougaloo.

Again, thanks for your hospitality. Keep us the good work, and all those cliches -- I mean it, though.

In Christ,


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