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Dear Jeannette and Ed,

Things have been moving very fast since I left Jackson. I'm chagrined that I have said no "thank you" all this time for your generous hospitality that memorable weekend. When I came back to Philadelphia I launched right into problems here that would take an hour to describe, but much the same as you face--jealousy between groups, individuals seeking power, so little idea of what non-violence really means. But there is a group of non-aligned students who are looking for ways of drawing the factions together and of acting on a total program, each group complementing the other.

Matt was involved with the group of ministers etc that entered an amusement park in Baltimore a couple of weeks ago. Spent a couple of days in jail with some marvelous people including Bill Coffin, chaplain at Yale. Do you know him? Matt's description of him and his wife (who also went to jail) reminded me of you two. Funniest remark of the weekend: when the press asked Coffin what he thought of his wife being in jail too, he said, "I figure the family that goes to jail together, stays together."

We are still planning to come south in another two or three weeks. Matt has some ideas for documenting different aspects of what is happening. The kids, the white liberal, how does non-violence change people, if it does, etc. We talked with Wyatt Walker when he was in Philly and he confirmed our feeling that this kind of documentation was badly needed.

We can't tell what is happening in Jackson from the papers, so before we decide where would be the best place for us to go we must have an objective appraisal of what is going on and what will be happening within the next month or two.

Is your mail censored? or could you give us this information as fully as possible. Since we are limited in funds and time it is important that we choose the right place. A place where a real surge into non-violent action is beginning.

I would be interested to hear if anything came of the idea to mobilize the women. And has a Marjory Collins appeared on your scene yet?

Many thanks again for putting up with me and Barbara. I think of you frequently, especially on Sunday mornings! God! It's so safe here!

love to all--John too, Jeannine

P.S. Looks like Matt will be working partly for SCLC + partly for himself. Has possibilities of assignments with LIFE, LOOK, but at this point thinks it →

I sense the format. I'm in a childrens camp - have to scrounge paper, typewriter, pencils, and time between classes. What a shame about Highlander and Summer Lane!