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Rev. Ralph King Mr. John Salter Tougaloo Christian College Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Rev. King and Mr. Salter:

Our committee discussed last Sunday morning the events which were reported in that morning's Los Angeles Times concerning the "mourning march" for Medgar Evers, and what followed it.

First of all we want to extend to you our commendation for your courage in using direct action to back up Your Christian principles. We can only feel humble because you are doing our job too--it is as much our problem as it is yours. We pray that this creative energy that you are using will be replenished again and again.

We are enclosing part of the clipping from the <u>Times</u>. You can see you made the headlines. We are taking the slant used with our customary grain of salt.

We send our deepest sympathy to you, the city of Jackson, and the State of Mississippi in the loss of Mr. Evers. We were deeply shocked and grieved and are making these feelings known to the President and others. It is humanity's loss as well.

Very sincerely,

Social Action Committee

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Secretary

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