Dear Friend:

Nine years ago the Supreme Court told us that we must integrate our schools "with all deliberate speed". In Mississippi, our interpretation of "deliberate" has been different from what the Supreme Court intended.

We have one negro in the University of Mississippi but it took 32,000 soldiers and over $5,000,000. (to March 1) to get him in and keep him there.

When this decision was handed down, there were a great many people in Mississippi who felt that there was nothing that could be done. We owe a debt of gratitude to a group in Indianola who thought otherwise and formed the first Citizens' Council.

Today, we find a few, thank God a very few, who say they are "for segregation" but say we should yield this, that, and the other. What they mean, in our opinion, would bring on a little integration - then a lot of integration - then all out integration.

There have been some who doubted the need for a Citizens' Council. I think that any doubt should have been dispelled by the way the recent situation was handled in Greenwood. Nothing but praise has been heaped on Greenwood, her citizens, and her police force. Even the New York Times (see other side) gives us praise.

It takes a lot of money to keep this organization going. It must go on. If you would like to help the cause, we hope you will send a generous check in an early mail.

Along with your check, we would like you to express any ideas you have as to future operation or programs.

Sincerely yours,

Ellett Lawrence:bcj

Dedicated to the maintenance of peace, good order and domestic tranquility in our Community and in our State and to the preservation of our State's Rights.