GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI  
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To ANY and ALL good, but slumbering, Citizens, EVERYWHERE:

In the morning mail, we got a check for $100 from a prominent Mississippi doctor. He is going to make regular contributions from now on.

He also included a letter, part of which I quote below:

"I have been a card carrying member of the County Citizens' Council until it went defunct last year. I must admit that I am partially responsible because I did not attend the Citizens' Council meetings. However I am a very busy man and felt that my financial support was all that I could give but if you would use your influence to help get another county organization going in my County, I will certainly try to do better about my attendance."

What he says about his community is true in many other places. The only way to have a functioning Citizens' Council in any community is for a group of outstanding men to get behind the movement, devote some time to it, and get these Councils back to what they should be.

We suggested to our doctor friend that if he would take the lead, call these men to meet with him in his office, they could revive their Council. The rest of the community will go along. When revived, keep it alive by having your Executive Committee meet once each month.

If ever there was a need for a functioning Citizens' Council in every community in Mississippi and the whole South, it is NOW. If you need help from this office, you can get it.

Yours very truly,

Ellett Lawrence:ml
Finance Chairman

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