Dear Mom and Dad,

Shaw, July 4

Mississippi Negroes... the race, the color of their skin, their heredity, their history, their separate civilization, their separate identity.

There is no Golden Door in Shaw...

The four old grandsons are standing by my side.

One day has passed in Shaw, the other America is.

Edna

Love,

Handwritten manuscript, presumably a letter, discussing the experiences of a person who has been living among the Mississippi Negroes. The text reflects on the racial divide, the history, and the personal experiences of the author. The letter is a reflection on the challenges faced by those who lived in such a segregated society.

Handwritten note:

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Dear Arley,

July 28

Boyle County

Every election year there is some kind of election. It always seems to be the same thing over and over. The newspapers are full of stories about the upcoming election. Even the local community has been affected. No one seems to be paying attention, but they all know that it's coming.

Yours truly,

Jackson

July 13

Boyle County

Under the Civil Rights Act in the United States, the Federal government has been defending the rights of voters since the 1960s. The Voting Rights Act was passed in 1965 to protect the rights of African Americans to vote. The FDL is charged with enforcing this legislation.

Sincerely,

Jackson

July 10

Boyle County

In Mississippi, the question of voter registration remains a contentious issue. The state has a history of disfranchising African Americans through various tactics, including literacy tests and poll taxes. The FDL has been involved in several legal battles to ensure fair and equal voting rights.

Yours truly,

Jackson

July 12

Hammontree

I have no local protection...
School for Freedom
The purpose of the conversation was to formulate a Youth Bill. 4. Reduce farm income through N.Y. C.F. the
3. Power comes from community between brother and sister; we can see this by N.Y.
2. We're outnumbered — the A, is a precious thing
1. N.Y. should not stop at 9 a.m. outside.

N.B.: don't win.

3. Violence shows people you aren't happy even if you

— Joseph Smith & others to freedom after a revolt.

— The whole man we mean and soul. Have gone freedom by violence

2. Violence has been successful in Africa — we must show

Ns. and were exaggerated.

N.Y. & was extraordinarily.

The converse is dead. The Jews, proceeded N.Y. reduces the

I. The role for non-volunteers. (N.Y. can only work it)

Affirmative

Optional)

The points are outlined below. The debates were 12-16 years

Reaching: the violence is necessary to obtain civil rights.

Having a debate on the church law.

Wrong on the door. The two Freedom Schools were

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 ability for the students to become, hence the other

The cause was decorated from a number alone the other

are over 75.

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Recall what you heard at Oxford. Some of the students

set to music made for their specially here is hierarchy. She

Windsor University where she graduated. Now she's

and who looked at site just stepped out of the library at

School for Freedom
Alia the station house, Peter heard for the first time that he
quietly be refused. We returned after him anyway,
follow—3 o'clock. Two officers on duty so the man could
have been at the court directory theme, and could have
scene, but he had been at the court directory theme, and could have
Public Safety building and pulled the man out of a
front of a shop. Seats, the seats and the seats, and
help, and should be returning on 100 long street nearest public
in accordance with the seats, was left to go.

without a word

when we were talking him in a hurry, there was a
building—into the lookout, the position again the building
street was knocked down and the
guarded, we were at the entrance. Peter was knocked down and clicked
my front door, behind me, was so square. I

shouted the server: "Thusly, thusly..."

in the middle: To the end of the line we said
the server: "Thusly, thusly..."

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was under arrest, along with his assailant, for assault and battery. We all acted indignantly and vociferously, demanding how that could be. The policeman said that whenever there was "fighting" in the street, both parties were arrested. We said that there had hardly been a fight...

Every brush with the police contained a reminder that the missing three had last been seen alive on their way to jail. There were ugly stories about what could happen to a man in the privacy of prison, in the hands of the law. But more commonly jail was just a nuisance for the volunteer.

Gulfport, July 8

We were booked and taken to a cell block on the second floor with about 8 white prisoners already in it. Standard procedure is to bribe some prisoners with cigarettes to beat up civil rights workers. However, we soon made friends and in ten minutes we were removed to an empty cell block on the third floor with women, juveniles, and condemned murderers. We sang freedom songs, beat rhythm on the bars and metal table, played kazoos of tissue and combs and raised hell.

The Harrison County jail is very modern, but you sweat, for Mississippi is a hot place. Jails are so damn stupid, though. Once you're in, and the lethargy and the apathy stick, you're stuck. The theory is deterring, but who is deterred? The theory is reform, but who reforms? You just sit, or sleep, or stare, or think about something, or dwell on nothing. Jail apathy very quickly becomes life to the inmate. But this apathy permeates everything only while you are in jail. When you are set free, it explodes in one big binge of rebellion....

Kenneth Keating (R-NY) called through an aide about a half hour after our 9:00 breakfast the next day — Barry and Dave are his constituents. The sheriff came up personally to give us hell for not eating his food. We turned it down in protest against segregated jails, arrest under an unconstitutional law, and because we got better facilities outside — a dig at the sheriff. He cannot comprehend why we live with Negroes. It is so foreign and strange an idea that his mind just stops. We finally got out on $500 apiece property bond.

Unlike workers in the early days of the Movement, the volunteers usually didn't remain in jail more than overnight. But once in a while...

Panola County Jail
Dear Family, Batesville, Friday ca. 1:30 p.m.

I am writing this letter as I begin my second day in jail, but bond is set at $700 and the trial for tomorrow at 10:00 a.m., and I have read the Sat. Eve. Post. Life. Mad, most of a Baptist publication called Gospel Light, 12 pages of a pulp western, odd bits of newspaper, and parts of Car Life, all very thoroughly, and am now at the end of my resources. Not stir-crazy — just restless. I'm well and alone in a large bunch of cells, tolerably clean and unmolested. I just had an amiable conversation with the sheriff. But I do wish someone would get me out of here. An attorney and a law student are in town, but they don't seem to have secured bail money yet. I'm in on two charges: failure to answer questions of the D.A. and resisting arrest...

Sunday, Round about Midnight

I tore these pages out of the back of a Bible. But I'm furious — and anxious to communicate the fact. Who the hell do they think they are? At my trial, the Sheriff and a State Highway Patrolman, who was in mufti when I was arrested, testified that (1) the sheriff had told me I was under arrest (2) when grabbed by the arm by the Deputy, I had raised my arm to ward him off (3) I had held back after being grabbed. All of which are untrue. The point is, they never did make a proper arrest; the others