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156 West Newton Street
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Mr. Robert Penn Warren

Dear Mr. Warren:

I look forward to seeing your new book and am happy that my manuscript was of value to you. The selection you want to quote, the letter from Mr. Graham, is a letter printed on the first page of one of the first SNCC newsletters, "The Student Voice." I am not sure of the issue, but I think it was one of the first issued, probably about ~~April/1960~~ May or June 1960. If necessary I can find the specific date for you.

My manuscript, which was originally part of the requirement for a BA in social science at San Francisco State College, has made the rounds of the publishers with no takers. I am afraid that my Brandeis professors took little interest, but David Riesman has seen the manuscript, and has found someone, Nancy Evans, an editor of THE CORRESPONDENT, who is interested in reworking it into a trade book. Mrs. Evans is not sure yet, and we have not yet found a publisher, and thus I am still on the lookout for someone interested in working on it with me.

Professor Riesman has suggested sending it to Jason Epstein at Random House. David Collins of their college department originally turned it down. If you have the time, I would appreciate you dropping a note to Random House. Your voice might add help at this time. If you have any ideas about other publishers or editors would you let me know. Little Brown and Beacon have expressed interest in a recast version, but an editor, and maybe Mrs. Evans, will need at least 1000 dollars. I see this as an advance and am now much more concerned with a book on this subject than with making money.

If you still have the manuscript would you mind sending it back to Jason Epstein at Random House. I have no copies myself at this time. One way or the other would you let me know where the copy is that Mr. Carmichael gave you. I gave him a copy before Mr. Riesman got interested and have now got myself in a bind.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Rose
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