



# Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

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Dear Mr. Warren:

We appreciated the opportunity to speak with you by telephone last night. As we indicated during that conversation, we would very much like to have you participate in a Book and Author Party to be given early in March by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in Washington, D.C., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Pikser. In addition to your national reputation, your name was suggested to us as particularly appropriate for our purposes by several staff members of The New Republic magazine who are among our most respected advisers.

We hope to have present several authors of recent books dealing with civil rights issues. We will ask each of them to speak about his book and join in some group discussion thereafter. In addition to yourself, the other authors we plan to invite are : Mr. Claude Brown; Dr. Howard Zinn; Miss Elizabeth Sutherland; Miss Sally Belfrage; and Mr. Leonard Holt, all of whom have written in the field of working to obtain Negro civil rights in this country.

The civil rights struggle is a never ending one. SNCC has been committed to that fight for the last six years. At present we are facing a financial crisis which is endangering the survival of our vital programs in the South of voter registration and political education, of freedom schools and community centers. With parties such as this one we hope to raise the necessary funds to keep our efforts alive.

We realize that your schedule must be replete with commitments, and therefore, we are waiting to hear from you before determining the exact date for this affair. We are able to have it either on Saturday, March 4, or Saturday, March 11, 1966. We can leave the choice between the two dates up to you.

On the evening of the party, we intend to have on hand copies of each author's book, which we will offer for sale to the guests. We hope to obtain these books from the respective publishing houses.

We would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible, as there are myriad plans to be made and preparations begun for this affair.

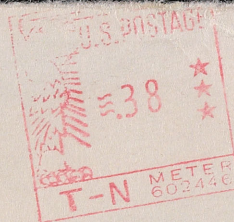
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In freedom,  
*Tina Smith*  
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