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Mr. Robert Penn Warren  
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Dear Mr. Penn Warren,

Thank you very much for your reply and concern. I understand how busy you must be. I am working on getting the hearings moved up one day as you suggested and there appears to be no real reason why they cannot be held on the 8th. However this will depend on whether the other persons who have consented to appear can come on June 8th.

On our progress to date: we have secured the National Theater in which to hold the hearings, and a number of persons have agreed to serve on the panel. The hearings are endorsed by the major civil rights organizations; NAACP, SCLC, CORE, SNCC, The Urban League and the National Council of Negro Women all voted to support the hearings at a recent meeting.

The response has been encouraging, at least to the letters sent out from Washington. Mr. Michael Harrington, Mr. Joseph Heller, Dr. Harold Taylor, Mr. Gresham Sykes of the American Sociological Association, and Mr. Paul Goodman have agreed to come. We hope to hear favorably from Mr. John Hersey, Mr. Norman Cousins, and Mrs. Marshall Field in the near future. But even if we don't, and you and Mr. Woodward are able to come, we will have a panel of formidable moral and influential presence. I know that you understand how crucially important it is that the hearings be successful. I will contact you by telephone as soon as the date is cleared - perhaps tomorrow.

With every good wish,

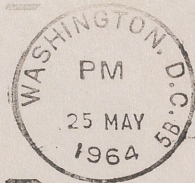
Yours for Freedom,

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*"One Man, One Vote"*

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