

538½ North Farish Street
Jackson, Mississippi
September 30, 1964

Dear Friend:

As you know, public schools in Biloxi, Jackson and Leake County desegregated peacefully this fall. This is certainly an important event in terms of seeing the last State in the union lower racial barriers in its public schools. Perhaps more important to us, however, is the fact that an opportunity for a much better education is now available to the Negro young people in Mississippi. This fact becomes even more significant in light of the new employment opportunities made possible through the recent Civil Rights Bill and through other attempts to give Negro citizens better jobs and a better life..

We have received requests from many persons throughout the State of Mississippi for information on achieving school desegregation in their local communities. We are sure that there are other problems in your local school systems which should be discussed. Therefore, The American Friends Service Committee and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., are co-sponsoring a leadership training institute on school desegregation, in hopes of giving useful information to interested community leaders.

Your name has been given to us as a person interested in this type of information and we would like to invite you to attend the Institute. It will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at The Farish Street Baptist Church, 619 North Farish Street in Jackson, Mississippi. We plan to start the meeting at 9:00 A.M., and it will be over by 5:00 that afternoon. We do hope that you will be able to attend the Institute and ask that you fill out the form below and return it as soon as possible to:

Marian Wright
c/o Young & Hall
538½ North Farish Street
Jackson, Mississippi

We look forward to seeing you on October 10th.

Sincerely,

Constance Curry

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LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Registration Form

I will be attending the Leadership Institute in Jackson on
Saturday, October 10,

Name _____ Address _____

(Please return as soon as possible)