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Dear Friends:

My letter to you is deliberately late, because I did so badly want you to read it. You have recieved so many messages recently, I knew mine probably would become lost in the stack. My reason for wanting so badly to be sure to make contact was because of my own personal involvement in Andy's coming to Mississippi.

I shall never forget my day at Queen's college in trying to pursade several of the students to come to Mississippi and make a personal witness in the cause of freedom. Both Mike Wenger and Andy Goodman were very much interested in the conditions in Miss. and both had a very real desire to help. They carried me out to a party for Queen's College students that I enjoyed very much.

I knew before leaving that Mike would not be coming, but Andy told me he was definitely coming and thanked me for coming to Queens college and making him see his mission so clearly.

Now you are without him as a son and I am without him as a friend. Somehow we will have to adjust to this. I am a little old but If possible I would like to become to you what he was, a son, and have you become what he was to me, a friend.

I do not know just when I will be in New York again, but I have already been to New York my last time without looking in on you, my new family. I am sure you can understand and know my feelings. How else can those of us so involved continue to be productive and useful in a cause that Andy believed in with all his heart.

Your son,

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