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Dear Friend:

I would like to acquaint you with the purpose and program of the forthcoming Civil Rights Leadership Institute sponsored by the National Student Association. The Institute will be held at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, between July 15 and August 12 for about 35 high school and college student leaders.

Each year that the movement continues, it becomes more clear that there is a critical need to constantly train new leadership that will be able to think strategically and insightfully about the direction of the Civil Rights Movement, its scope, and the underlying issues. The Institute will attempt to give participants an understanding of the connections between their particular community situations and the historical, political and economic trends which have produced those communities. Stated more tersely, it is the view of the Institute that the evil of segregation cannot be combatted successfully unless it is understood in all its diverse ramifications. The Institute will provide an introduction to this broader understanding.

The following brief outline of major subject headings should help you understand the kind of material that the Institute will cover.

- I. THE HISTORY OF THE NEGRO IN AMERICA AND OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. (A brief overview of Negro history and movements to set the context in which the Institute will operate.)
- II. SOUTHERN HISTORY. (Ante-bellum period, Civil War, Reconstruction, Rise of Jim Crow, Populist Movement, Compromise of 1877.)
- III. SOUTHERN ECONOMICS. (Influence of an agrarian economy and current changes, employment and automation, industrialization and unionization.)
- IV. SOUTHERN EDUCATION AND SCHOOL DESEGREGATION.
- V. PATTERNS OF DISCRIMINATION. (Study of discrimination in public facilities, law enforcement, recreation, hotels, athletics, etc., and means of combatting it.)
- VI. SOUTHERN POLITICS IN STATE AND NATION
- VII. ANALYSIS OF A SOUTHERN TOWN AND CITY: HOW COMMUNITIES WORK
- VIII. THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT: GOALS, ORGANIZATION, STRATEGY, TACTICS, THE FUTURE. (Various routes to social change, organizations working in the field, direct action movements, legal procedures, etc.)

Four people who have been active in Civil Rights work will serve as staff-teachers for the student group. In addition, the Institute will

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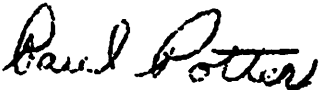
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bring resource people to work with the participants on each of the areas listed above.

We are enclosing an application form. If you know of any student who would be interested in attending the Institute and who you think would profit from such an experience, would you please have him fill out the application and send it to the Southern Office, NSA, Room 701, 41 Exchange Place, S.E., Atlanta 3, Georgia, immediately.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Potter".

Paul Potter
Institute Director

APPLICATION FORM

NSA CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
July 15 - August 12, 1963
Atlanta, Georgia

General Instructions

- A. Please fill in this form as completely as possible. It will be used as a basis for selection of participants in the NSA Civil Rights Leadership Institute.
- B. Please ignore questions that do not apply to your own experience.
- C. Please print clearly or type.
- D. All applications and supporting materials must be received ^{as soon as possible} ~~by May 15, 1963.~~

1. name ^{Mr.} Mrs. _____
Miss _____ (last) (first) (middle)
2. age _____
3. school _____
4. class & expected date of graduation _____
5. current school address _____
school phone number _____
dates you can be reached here _____
6. permanent home address _____
home phone number _____
dates you can be reached here _____
7. summer address _____
phone number _____
dates you can be reached here _____
8. parent or guardian _____
address _____
9. your field of academic concentration _____

10. Who contacted you or how did you hear about the Institute?
11. Please attach a statement of 1000 words or less giving:
 - (1) A brief autobiographical sketch.
 - (2) Your interest and experience in Civil Rights work.
 - (3) Why you are interested in attending the Institute.
 - (4) An analysis of your campus or surrounding community, describing opportunities for Civil Rights work.
12. Please have a transcript of your college grades sent to the address given in number 13.
13. When you have completed this form, please return it immediately to:

Southern Office, USNSA
 Room 701, 41 Exchange Place, S.E.
 Atlanta 3, Georgia

14. (See below)

Signature _____

Date of birth _____

Place of birth _____

14. Please list below the name, address and position of one faculty member or community Civil Rights leader who is in a position to evaluate your abilities to benefit from the Institute and to contribute to Civil Rights activities in the South. Note: Recommendation forms will be sent directly to him.

(IMPORTANT) If you are unable to return this entire application immediately, please detach this section and mail it to us now.

recommender's name _____

position _____

address _____

your name _____

college _____

address _____