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Dear Paul,

Let's fine.

Glad to know Conyers did send the books out, if long after he was supposed to. The list was compiled in consultation with Johnson before the day in his office that he directed it be done. Johnson did recommend certain white members, and there were books for those he recommended. However, there is no doubt that it is possible they may have been better used by people like (silent) Jackson than by some members. And having sent them out under his own name could explain the failure to respond when I asked him to be sure it was done, having heard nothing from any.

Regardless, it is hard to understand total silence from all members, all AA and IAs. Are there any of these you know who might be interested? The book is about dead, thanks to this kind of things on all levels, most of all the abdication of the publisher, and with it the chance to do something.

I spoke to Duberstein in Dellums office by phone several times. The first he went and got the book, the second he told me how he is the world's two busiest men. Next time I went there to deliver something unrelated I thought might interest him and Dellums, based on their current and public activity. He spent three times as much time telling me how busy he was as it would have taken for me to hand him the xerox I had for him, so I left. I also spoke to Bella Abzug's AA, who is no longer there.

Your unemployment does have a side benefit! Hope you land something soon.

Meanwhile, as of now, we have nothing special for next week. Things can always develop, but there now is no special reason to anticipate that any will.

Best,

July 8, 1971

Dear Hal:

Thanks for answering my letter, I'm pleased that I can come. I'm planning to make it week after next and I'll call the day or so before I drive up. I'm looking forward to the pool, the country-inn dinner and talking with you. I should have no trouble with your explicit directions.

I've been very busy trying to find a job or get into law school this fall(hopeless) but I must admit the stacks of reading material that has been waiting for over a year has been reduced somewhat. If I could find a job that paid me to sit and read I'd be all set.

I know for a fact that Conyers sent out your books, but as he sent them out under his signature maybe those that received them just didn't think to thank the author, but then again maybe I'm just not as cynical as you. He didn't, however, send them to all the black members, some of whom they would have been wasted on, but instead sent a few to white activist Congressmen. Jesse Jackson got two copies and has your phone number.

I'll see you soon.

Paul