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(Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee)



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Mr. Randy Weston
204 East 13th Street
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Dear Mr. Weston,

I am sorry that there was so much confusion in the matter of your giving a concert in Albany for the benefit of Friends of SNCC. None of us here was under the impression that a firm commitment had been made. Indeed, at the time Mrs. Lee talked with you we weren't even sure we could get a hall for April 17.

We had been discussing for some time with the Atlanta office of SNCC the possibility of having Dick Gregory and the Freedom Singers here, but at that time he was planning to make a tour in May. Suddenly he changed his plans, and we were offered April 20 or 21. We planned to get in touch with you as soon as the date was clinched, but there seemed no point in doing so before we were certain, which, as a matter of fact, was not until last night.

I now realize, after hearing from Dave Kidd, that you - and he, too - had a different impression, and I am particularly distressed to hear that you lost another engagement because you believed you were committed to us. We are a poor organization, since we send funds to the South as fast as we raise them, but the executive committee feels that we should send you at least a token amount as evidence of good faith. I therefore enclose a check for \$100.

With many regrets and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Granville Hicks

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Copy to Dave Kidd