

West Wardsboro, Vermont, August 5, 1964

Mr Tom Rose,  
156 West Newton St.,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr Rose:

Late this spring Stokely Carmichael let me have the use of his copy of your unpublished dissertation Negro Student, USA. Now I am writing you for permission to quote some material from it.

But first I should let you know who I am and what I am doing. I am a writer -- chiefly a novelist I suppose -- and a professor at Yale University. Among my novels are All The King's Men, World Enough And Time, The Cave, and Flood. I am now doing a piece of journalism -- I suppose you would call it -- to be published in a short version in Look Magazine, and in the full version as a book with Random House. The basic project is a set of interviews I have done with Negro leaders in different parts of the country and at different age levels. That, of course, is how I came to know Mr Carmichael, who has been very helpful to me. and whose interview is being used in my book.

Now to what I want from you: On page 64 there is a letter from Clarence Graham to his parents, explaining why he was about to join a sit-in and go to jail, a very moving document. In my chapter on interviews with the "young" I should like to quote this as a piece of background material. May I do so? I should be very grateful.

Vwry sincerely yours,

Robert Penn Warren

PS. I should say that in general I have found your dissertation very useful indeed, very valuable. Is it to be published?

*Robert Penn Warren*