

Dear Mr. Warren,

So many of us were impressed by the compassion shown both by your address last year at Union College and by your book, WHO SPEAKS FOR THE NEGRO?, that the Board of the Capital District Friends of SNCC have recommended that the Speakers Committee of the Friends write you. As the members of that Committee, we would like to ask you to address us and our friends and neighbors on the whole vexed future of the civil rights movement in the United States.

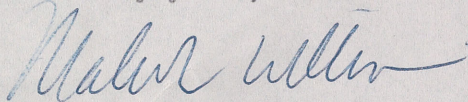
Despite the uncertainties of the hour, we Friends of SNCC feel that SNCC, especially in the South, but also in the North, is legitimately struggling against direct repression, and for direct political influence by Negroes. We want to continue to raise money for these purposes.

Therefore, we would like both to clarify our own thinking and our fellow-townsmen's, and to raise money for SNCC, by having a knowledgeable, perceptive speaker come to Schenectady to give an address on the civil rights movement and its future. We are writing several possible speakers for that purpose. Would such an invitation interest you for a mutually agreeable date this fall or winter?

Please let us know your reaction at your earliest convenience.

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Schenectady, N.Y.

Sincerely yours,


Malcolm Willison
for the Speakers Committee
of the Capital District
Friends of SNCC