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John H. Griffin  
Mansfield, Texas

June 26, 1963

Dear Dr. Silver,

Thank you for your letter. Some pancreatitis attacks have somewhat immobilised me. However, the book is packaged now and will be mailed tomorrow; and the photocopies came back, but are no good. So, on the almost certain chance that you have access to a tape recorder, I am going to tape this material for you; will do this over the week-end and send it along next week.

I realise that you must check and double check on this matter. I will tell you simply that every detail of this story, as I have received it came from: Clyde Kennard's mouth; his sister, his mother, his neighbors and friends in Hattiesburg, the court records, Martin Luther King and Dick Gregory. I have, wherever possible, used only those accounts where there was full harmony of details from at least two persons, & though the last, where Clyde was taken to the doctor fht last time, is his own account; and I suppose there is no way of verifying this. However, he was ~~always~~ always so scrupulous not to color anything in his favor that I have implicit faith he was telling ~~me~~ the exact truth. For example, in my attempts to reach some fully consistent picture, he often corrected errors in the sense of assuring me he was never beaten in prison, etc. And, although all evidence points to McCain's treason, his having gone beyond the call of duty in cooperating with the Sovereignty commission and the police, Clyde himself ~~he~~ refused to believe that McCain was not his friend - continued to believe McCain was not involved in that weird set of "coincidences" (the police knowing his time of arrival at the school, the Sovereignty Commission man 'just happening to drop by to be in the office when Clyde & arrived, etc.)

I wanted to give you some idea of the source of my material, and the degree in which I have been able to double check it. I will be able to comment on this perhaps in more exact detail when I make the tape for you.

I would indeed be honored to read an advance copy if you find you have time to send one. I may be in Atlanta in late July, since I plan to make another survey trip through the deep South, though very quietly, with the editor of Blackfriar's in London and possibly with a Look man.

Warmest regards. Talked with P.D. this evening. He is somewhat better.

Sincerely,  
John