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Dear Johnny:

Receiving the package from Mary Ann prompted me to write to you, in your capacity as Chair of the Documentation project.

The planners of the re-union missed a rare opportunity to begin the documentation of the Atlanta student movement when all of us were gathered there; that was the time for video interviews and the collection of memorabilia, photographs and ephemera of the movement.


Having missed that chance, we've got to take the next one before we all are dead.

I'd suggest that - through Dr. Cole - that an AU-wide committee of historians be convened under the leadership of Vincent Fort, and asked to solicit funds for a project that will document to Atlanta movement and deposit its findings and collections in the AU Library.

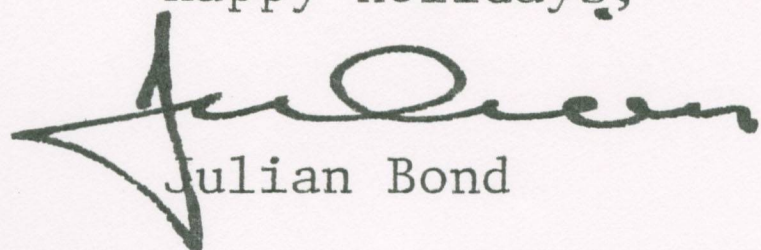
Fort is at Morehouse; he wrote his MA thesis on the Atlanta sit-in movement; he can oversee the interviewing of those movement participants - Mary Ann, Gwen, Danny, Charles et al - who are in the Atlanta area, and with the help of others, develop a plan for conducting the rest of this ambitious project.

I don't agree that "we are the ones to do it." Rather, trained, "objective" historians are the ones to do it. (No one is truly "objective")

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I'm writing to Fort  with this same suggestion, but
I urge the documentation project to do the same.

Happy holidays,


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