October 29, 1954

Mrs. Demas T. Craw League of Women Voters of Albermarle RFD 2 Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Craw:

Here are some more copies of the leaflet. Appreciate your signing yourself. You are already a paid-up member, but in due time you will get a bill for the next twelve months.

Delighted that the League of Women Voters in Virginia moves ahead on the schools business.

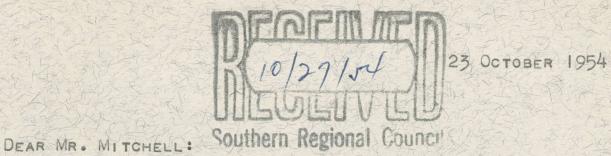
Alice and I greatly enjoyed the evening at your home in Charlottesville. I do hope that that can be repeated sometime and that we can all get to conversation near to the heart of these questions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell Executive Director

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COTUIT, CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS



EVER SINCE I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER ON THE CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE OF SRC AND THE PAMPHLET ON THE COUNCIL I HAVE WANTED TO WRITE YOU. THANKS TO ASLIGHT OPERATION ON MY WRIST, I HAVE BEEN CARRYING AROUND A SPLINT WHICH HAS KEPT ME FROM MY TYPEWRITER AND FROM WHICH I HAVE ONLY JUST BEEN EMANCIPATED.

THE IDEA OF STRENGTHENING THE STATE ORGANIZATIONS SEEMS EMINENTLY SOUND (IN FACT MUCH LIKE THE LWV STRUCTURE WHICH HAS PROVEN PRACTICAL), AND THE PAMPHLET IS JUST WHAT WAS NEEDED TO PRESENT TO PEOPLE UNFAMILIAR WITH SRC. IF I COULD HAVE SEVERAL MORE COPIES OF THAT TO KEEP ON HAND, I WOULD GIVE THEM TO PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

YOU'LL BE HEARTENED TO KNOW THAT THE LWV OF VIRGINIA, NOT CONTENT TO LEAVE OFF WITH THE ATLANTA CONFERENCE, DECIDED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ALL ITS LOCAL LEAGUES TO CALL A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING EARLY IN NOVEMBER TO ADOPT IMMEDIATELY A CURRENT AGENDA ITEM TO DEAL WITH THE SCHOOL SITUATION. UNLESS IT IS NOW BEING DISCOVERED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP IN EACH LOCAL LEAGUE IS OPPOSED, I THINK THE ITEM WILL READ SOMETHING LIKE THIS: SUPPORT OF FREE, COMPULSORY EDUCATION AND, RECOGNIZING THAT EACH COMMUNITY PRESENTS INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS, SUPPORT OF MEASURES INSURING MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY OF METHOD OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW.

I CERTAINLY DID ENJOY THAT EVENING WITH YOU AND MRS. MITCHELL AND ONLY WISH IT COULD HAVE BEEN TWICE AS LONG SO WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN REALLY DOWN TO THE MEAT OF SOME OF THESE THINGS. I HOPE YOU'LL BE COMING TO CHARLOTTESVILLE AGAIN SOON.

PLEASE GIVE MY BEST TO MRS. MITCHELL.

MOST SINCERELY,

Lichtin Gaus

(THIS DOESN'T NEED AN ANSWER)