The main concern is how to coordinate protests and sit-in demonstrations with academic excellence. Doctor King expressed appreciation for the conference and said that he is definitely concerned with what we are concerned with. He too is in favor of coordination of student and adult leadership.

All aspects of the protest movement were explored and there was a meeting of minds in several areas. The Reverend Mr. Williams suggested that there should be an over-all committee on which Dr. King would sit to advise on all future actions in the area of protest demonstrations. Doctor King raised the question as to the function of such a committee. "Will it be advisory or policy making?" It was clear the committee would be primarily advisory.

A new committee will be set up as an advisory committee with Rev. S. W. Williams and Dr. M. L. King, Jr. being requested to convene the new committee after the Council of Presidents have had an opportunity to talk with the students on the All University Center Committee on An Appeal for Human Rights. November 4, we will invite the students to meet with the Council of Presidents at 2:30 p.m. Next Monday, November 6, at 3 p.m. the new committee will meet.

Meeting adjourned.

TD. MLKP-MBU.
5 Nov 1960
Mr. Walter R. Chivers
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Professor Chivers:

Please forgive me for being so tardy in my reply to your letter of October 4. After giving the matter serious consideration, I am happy to say that it will be possible for me to serve on the sponsoring committee of the new study being made by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. I must say that the decision was based on your high recommendation of this agency. Of course, I have always been deeply interested in and sympathetic with the total work of the Planned Parenthood Federation so you may feel free to write Miss Snyder concerning my acceptance.

I will look forward to receiving additional information as time goes on.

Very sincerely yours,

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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TLc. MLKP-MBU: Box 34.

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2. After receiving no response to his initial letter, Chivers sent King a reminder on 2 November.
3. After receiving a copy of this letter from Chivers, Margaret Snyder of Planned Parenthood expressed her appreciation for King’s support (Snyder to King, 14 November 1960). In a 1957 advice column in Ebony, King wrote that he did “not think it is correct to argue that birth control is sinful” and called “birth control rationally and morally justifiable” (King, “Advice for Living,” December 1957, in Papers 4:326).

To Ray A. Burchfield

5 November 1960
[Atlanta, Ga.]

King rejects an Indiana minister’s charge that he is being used by the Democratic Party “as a tool for their selfish designs.” Burchfield had voiced his opinion that King ought “to go to the press and tell them that as an American Negro you will not be used by any political party for its benefit.” King dismisses Burchfield’s concerns about King, Sr.’s

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1. Burchfield to King, 28 October 1960.
2. Burchfield to King, 1 November 1960; see also Burchfield to King, 3 November 1960. Ray A. Burchfield (1916–1981), born in Toronto, Ohio, received a B.A. (1948) from Marion College and a B.D. (1952) from the Christian Theological Seminary. Burchfield was a member of the board of directors of the Anderson, Indiana, Urban League from 1958 until 1962 and served as chairman of the Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid.