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Dear Constitutional Enthusiasts:

I realize that it has been awhile since we first met in Bruce's office to discuss the revitalization of the Memphis Chapter. As you will recall, our final plan was to have a gathering for those interested in restarting the Memphis Chapter of the ACLU, hope we get a few people out of that group who are willing to put some work into accomplishing the goal, and pass along to the others in attendance the good work that the ACLU has been doing. At this point, it seems as if the best time for such a party would be the end of January/beginning of February. However, I wanted to touch base with you all to finalize a date, and get people started on making out their list of invitees. In addition, we need to find a place for the party.

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As for potential dates, I suggest that we hold the event on a Thursday night, given the fact that it is going to be more of a cocktail hour/informational meeting as opposed to a "party." Perhaps Thursday, February 2, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. would be acceptable? I am certainly open to alternative days and times but just want to throw out a suggestion to get the ball rolling. Another possibility is a Sunday afternoon.

As for places, if anyone has a suggestion of a house large enough to accommodate a group of up to 50 people (with space for people to be comfortable while listening to a speaker), please give me a call.

Finally, each of us should be working on a list of potentially-interested parties. Again, this group should include some who may be willing to put in time to work on starting the new chapter. However, the list should also include those who will be good supporters, although not necessarily the actual workers. It will be nice to get a good group of 30 to 40 people for the actual event, with as many as 5 willing to help do the work to re-form the chapter.

Hopefully, this letter will get the ball rolling on this event. I have everyone's phone number, except for Dr. Walker's. If you are still interested in this initial go-around, Dr. Walker, please give me a call and let me know the best way to reach you by phone. I hate to have too many planning meetings so let's try to put this together in the most expeditious and painless manner possible. Please feel free to give me a call with comments and/or suggestions on the date, place, lists and coordination issues. We also should plan a meeting for early January to make sure we are on track. How about January 4, 1995 at 6:30 somewhere in midtown? We can have the meeting at my house, which is at 1737 Faxon (near Snowden School).

Looking forward to working with all of you on this event, and in the future with the Memphis Chapter of the ACLU.

Very truly yours,



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