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T. It was the plan of the seminary to establish a memorial there?

S. They have, yes, they've established a fellowship and they are raising \$100,000 for this fellowship which will be made available to seminarians, all seminarians belonging to the American Association of Theological Colleges and Schools. It will make funds available to those students who have received permission of their schools to participate in any area that deals with helping people, not just racial situations. I don't know just yet who is going to oversee that fund they will be trustees. The official release on that won't be out until the 19th of October.

T. Are you receptive to the idea of writing a letter?

S. Well, there's only one problem with it. I'm not a very good person to be writing such a letter.

T. I've written a letter to Wyatt Durette who was class agent for his class and have asked him to circularize the members of the class to see if they wish to participate in this. I haven't had an answer from him yet.

This is a letter I wrote to the English majors and posted on their bulletin board.

I'd like to write to _____ I'd hope that he'd be a particularly good person to write as he could write as an alumnus.

S. Is there another Episcopal clergy that's a graduate of V.M.I.?

T. I don't know, I've thought about it, can't think of any at the moment.

I talked to Jack Tiess who was the editor of the alumni bulletin and received a very cautious reaction from them. The V.M.I. Foundation is scared to death of this whole affair and take a very short sighted view of it. They've gotten some violent alumni reactions from those who live in the Richmond, Lynchburg, Vedesburg area. And, as I say, it's tough and go with the cadets. They finally approved supporting a memorial by a small majority. Some of the strongest cadets in favor of it were from the South and some of the strongest opponents were from the North. I think the clincher came from one man who will graduate this year and expects to go into the service and could not see any point in fighting for freedom in Viet Nam if we do not have it in the United States. I think that carried some weight.

S. Do you think Bill Byers was a person that knew Jonathan pretty well?

T. He's the only violent one I can think of. He probably did because at the fine arts laboratory they worked in very close contact and he had him in two courses.

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I had him in only one for one year. That is the extent of my contact with him.

S. He did good work for you.

T. Yes.

I find all official correspondence went with him. Admissions data when he came in went to Keene, New Hampshire. I checked the library and V.M.I. cadet while he was here.

S. What's the difference between the bond and the V.M.I. cadet?

T. The Bond is the yearbook. The V.M.I. Cadet is the newspaper. It's in the Cadet that we think the valedictory address might be reprinted.