REPORT

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On December 4, 1961, we were released from the Pike County Jail. Our intentions were to begin college in January, 1962, but later our intentions were changed after Bob Moses informed us that we were needed to help work on voter registration.

We began our work in McComb by going door to door to contact people and to discuss the registration blanks with them. Many went down and were registered, although we did not keep a record on this because we were not working under the supervision of any organization but merely to get the job done.

After the <u>Mississippi Free Press</u> newspaper began, we sold papers to get money to expand our project, for many people had begun to believe that S.N.C.C. had walked out on them.

We set up a school in Lincoln County (Brookhaven) which proved to be successful. We also set up a school in Amite County which met once a month.

Then, after about two months of work, with hardly enough money to do the job, we were starving ourselves by not eating properly because we did not have enough money to do the job and to eat sufficiently. Our parents were under the impression that we were being paid. When they discovered that we were not being paid and were living as vagrants, they asked us to come back home --which we did.

We have been informed that we have been elected to the staff of S.N.C.C. Mindful of this, we are leaving for Hattiesburg with William Miller to set up a voter registration project there. We are going with the willingness and stick-to-it-ness to accomplish our purpose under the suppervision of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.