Greenville COFO, 9015 Nelson Street, June 30, 1964

MEEKLY REPORT TO JACKSON

<u>Voter Registration</u>: Canvassing has begun, although it has not produced immediate results. Much of the canvassing included searching for housing and other immediate needs of the project. Some potential registrars and block captains were found among the local people. Two mass meetings were held simultaneously on June 25th in the two Negro sections of town in order to inform and stimulate the residents of Greenville about our program, with emphasis on voter registration.

Security: Although Greenville is "liberal" and without incidents, we stress security rules repeatedly: a guard up is a guard prepared for incident.

<u>Freedom School:</u> Quarters having eights rooms have been set up as a temporary freedom school at 725 Nelson Street. Negotiations are continuing, however, for a permanent location.

Press: Contacts have been established with Hodding Carter, publisher of the Delta Democrat Times and Mr. Keating, a local resident who freelances for the New York Times.

Policy: Our major objectives of voter registration and freedom schools are consistent with the dual objectives set forth by Jackson. Nevertheless, community-initiated actions, because they affect cur objectives, are not ignored.

Housing: Housing has been established for all concerned.

<u>Community Contacts</u>: Success in community contacts are purely verbal in regard to the black establishment and white officials. Definite support has come from the ordinary, working-class people.

Herbert Lee Memorial Fund: Attempts are being made to raise the minimum of one thousand dollars to aid in the extablishment of a permanent community center which will function after the summer.

<u>Federal Building Demonstration</u>: Greenville, an atypical Mississippi town, has the major problem of spathy among its Negro residents. One way of attacking this situation is by rallying Negroes around incidents which pointed. A demonstration was held on June 24th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, in front on the Federal Building. The issue was the three missing COFO workers. Project area offorts:

 Our main emphasis is on Greenville.
Two unsuccessful attempts have been made to establish white workers in Hollindale.
Two men will travel to Leland on June 30th to establish contacts there.

Evaluations of volunteers and staff members: Rather than being rushed to you recklessly at present, they will be forwarded in two weeks.