

The Bolivar County Invitational Committee  
Of The Purposed Delta Council Of Negro-  
Leadership.

Cleveland, Mississippi  
December 10, 1951

Dear Leader:

There is a greater demand for skilled and wise leaders now than ever before. Since you are prepared for that leadership, the purposed Bolivar County Invitational Committee of the Delta Council of Negro Leadership extends a sincere invitation to meet with us on Friday Morning December 28th-1951, at 9 o'clock at the Cleveland Colored High School, Cleveland, Mississippi; for the purpose of organizing a Delta Council of Negro Leadership whose aims and purpose are as follows:

1. To bring the Negro Leaders of the Eighteen Delta Counties into one united organization, for the purpose of building the frame work of the Delta Council of Negro Leadership, whose aims will be:

a. To guide our people in their civic responsibilities regarding education, registration and voting, law enforcement, tax-paying, the preservation of property, the value of saving and to guide us in all things which will make us stable, qualified, conscientious citizens, which will lead to first class citizenship for Negroes in the Mississippi Delta and the State of Mississippi.

b. This is the most opportuned time for the formation of an organization of this type for the common good of all citizens in the Delta area, and the State, regardless of race or creed.

2. The Complex problems of our Atomic Age have given rise to many problems, which of necessity has affected a change in our way of life here in Mississippi and the Delta area. The Negro who constitutes nearly fifty-per cent (50%) of our Delta population, must be prepared to meet this challenge. Unless the chosen leaders of the masses in Mississippi and the Delta get together in a great organization through whose committees, working with the white Delta Council and the other proper agencies in our State and Nation, may arrive at a solution to most of our problems which will lead us into the more abundant life.

We your Invitational Committee: