Dear Officers and Members:

Following is a resolution adopted by the State Board of Directors of Mississippi State Conference of N.A.A.C.P., Sunday, July 17, 1960.

"The Board of Directors of the Mississippi State Conference of N.A.A.C.P. Branches deplores the action of the State Sovereignty Commission, an agency of the State of Mississippi, in granting $20,000.00 in public funds to the private organization — White Citizens Council. The Board unanimously approved taking steps toward legal action against this crime perpetrated on the State Treasury and the Negro and White citizens of the State of Mississippi. We seek the cooperation of all other citizens who are outraged by this travesty against the law, to join hands with us in seeking to cause an immediate halt to this type of conduct."

In order that we might implement our planned legal action, it will be necessary for your Branch to put on an intensive financial drive to raise as much money as is possible so that we can carry this fight to a successful conclusion.

Call upon organizations and individuals in your community for contributions, let them know that it is their fight as well as yours to bring a halt to the spending of public monies to support the White Citizens Council. Make door to door canvases in your respective communities for such funds. Good luck!

Sincerely yours,

Medgar W. Evers
Field Secretary