

QUESTIONNAIRE --- Please return immediately to :
Julian Bond
SNCC
197½ Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Name Robert Moses Age 27
Home address 17139 West 139th. st. N.Y.C.
School Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y. A.S. Graduate? yes
If not, why not? Harvard Univ. A.M. If so, what degree?

Total arrests (number, please) 2

Date	Charge	Sentence	Time spent
8/15/61	Intefering with an officer.	suspended sent.	three days
	in jail, refuded to pay cost of court fees. Appealed to county court, charges dropped appeal because of lack of bond money.		
10/4/61	disturbing the peace contributing to deliquincy (never prosecuted)	4months, \$200, fine. (on appeal, 6 mo. \$500)	37 days
Date of connection with SNCC	<u>August '60</u>		
Pending cases	<u>McComb disturbing the peace charges, on appeal</u>		

Are you on probation anywhere? no

Beatings? (Give dates, kinds of assaults, etc.)
8/29/61 Attacked in Liberty, beaten with the butt of a knife, received
eight stiches in three different head laceratkons,

Please write at least a page on each of the following questions.
Don't spare the DETAILS.

1. What was the most inspiring moment for you in the movement?
(Give specific details.)
2. Why are you still in the movement?
3. What has been your biggest frustration in the movement?

NOTE: Please do not hesitate to use extra paper if, by any chance,
a list of your nefarious activities does not fit on this page.
Again: DETAILS, DETAILS, etc.

P.S. Thank you very very much for your cooperation!

In the spring of '60, after the sit-ins began I knew for sure I would have to come South to take a first hand look at the "revolution". I took advantage of the spring break to go to Hampton Virginia, where my uncle teaches architecture, and I slipped into the crowd of students picketing and sitting-in in New Port News, participated in a protest march through Hampton - in other words, had my first introduction to the "movement".

Home, in N.Y. again, I attended a rally in Harlem, sponsored by the "Committee to defend Martin Luther King and to aid the Southern Student Protest Movement". They were recruiting volunteer helpers and I signed up to work after school, I was teaching then. The office was run by Bayard Rustin, Stanley Levinson, Jack Odell, and Tom Kahn. I pitched in with the "saw dust" leg work, stuffing envelopes, distributing posters, etc. We worked long hours preparing for the big rally held in the Armory by the Belafonte troupe on May 17th.

I decided to go South that summer and asked Rustin to put me in touch with SCLC office in Atlanta. I also filed an application for a voter registration project the AFSC was to have held in Montgomery Ala. with the MIA, but this never came off. It seems when the Friends Representative went down to set up the program the local police boys scratched him off to the jail house for two hours of intensive questioning. It was to have been an interracial, coeducational deal, and was described as ~~of-~~ involving danger.

I arrived in Atlanta, unheralded and unprepared for, after spending the men last three weeks of June at a folk dance camp in Maine, on July 4th. By There had been little of no follow-up to my initial request and the folks in Atlanta were not expecting me. In any case there was nothing to do, so I did it for the month of July. I had thought SCLC would have various project popping over the South and I could fit into one of these, not so however, and I was back stuffing envelopes to raise more money. This was not what I expected, though it would have been O.K., if it were not that there was nothing else, or nothing larger cooking.

SNCC and Jane Stenbridge were squeezed in one corner of the SCLC office and I eventually learned that they were two separate organizations, one the ostensible parent of the other, the other a reluctant offspring. And at that early date there were the still unanswerable questions about the relationship between SNCC and SCLC, and how was SNCC to raise funds, and should it pay SCLC back the money advanced advanced to get SNCC started, and should it get an office of its own, and was Martin Luther King the leader? Meanwhile I was licking at envelopes, one at a time, and talking, Neibomr and Tillich and Theos, with Jane, who was fresh from a year at Union Union Theological Seminary.

Miss Ella Baker was knocked away in another corner of the office, and on her way out, as I learned shortly after settling in, Wyatt T. Walker was coming to execute matters, and SCLC was to move-out, into a bigger operation and a bigger budget. This accounted for the inability of SCLC to find a job, I guess, for me, so I took Jane's offer to make a trip for SNCC, or offered to do so, agreeing to pay my own expenses, since I wanted to see the deeper South anyhow.

The details of that foray are richly described in a series of letters now lodged in the SNCC file under the folder, "Stenbridge". I returned South in July of 1961 to work for SNCC, and became a member of the staff during a hectic hiring session in McComb in August, when staff hired staff or some such nonsense.

I'm going to try to get more pages at a time about various things for your book.