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Dear Friend of the SCEF:

On the afternoon of October 4, state and city police raided the New Orleans office of the SCEF and the homes of two fund officers. Acting on the behest of the Louisiana Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities, these raiders--about a hundred in number --stripped the fund office of financial records, files and filing cabinets, stationery, library books, correspondence, even pictures off the wall. They also confiscated personal possessions at the homes.

They arrested SCEF Director James A. Dombrowski, Treasurer Benjamin E. Smith and Smith's law partner Bruce C. Waltzer on charges of "participating in the management of a subversive organization" in violation of state sedition laws.

The three were later released on parole.

The chief counsel for the state committee has announced that other "major investigations" are being prepared.

We think you will recognize that this outrageous action is clearly a follow-up to the recent attempts by the Governors of Alabama and Mississippi to brand the integration movement as "communistic".

We do not intend to let them destroy us.

We plan to continue with our South-wide programs as before, and without interruption.

We have begun to reassemble our headquarters office from literally bare walls.

We are girding for court battles which promise to be extended and expensive.

Will you give us help with a special contribution?

Please act now, making your check payable to SCEF and mailing it in the enclosed return envelope.

Sincerely,

*Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth*  
President

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President Emeritus