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Outline for work:

Voter Registration, Political Organization, Chapter Development, Freedom Schools, Testing public accommodations and public facilities, also fund raising for CORE project workers.

Freedom Schools: Enlistment of teachers for Negro History, History, Math, English Literature, Science, Reading, Civics, Business Education and any other subjects that might be needed in the community should be one of the first projects in organizing the Freedom Schools. Securing a building such as Churches, auditoriums, homes, or any other place that might be used for a place of learning. In the past there might be some fear of having the place bombed or having trouble getting participants but when the end is realized one will see that in the pursuit of and education nothing is too great a sacrifice. Remember how Abraham Lincoln read by candlelight and had to walk many miles to school. Remember also how far you may have had to walk because your school was so far away. In choosing your teachers also keep in mind that they need not be actual teachers but even students who wish to try and teach a subject that they are especially talented in. If there is someone in the community who can and wishes to teach a subject like sewing or drawing encourage him or her to get others together who might like to learn. Books and other material for the Freedom School can be obtained through CORE and if there is some special need CORE will try its best to give you the necessary information to get it. There is a supply of books in the state office at Baton Rouge and you will find a list of those books on hand in the Freedom School Kit that I have given you. The Freedom School may start without books because there is much in the newspaper every day that could read aloud and discussed in open and

free debate. It also will take awhile before the books can be delivered and in order to not hold up the Freedom School the teachers should make available the resources that are free and can be used. Fund raising comes under here most easily because money can be raised to buy pencils and also pads and any other equipment that is needed to facilitate the schools process.

Voter Registration: The youth of the community should be brought together and taught how to fill out the registration forms and then they should be given specific areas to canvass door-to-door teaching the people how to fill out the forms and also to encourage the people to get out and register. Records of all those who are contacted, taught, and passed or failed must be kept in order to make it easier when contacting people again and to find out exactly how many people are registered. Reports must be made and at the State Office by the first of each month. Also in the Freedom School Kit you will find a VEP form to be filled out and sent in.

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION: A Voters' League should be organized with ward and precinct captains and congressional meetings in the parish should be attended by these captains and a record must be kept of all elections with a record of all the Negroes who voted. A record of all those who have not voted within a four year period must be contacted and reminded that they must vote in an election or else they will have to re-register. **Chapter Development** may come under here because the same people that are in the Voters' League may possibly want to be in the CORE chapter also. It will most likely be the CORE chapter who actually does the work of getting information on the State Central Committee and how to form a political party in the state. Information on this and other topics will be formulated and given to you very soon as CORE's research department is now in the process of compiling this information.

Testing the Civil Rights Bill: Any and all buildings that are owned by city, state, or the parish are by their very nature public accommodations and open to the public. Also any restaurants, even if they are privately owned, but if they are on any interstate highway are open to the public because they serve interstate commerce and thereby come under the Interstate Commerce Commission. Enclosed in the Freedom School Kit is a folder on the Civil Rights Bill and how it affects you as a citizen.