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REPORT: SOUTHERN CAMPUS TRAVEL
TO: STAFF
FROM: OFFICE OF SOUTHERN CAMPUS COORDINATION

This year the campus program consisted eight campus travellers and one campus coordinator and the areas and colleges included in the program are:

TRAVELLERS	STATE RESPONSIBLE FOR
MISS JOYCE BROWN ***** MR. BILL HALL	TEXAS & LOUISIANA
MISS JE N WHEELER ***** MISS JUDY RICHARDSON	ARKANSAS & TENNESSE
MR. BILL WALLACE ***** MR. STANLEY WISS	VIRGINIA & MARYLAND
MR. JAMES TRAVIS *****	NORTH CAROLINA
MR. ENOCH JOHNSON *****	SOUTH CAROLINA

What you see above are the states that the campus travellers will have to cover and what states they have worked in, now these states have approximately 8 to 14 Negroes Colleges many of which have not heard of Sncc. I will now give to you a brief summary of each state in relation to what the campus travellers had to say about their perspective areas.

Texas:

We went mainly to the Colleges with the idea of a Black Belt Project in Sncc in the near future, also to inform college students about Sncc and the Mississippi Summer Project. They found the student very receptive but found basically Sncc had little program for colleges campuses in relation to the Black Belt Project; however we emphasized the Social Change in the South and how it affects the students of today and tomorrow. There was also an attempt to stimulate students to look at their own community and then examine it in relation to the movement. It was found to much surprise that very few students knew of Sncc and what had been done in Mississippi, also few people were interested in the civil rights movement.

In Tyler, Texas a young man from Texas College was in the process of organizing the community against the local officials and the many discriminating factors of that city. This young man ask for the Campus Travellers assistance in relation to organizing and it was granted, also he asked that his group become an affiliate to Sncc, however that decision was left hanging in the air. This young man has the many attributes of being a leader and a organizer, but due to lack of knowledge of what Sncc's relationship is to the College there was a pause in a complete working relationship with that College.

There is great possibility that Sncc could get a lot of money out of Texas especially Dallas and Houston if work in that area extensively with some type of program, even if it is a fund raising program.

Virginia:

In Virginia there was somewhat a difference, we found out that Sncc had a chapter at Hampton College but that it was somewhat inactive due to poor communication between Sncc and the affiliate group. This group was now asking for a stronger and more active affiliation with the Atlanta office. Many of the Negro Colleges in this area was interested in Sncc and what it had done and what Sncc's future was, also how would we relate to the College Campus

Certain students were interested in the FDP programs Freedom School programs, Community Centers program, Voters' Registration program and how they could apply to the school and the city community.

Basically the campus travellers brought about a relationship that caused students to want to become a part of us and from this they accepted to have a State Conference with guest speakers such as the Mrs. Fanny Lou Hamer, Miss Devine and others that participated in the many programs in the South, also it was suggested that fund raising could take place in this area. As of now we have a conference pending in Virginia at Hampton Inst. for the dates of Dec 3,4,5, of 1964.

Alabama:

In Alabama the campus travellers found that there were some programs that Sncc were developing but had not fully developed due to the usual lack of communication between the office and the school. In General we found that all the schools were interested some type of program that would mainly apply to Ala. and could involve the Colleges of Alabama, mainly Negro Colleges. It was also noticed from the College students that were mainly located near the Central area of Alabama that there was great concern for what we had done and what were we going to do in the near future. At Tuskesgge we found great interest among professors on what was Sncc role in Alabama. While at Selma University I personally talked to Students and faculty member who was interested in doing something for that community and the college community if it was closely related to the educational realm of the colleges.

North & South Carolina

In these two states similar things went on, but there was more unawareness that was a Sncc organization in the country. There is a great deal of apathy in these two states, I would say that is more than the usual, but, there are people who want to know and be a part of the movement. At present there are autonomous student groups who are tending to deal with problems in race and relation, but this is at a very low level, but these groups are present and are young and can be cultivated if Sncc began now to relate to these students.

What you have just read was slight summary of what the campus travellers reported, however if there are questions with regards to certain states, I would like for those questions directed to that campus team that was traveling in that area.

Summary Statement

It is quite imperative that the staff leave this staff retreat with what types programs they plan to have now and what type of program we will have this summer. There are over 70 predominantly Negro Colleges in the South and many of which have not heard of Sncc and its operations. This should say alot to us in that we must include in our discussion the role of the Campus Travel program and the role of Southern Negro College Campuses which are mostly supported by the Conservative Whites