

Selma Report  
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### SPECIAL REPORT

On the morning of January 6, 1964 we met at the First Bapt. Church to issue out clothes and blankets for the people who wanted them, this was being headed by the Willie C. Roberson, and at the same time we were having people to go downtown to the County Court House to register to vote. These people were mainly from the area of East Selma of which I have found out we get most of our response in getting people to go down to register and to encourage others to go and register to vote.

The Rev. Powell was also giving assistance in getting people to go down and register and vote. I notice that many people were hesitant in participating in Voter's Registration Drives due to the raids that had previously taken place prior to me getting to Selma. We even lost a Secretary in our office, she is now afraid to come and work.

During this period of Monday I had the Mr. Alvery Williams to go the Registration Office and find out if this was the week that individuals would be allowed to go down everyday to register and vote. Mr. Williams was told by the Mr. V. B. Adkins that this was the year of PERGING and that there would be no full week of Voter's Registration in the year of 1964, however I was personally told by Justice Department John Doer that we had a full week to take people



down to register and vote.

These was the list of name that volunteered to go down however they all did not go:

Mrs. Pearl Calhorn

Mrs. Nettie F. Calhorn

Mrs. Ann Sterdvant

Mrs. Betty Mae Webb

Mr. John Miller

Mrs. Teresa Lesure

Mrs. Lusinda Savage

Mr. William H. Smiley

The address can be found in my files.

As I said before that many of the people have somewhat been afraid, but I cannot use this as an excuse for we did not use the right follow up. Unfortunately I have not been to catch up with the Mrs. Boynton to begin Voter's Registration Clinics but I will do this as soon as possible.

I have tried to find some of the student SNCC in Selma but I understand that the Sheriff Department have warrants out for their arrests also and I have not seen any of them.

I was able to find <sup>about</sup> the Holliday Inn here in Selma, I understand that the ownership is of private concern, but they are using the name of the Holliday Inn for \$10,000.00 a year. The men are a Mr. Mulligan and a Mr. Williams, I will get their full names as soon as possible.

For the next few days I will be working on information concerning the new Trade School coming up in Selma and also the Selma Urban Renewal Plan. I also will be working on Voter's Registration Clinics and also checking areas for the setting up of these Clinics.

ONE MAN

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We will be still doing our door to door canvassing for Voter's Registration and also the Selective Buying Campaign, however I will first check with the Voter's League. I will try to go to the College Campuses if not Chico Neblett will go in my place. Until time for me to go to Texas, Oh! I must remind you that there is also a warrent out for my arrest also.

FREEDOM NOW

*Rev. Thomas L. Brown*  
REV. THOMAS BROWN

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