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Dear Friend of Civil Rights:

The Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), as the oldest civil rights organization in the South, with a program directed especially to white Southerners, has been a prime target of the segregationists for 25 years.

In October 1963, police seized all of SCEF's records and files. Two SCEF officials were arrested under Louisiana's Subversive Activities Act, and face criminal prosecution.

We have launched a vigorous counter-offensive. SCEF's attack upon the constitutionality of the statutes was argued before the Supreme Court on January 25th. A ruling is expected in the Spring. Damage suits have been filed against all officials involved, including Senator Eastland of Mississippi.

Symbolic of our determination to remain in business better than ever are two new projects: The Appalachian Project, and the project in Eastern North Carolina (see enclosures).

The central issue in the SCEF case is whether a state can destroy the civil rights movement under the guise of fighting subversion. Louisiana made it clear before the Supreme Court it considered all civil rights agencies subversive; that after SCEF will come Highlander, SCLC, SNCC, etc.

We ask you, in this present crisis, to send us a generous contribution. If you can, please make your check for at least \$12.00 (one dollar per month). All contributors will receive The Southern Patriot, reporting and interpreting each month the Southern integration struggle.

Fred L. Shuttlesworth

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President

Sincerely,

Jim Dombrowski

James A. Dombrowski
Executive Director

P.S. We sometimes make use of lists which a limited clerical staff precludes checking with our files, thus if you have already made a contribution to SCEF recently, please overlook this appeal, or better yet pass it on to a friend.