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Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

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Dear Friends,

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In a few weeks the nation will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision calling for desegregation of public schools "with all deliberate speed". It is hardly necessary to point out that since May 17, 1954, only token integration has taken place. More significantly, no schools are integrated in Mississippi.

Because we feel that the 1954 Court decision was important and that inadequate steps have been taken to ensure enforcement of that decision, we are calling upon college students all over the nation to plan special programs designed to accomplish the following:

1. Dramatize the inadequacy of enforcement of this decision.
2. Publicize the fact that over 25 "Freedom Schools" will be held in Mississippi this summer in an effort to supplement inferior education for students there.
3. Demand federal protection for the summer "Freedom teachers" who are now being recruited from colleges across the land.

These campus programs could take the following form:

1. A mass "mail-in" where marches would be planned to local post offices on Sunday, May 17. Students should be encouraged to write personal letters to President Johnson asking for federal protection for the summer workers. Specifically, our hope is that 100,000 letters, all post-marked May 17, will be sent to the White House from people who are concerned about the lives of the college students and local people who will be involved in the summer project.
2. A petition campaign (copy enclosed which you should reproduce in your area) to solicit signatures asking for federal protection.
3. Fund raising drives on every campus (and in every community) during the week of May 10-17 to collect monies for the operation of summer Freedom Schools. This can also take the form of collecting books and school supplies for the schools.
4. "Fasts" for Freedom where the money normally spent by students for a Sunday meal would be donated to SNCC for operating the Freedom Schools.

HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DENIED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SOUTH. HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS HAVE RISKED THEIR LIVES FOR FREEDOM. We need your help to prevent further brutality and to bring meaningful educational programs to Southern Negro students. We hope that you will all make some effort to organize a program on May 17 and to involve your friends and associates.

FREEDOM,
Betty Garman, SNCC Campus Coordinator

"One Man, One Vote"