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**UNITED Federation of Teachers**  
**LOCAL 2 · AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, AFL-CIO**

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300 Park Avenue South  
New York 10, N. Y.  
Spring 7-7500

Dear Colleague:

May we, by way of welcome into the union, ask for your support and participation in an important enterprise?

The Council of Federated Organizations, whose members are the NAACP CORE, and SNCC, have declared the summer of 1964 as "Mississippi Freedom Summer". An important part of this project will be the establishment of "Freedom Schools", a crash program of remedial and enrichment studies to compensate for the inadequacies of the Mississippi school system. Plans now call for the setting up of day schools in twenty communities and two boarding schools to provide an on-campus experience for students from around the state. The curriculum of the schools will be designed to meet the needs of the high school dropout, the average student with lagging skills, and the potential college student.

The Council has made an urgent request for qualified, experienced teachers to serve as volunteers in the schools. The UFT has undertaken to meet this appeal by recruiting personnel, gathering material, and raising funds to support the volunteer staff.

We ask you to help by, first and most importantly, giving your most valuable gifts: your time and your talent. The boarding schools will operate for six weeks from July 15 to August 21. The day schools will operate in two three-week sessions, beginning on July 12, resuming, after a week intersession, on August 10 and closing on August 28.

We need your help also in raising money to support the volunteer teachers. Perhaps you could hold a fund-raising affair through which the faculty of your school and the parents of your students could contribute. We would appreciate as well having the names of possible contributors. Would you be good enough to address all offers of assistance or requests for information to:

The Mississippi Summer Project  
United Federation of Teachers  
300 Park Avenue South  
New York, New York 10010

or telephone: Sandy Adickes YU 2-7743 or  
Norma Becker GR 7-2742

As you may know, the UFT sent volunteers to set up Freedom Schools in Prince Edward County, Virginia, during the summer of 1963. In the summer of 1964 the union will continue its support of the cause of civil rights in the most significant way it can - through the skills of the members as educators.

Very truly yours,

*Sandy Adickes*