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1. meeting with COFO
2.
May 14

hearing - COFO
June 9
on frontality
June 10

POLITICS

demonstration at Jackson
meeting with Pres.

I. We would like to put five workers in each county of the Fourth District, there are

fifteen counties. Their work would be:

1. To hold voter registration workshops
2. To organize precinct and county meetings in preparation for Convention Challenge
3. To get people to register in freedom registration books
4. To organize for protest vote

Expense for project would be approximately as follows per county:

Freedom Registration Books - \$10.00 each - 15 books	\$ 150.00
Mimeo material - \$25.00 per mo. per center - 3 mos-15 cos.	1,125.00
TOTAL	\$1,275.00

CORE would then be responsible for recruiting at least 250 volunteer workers who would come under the banner of CORE and give us a wider area for publicity. (Every home town newspaper would run the names of their people or worker for CORE in Mississippi, which would aid us in future fund-raising).

II. National Convention - The Challenge at the National Convention is, I feel, one of the most important projects to be undertaken by Civil Rights groups this summer. Louisiana (CORE), Mississippi (COFO), and Alabama (SCLC) intend to send delegations to challenge seating of delegates from these states.

In Mississippi, we have organized a Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Under this banner we intend to elect delegates beginning from precincts on to a state convention at which delegates will be elected to represent the people at the National Democratic Convention.

We intend to send a total of 68 elected delegates from Mississippi who will attempt to have the Mississippi Democratic Party delegates un-seated on the grounds that they do not represent the people and to seat the Freedom Democratic Party. At the present time there are only two civil rights groups who are really supporting this program-- CORE and SNCC. My concern is to what extent this support will be. On the state level I'm asking CORE to do the following:

1. Be responsible for sending 34 of the 68 delegates to the National Convention.

2. This would mean money for transportation, food, and housing

3. Put another Field Secretary in Mississippi for CORE project.

On the National level Miss Ella Baker has agreed to work on the program from a New York office. The duties of this office would be to impress upon delegates across the country of what we are attempting to do and why. It will also attempt to get allies who will bring the issues to the floor at the convention. It will do research in co-operation with the SNCC office in Atlanta on convention procedures. It will be responsible for organizing demonstrations at the Convention. Also to raise funds for the project.

Miss Baker, alone, cannot do this. There is a necessity to organize a National coordinating Committee made up of the following people: Miss Ella Baker, Bayard Rustin, A. Philip Randolph, Norman Hill, and maybe several other people.

In support of this project on the national level I would like for CORE to do the following:

1. Take care of one half of the expense of the New York office until they can begin raising money for the project.
2. Encourage CORE Chapters to begin setting up meeting with key delegates in their area and visiting committee meetings in an effort to gain support for the challenge.
3. Ask Philadelphia CORE to do the following:
 - (a) begin making housing arrangements for delegates from three states.
 - (b) to locate an office in Atlantic City and find equipment for office.
 - (c) to begin attempting to get friends hired as "pages"
4. That CORE permit Norman Hill to give the Convention Challenge priority in regard to summer programs.
5. That efforts be made to set up a committee between CORE and SNCC national offices to handle publicity and fund-raising.