

June 15, 1964

Mr. George Raymond
838 Lutz Street
Canton, Mississippi

Dear George,

Let me remind you again of the need for thorough planning in regard to the beginning of the summer program. I believe we discussed yesterday the following items: housing, food, transportation, a meeting-place. You must also set up an orientation program on Madison County itself. This will include a summary of the work COFO has done, a list or description of incidents that have occurred, the names of prominent and important people, both intergrationists and segregationists. It should include as much information as you have about legal cases completed, in process, or pending in the near future.

It is very important that you have available all the facts and figures that are necessary to get the program started. How many attempted to register, how many have registered, how many Freedom School applicants, names and addresses of pastors and churches participating in the Freedom School program, etc. Finally it is important that all this material be presented, discussed and changed when necessary in staff meeting (s) before the new people arrive.

I must point out also that the Southern Office received a report from Canton dated March 9 through March 15. Since then, silence. I would suggest that you draw up a report covering March 15 to June 15. I would prefer that the emphasis in such a report be placed on what staff people were doing, where they did it, how much community progress was achieved, what programs (welfare, etc.) were set up, what demonstrations were carried out--rather than an emphasis on dramatic incidents. The latter, as you know, have been thoroughly treated in special press releases.

Sincerely,

Richard Haley

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