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BAIL FUND INFORMATION

Most parents have obligated themselves to post bail if called upon. The difficulties and complications this imposes on each parent has been a matter of common concern. Each of us wants to be faithful to his obligation, to act without delay if the call should come from Mississippi, so that a son or daughter would have prompt, individual attention, and time in jail would be held to an absolute minimum.

Present C.O.F.C. procedures call for C.O.F.C. headquarters in Jackson to be notified by local project centers if a student is jailed. Headquarters then looks up the volunteer's bail source on their applications, calls collect, and requests bail.

A committee of parents has spent considerable time and effort investigating the bail problem and its ramifications. It has recommended a course of action which should (1) relieve parents of the individual necessity to be on constant telephonic alert; (2) preclude the necessity of keeping \$500 in cash on hand (Western Union will absolutely not accept personal checks at any time, nor accept cashier or certified checks outside of banking hours); (3) preclude having to raise such a sum in cash in the middle of the night or during weekends on any short term emergency demand; (4) minimizes, like an insurance policy, the amount that must be on deposit to effectively get your son or daughter out of jail immediately.

This plan will be effective if enough parents join in it.

The heart of the plan involves an arrangement discussed with Western Union whereby a revolving sum would be put on deposit with the company. Bail money would be released in the form of Western Union money orders, dispatched at any hour of the night or day, if authorized by one of the three or four parents who would be chosen as trustees of the account.

The authorizing person would be responsible for instructing Western Union where to send the amount of bail, to whom it should be addressed, and the test questions which allow the order to be cashed by the recipient. All of this information will have been received from C.O.F.C. headquarters in Jackson as per their organizational procedures with relation to bail.

This authorizing person would also undertake to notify the involved parent.

The plan also calls for our retaining a 24 hour answering service which will receive calls from C.O.F.C. and relay them to one of the authorized persons which it will locate.

While some details remain to be worked out, your committee is satisfied that the broad mechanics are practical and that the objectives outlined above are achieved.

The plan is only for affected students in the Los Angeles area. It would terminate in early September when the "Summer Project" ends, at which time the unused deposits, less administrative expenses, would be returned.

From our safe and secure situation here in Los Angeles, it is a small request for us, the parents of those young people in Mississippi, to provide this medium of security for them. We must, however, act quickly because requests for bail for Los Angeles students are even now coming in. Please call immediately,