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TO: ALL PROJECTS

FROM: JACKSON

RE: SECURING JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ACTION

Bob Moses spoke with John Doar concerning the beating of a volunteer in Greenwood. We had hoped for an arrest of the guy who attacked him.

Doar said they couldn't make an arrest because of the volunteer had not told the attacker he was working on voter registration and therefore they couldn't show that the guy knew he was working on vr and thus couldn't prove intent.

THE MORAL OF THIS STORY IS: Whenever you are approached by anyone, especially police or anyone who appears hostile, the first thing to do is say "I want to inform you that I am here working on voter registration." If you're gutsy, you can add something like "You should know that this is protected by federal law."

Carry on.