

UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Washington, D.C. 20425

July 28, 1964

Mr. Charles MacLaurin
614 Chrisman Street
Cleveland, Mississippi

Dear Mr. MacLaurin:

The Staff of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights plans to conduct a meeting with representatives from each of the project groups of the Mississippi Summer Project and other organizations in Jackson on August 15 and 16. We understand that you have been designated as a representative of:

MISSISSIPPI SUMMER PROJECT - CLEVELAND

to appear and report to the Staff of the Commission at that meeting concerning the subjects referred to below.

The meeting will be held in Room 236, the Civil Service Commission Examining Room, in the Jackson Post Office Building on Capitol Street. You will be advised about a week before the meeting of the time scheduled for your appearance.

The meeting will be closed to the press and public, but a transcript will be made of your report; it is possible that this information will be subsequently released to the public or otherwise used by the Commission in further investigations and proceedings. The interviews will be conducted in question and answer form with the Staff of the Commission asking the questions.

The value of this meeting depends upon careful and accurate reporting. It is important that you bring with you records and papers which will support insofar as possible the information which you provide. If possible, you should have copies of such records available to be submitted as exhibits to the transcript of the meeting.

The principal subjects of the meeting will be (1) the nature of the activities of your project, (2) intimidation, harassment or violence on the part of private persons, (3) intimidation, harassment, violence, arrest or detainment on the part of officials, including a description of any legal proceedings, (4) protection afforded by State and local law enforcement officials against violence, and (5) relations with FBI and Department of Justice personnel in the investigation of incidents.

It is important that all projects be represented at the meeting. If you are unable to come for any reason, you should arrange for and brief an alternate representative

Kindly indicate your receipt of this letter and your willingness to appear by signing the enclosed slip and returning it to the Commission in the envelope provided. If you have any questions concerning the type of information or documentation which will be requested or the conduct of the meeting, please feel free to communicate with the undersigned in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Michael O. Finkelstein

Michael O. Finkelstein
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure

TO THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS:

I will attend the Staff meeting of the Commission to be held
in Jackson, Mississippi, on August 15-16, 1964, as the representative
of the _____
(Fill in name of organization)

Name
(Please write legibly)