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TO: ALL SUMMER VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE STILL IN MISSISSIPPI

FROM: MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY STAFF IN JACKSON
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By the time you receive this letter, around 50 volunteers will have left for the North to do specific work in key states--that work designed to build grass roots pressure for the seating of the Freedom Delegates at the Democratic National Convention.

In addition, we need each one of you to do the following things:

- A. Write immediately to the delegates from your state urging that they vote for the seating of the FDP and for the unseating of the regular party. (Information on the development of the convention challenge, background information on the FDP and the regular Mississippi Democrats should be available from your project office. Names of delegates can in some cases, be procured from the Atlanta and Greenwood SNCC offices. Ask your communications person to gather this information for you.)
- B. Write to as many people as possible--friends, parents, church groups, political clubs, etc.,--urging them to write and wire their delegates before the delegates leave for Atlantic City. Ask them to recruit groups of people to do the same.
- C. MOST IMPORTANT, urge your contacts to begin a massive campaign to have telegrams sent to the members of the credentials committee from their state. They should find out the names of those delegates to the credentials committee and send the wires to them c/o Democratic National Committee Headquarters, Atlantic City. If they cannot find out the names, they should then wire the chairman of the state delegation, in Atlantic City. TOP PRIORITY is reaching those persons on the credentials committee--that group begins meeting on August 24.
- D. Each of you should plan to send a telegram or two on the night of August 23 to the credentials committee members from your state.
- E. Each of you should begin IMMEDIATELY to send letters to your home town papers about the FDP, stressing the importance of the seating of that delegation. In addition, if you have developed press contacts during the summer and can call them to give an interview, stress the FDP and the convention challenge.