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## *Freedom Democratic Party*

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Dear Delegate to the Democratic National Convention:

How long will the members of the National Democratic Party permit themselves to be used and abused by the so-called "regular" Democratic Party of Mississippi that enjoys all the benefits of affiliation with the National Party, but disclaims any allegiance to it? This is the pressing question facing you as a 1964 delegate.

In 1960, the "regular" Mississippi Democratic Party worked against the election of the National Party nominee. This year, as stated editorially in the Washington Post, Sunday, August 2, regular Mississippi Democrats again "plan to horn-swoggle the Democratic Party".

The State Party met in convention on Tuesday, July 28th, and recessed until September 9th, after making a "gesture of compliance to the rules of the National organization" by promising to "allow the Democratic nominees to appear on the ballot... as Democrats." This begrudging show of "loyalty" is obviously a ruse to avoid losing federal patronage. It is no secret that Mississippi Democrats plan to support Senator Barry Goldwater and intend to resort to the unpledged elector scheme as was done in 1960. For what other reason would the State Convention be recessed until after the National Convention?

In contrast, the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party is the only organized body of Democrats in Mississippi who are willing and ready to support the platform and party nominees of the National Democratic Convention. Our Party welcomes all Mississippi Citizens regardless of race. It would be a mockery of both justice and logic if the National Democratic Convention votes to seat the racist and treacherously disloyal delegation that represents the political power-bloc responsible for the murder of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner.

We urge your delegation to support from the floor of the Convention the seating of the Freedom Democratic Party delegation. Freedom, Democracy, simple justice, and Party loyalty demand this.

Sincerely,

S/ Laurence T. Guyot, Chairman, Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party  
S/ Mrs. Victoria Gray, National Committeewoman  
S/ Mr. Edwin King, National Committeeman  
S/ Mr. Aaron Henry, Chairman, Convention Delegation