

August 6, 1964

Mr. John M. Bailey, Chairman
Democratic National Committee
1730 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Bailey:

On July 17, 1964, Mr. Aaron Henry, acting Chairman of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, wrote and informed you that, at the State Convention of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party on August 6, there would be elected delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City.

This is to inform you officially that the State Convention of the Freedom Party met in Jackson earlier today, and to further inform you that I have now been elected chairman of the Freedom Party.

The State Convention consisted of delegates from county conventions which, in turn, were predicated upon precinct conventions, as required by Mississippi law.

The State Convention elected a delegation to the National Convention and the members of this delegation are listed in full on the attachment. I hereby certify on behalf of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party that these delegates and alternates were duly elected by the Freedom Party at its State Convention on this date, that they are loyal to the United States Constitution and to the National Democratic Party and are the true representatives of Mississippi Democrats. They are therefore entitled to be seated at the Atlantic City Convention in place of the "regular" delegation which seeks to be seated in violation of the Rules of the Convention and the Constitution of the United States and with total disloyalty to the National Party.

Mr. Aaron Henry has been elected Chairman of the delegation to the National Convention. I ask that he be permitted to appear before the Credentials Subcommittee of the National Democratic Committee, along with our Counsel, Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., to present our case for seating on the temporary rolls of the Convention and before the Credentials Committee of the Convention to

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present our case for seating on the permanent rolls of the Convention. A Brief on the factual and legal aspects of this contest is being prepared by Mr. Rauh and will be submitted to your office not later than noon, Tuesday, August 18.

Yours for a National Democratic Party landslide in 1964!

Sincerely yours,

Laurence Guyot, Chairman
Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party

Certified by:

Mrs. Peggy J. Connoy, Secretary
Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party

Enclosure