

INFORMATION REPORT BY PROJECT AREA:

Personnel, Facilities, Food and Clothing,  
libraries, vehicles, machines and office  
supplies; on hand and needed

September 28, 1964

1. Aberdeen

Project Director:  
Address:  
Phone:

Joe Maurer  
Box 133  
369-9076

Project has:

- two people
- no cars

Facilities:

- one building with two small rooms (office and living quarters)

Programs:

- voter registration
- Freedom Democratic Party
- Need a building for the Freedom School and Community Center

Library:

- There are about three hundred books sitting on the floor; no circulation. Library urgently needed, but the building it is to be housed in is not completed.

Food and Clothing:

- Application forms being filled out. Church and local people available for storage and distribution. Could handle a direct shipment of supplies. Urgent.

Project needs:

- car
- space heaters
- mimeograph machine
- file cabinet, with two drawers
- school supplies for the Freedom School, especially a blackboard
- radio equipment

Comments: they have a ditto machine they don't need. No outside contacts; completely dependent on Jackson for supplies.

## 2. Batesville

Project Director:

Louis Grant

Address:

Box 654

Phone:

563-7523

Project has:

- 4 people
- one car
- ditto machine
- broken mimeograph machine

Facilities:

- large building; one story, 5 rooms

Programs:

- Community Center
- Voter Registration
- Athletics

Library:

- large library set up. More good reading material needed.

Food and Clothing:

- there haven't been any supplies to distribute. Could handle storage and distribution if shipment sent directly.

Project needs:

- legal size mimeo paper
- office supplies, especially a stapler, pens, typewriter ribbons
- regular paper for typing and mimeo
- typewriter
- ditto stencils

Comments: Some money has been contributed by summer volunteers.

### 3. Belzoni

Project Director:

Robert Bass

Address:

P.O. Box 191

Phone:

1445

Project has:

- five people
- one car
- two typewriters

Facilities:

- The Freedom House contains all offices, living quarters, etc.

Programs:

- Freedom Democratic Party
- Voter Registration

Library:

- Don't have facilities yet, but urgently want to develop a library

Food and Clothing:

- Haven't been distributing any such supplies, but could handle storage and local distribution, if given a little warning.

Project needs:

- mimeograph machine
- two typewriters
- office supplies

Comments: completely dependent on Jackson for supplies.

4. Biloxi

Project Director:  
Address:  
Phone:

Dick Flower  
732 Main St.  
436-9654

Project has:

- three people
- one car
- mimeograph machine
- two typewriters ( in bad condition)

Facilities:

- an auditorium that can seat 150;  
Office is in one section

Programs:

- Freedom School set up, but there is no teacher
- Community Center also lacks personnel, but is set up
- voter registration is main program

Library:

- Located in office. Has room for 2,000 books, but there are no shelves for them. Urgently need shelves and books.

Food and Clothing:

- no distribution set-up, although there is adequate storage space. Not urgently needed.

Project needs:

- mimeo ink
- car
- typewriter
- paper
- shelves for the library
- money for installing electric outlets

Comments: Completely dependent on Jackson for supplies.  
Two typewriters urgently need repair.

## 5. Canton

Project Director: George Raymond  
Address: 838 Lutz  
Phone: 859-9944

Project has:

- 8 people
- one car, plus two privately owned cars which are available sometimes
- mimeograph machine (needs repair)
- two typewriters (need repair)

Facilities:

- large office (several rooms)
- Community Center next door, with a great deal of space

Programs:

- Community Center
- Freedom School
- Voter Registration
- Freedom Democratic Party

Library:

- Adequate. In separate room, good circulation

Food and Clothing:

- Forms being filled out. Check with them about distribution: maybe a direct shipment could be handled.

Project needs:

- filing cabinet
- Great World of Books, or a similar set for the library
- typewriter

Comments: Repair work needed on mimeograph and typewriters.

## 6. Clarksdale

Project Director: Lafayette Surney  
Address: 429 Yazoo St.  
Phone: 624-9167

Project has:

- one typewriter
- two or three people
- one car

Facilities:

- lots of space, two buildings

Programs:

- Community Center
- Day-Care Center
- Freedom Democratic Party
- Campaign for Dr. Aaron Henry

Library:

- Adequate, except more books on Negro history are needed. There are too many books of other sorts.

Food and Clothing:

- Have been distributing supplies through a local committee. Plenty of storage space. Wants to handle shipments directly.

Project needs:

- space heaters
- lights (lamps)
- paper
- mimeograph machine (urgent)
- two typewriters
- office supplies

Comments: no outside contacts, completely dependant on Jackson.

7. Cleveland

Project Director:  
Address:  
Phone:

Lois Rogers  
614 Church St.  
843-5458

Project has:

- . mimeograph machine
- . one typewriter
- . file cabinet
- . three people
- . no cars

Facilities:

- . crowded; three rooms house the office, and Freedom House.

Programs:

- . Voter registration
- . School desegregation
- . Community Center

Library:

- . Too many books there, especially textbooks for children.

Food and Clothing:

- . May prefer not to distribute, because of past local problems in this regard. Storage space can be rented, if it is decided to go ahead with distribution.

Project needs:

- . car
- . typewriter ribbon (Royal, office)
- . couch
- . legal tablets

## 8. Columbus

Project Director: Don White  
Address: 1212 17 St. N.  
Phone: 328-9719

Project has:

- . three people
- . no cars
- . one broken mimeograph machine
- . one typewriter, temporarily, and two broken typewriters

Facilities:

- . adequate space: five rooms

Programs:

- . voter registration
- . Mississippi Student Union
- . Freedom Registration

Library:

- . Almost all the books are textbooks, so there isn't much circulation. Good reading material needed urgently: Negro history, American government, political science, books on music, typing.

Food and Clothing:

- . Adequate storage space, and a local distribution committee is organized. Mississippi Student can work on this. Wants supplies sent directly.

Project needs:

- . car
- . mimeograph machine (manual)
- . mimeo ink and stencils
- . paper
- . typewriter
- . office supplies (especially pens)
- . two-way radios

Comments: The broken mimeograph machine cannot be repaired there, since the local repairman is hostile to COFO.

9. Greenville

00000000 .01

Project Director:  
Address:  
Phone:

Muriel Tillinghaust  
901 1/2 Nelson  
335-2173

Project has:

- eleven people
- two cars
- mimeograph machine

Facilities:

- one entire building

Programs:

- Freedom School
- Voter Registration
- Freedom Democratic Party
- regular mass meetings
- Community Center being built

Library:

- Adequate

Food and Clothing:

- Developing a local distribution committee, and storage facilities. Can probably handle direct shipments.

Project needs:

- car
- movie projector
- mimeograph ink
- envelopes

10. Greenwood

Project Director: Mary Lane  
Address: 708 Ave. N  
Phone: 453-1282

- Project has:
- three staff people, and three Freedom School teachers
  - one car
  - mimeograph machine
  - four typewriters
- Facilities:
- small office, with Freedom School downstairs
- Programs:
- voter registration
  - Freedom School
  - Freedom Democratic Party
  - Freedom Registration
  - Food and Clothing distribution
- Library:
- Enough books, a lot of circulation
- Food and Clothing:
- Block captains organized throughout Greenwood; meet weekly, have applications for food and clothing filled out. Have been getting supplies directly from the North. May want more food and clothing from Jackson, but check first.
- Project needs:
- car
- Comments: The car they now have will be taken away soon, so they need a replacement.

## 11. Gulfport

Project Director:  
Address:  
Phone:

Henry Bailey  
2905 Harrison St.  
863-9550

Project has:

- five people
- one car
- mimeograph machine
- two typewriters (one broken)

Facilities:

- three rooms. Need Community Center

Programs:

- Voter registration
- Freedom Democratic Party
- Need space for Community Center which is being developed

Library:

- Need more books, have empty shelves.

Food and Clothing:

- Haven't received supplies for distribution, but have adequate storage and distribution committee. Especially need food. Could handle direct shipment if given some warning. COFO workers need clothing, as well as local people.

Project needs:

- paper
- office supplies (pencil sharpener)

Comments: Sandy Leigh, Project Director in Hattiesburg, is organizing a Welfare Committee in Gulfport, and says food and clothing are urgently needed, in large quantities.

## 12. Hattiesburg

Project Director:  
Address:  
Phone:

Sandy Leigh  
507 Mobile St. and Palmars Crossing  
582-9993

Project has:

- . eight people (2 more expected)
- . one car

Facilities:

- . five separate places: an office, library, Community Center, study-hall and library, and another Community Center. COFO workers live with local families.

Programs:

- . two Community Centers
- . Tutorial programs
- . Freedom School
- . Citizenship classes
- . Sewing classes
- . Radio repair
- . Day-Care Center
- . Librarian training
- . Voter registration
- . Freedom Democratic Party

Library:

- . More books needed

Food and Clothing:

- . Block captains organized. Some supplies have been received directly from the North, but more is urgently needed. Children's clothing and shoes especially needed. Can handle direct shipments.

Project needs:

- . Mimeograph machine (Rex-Rotary M-4, by Bohn)
- . electric typewriter
- . regular typewriter

Comments: Sandy Leigh says that Hattiesburg needs a car, but that Moss Point needs one more urgently, and should get it first.

13. Holly Springs

Project Director: Cleve Sellers  
Address: 100 Rust Ave.  
Phone: 1257

Project has: . seven people  
. four cars  
. copy machine

Facilities: . two buildings, next door to each other: one has two rooms for the office, and the other has 10 rooms and houses the Community Center, living quarters, etc.

Programs: . Agricultural services  
. Voter registration  
. Community Center  
. Another Community Center is being developed

Library: . Three libraries set-up. No more books are needed.

Food and Clothing: .

Project needs: . cars  
. four desks  
. rolling shelves for the library  
. three beds  
. copy machine paper for an Apoco  
. toys and games for Community Centers.

14. Indianola

Project Director: John Harris  
Address: Box 30  
Phone: 1112

Project has:

- six people
- one car
- mimeograph machine
- one typewriter

Facilities:

- one building, with room for meetings

Programs:

- Freedom School
- Voter registration
- Community Center
- Recreation

Library: . adequate

Food and Clothing:

- has been distributing, has storage and distribution committee. Can handle direct shipments. Needs food especially.

Project needs:

- mimeograph stencils (for a Liberator)
- paper
- broken typewriters, for practice in typing classes

Comments: No outside contacts, completely dependent on Jackson.

15. Itta Bena

Project Director: William McGhee  
Address: 153 Love St.  
Phone: 254-7811

Project has:

- . one person
- . one car
- . one typewriter

Facilities:

- . just an office, no space for a library

Programs:

- . Freedom School
- . Voter Registration
- . classes in citizenship
- . Freedom Democratic Party

Library:

- . some books in the office

Food and Clothing:

- . wants to distribute supplies, but can't handle direct shipment

Project needs:

- . paper
- . office supplies
- . typewriter
- . mimeograph machine
- . carbon paper
- . forms for block workers

Comments: no outside contacts

16. Laurel

Project Director:  
Address:  
Phone:

~~Jeff Smith~~ <sup>Mistake</sup> Gwendolyn Robinson  
P.O. Box 771  
428-7057

Project has:

- three girls
- two cars
- two typewriters
- mimeograph machine

Facilities:

- having a nine-room house repaired. Need money for repairs. Living now with a local family.

Programs:

- Voter registration
- Freedom Democratic Party
- Freedom School being planned for high-school students (college preparatory)
- Community Center planned
- remedial reading classes
- literacy program
- sewing classes

Library:

- need an encyclopedia, history books, social science, modern literature, science and math.

Food and Clothing:

- No distribution committee set up. Will have storage space. Can't handle direct shipment.

Project needs:

- file cabinet (urgent)
- paper
- typewriter
- stencils and carbons
- sewing machines
- office supplies

17. McComb

Project Director: Jesse Harris  
Address: 702 Wall St.  
Phone: 684-9414

Project has: . twelve people  
. two cars (in bad condition)  
. mimeograph machine (in bad condition)

Facilities: . two houses and an office

Programs:

Library:

Food and Clothing: . Wants supplies, could handle direct shipment.

Project needs: . car (urgent)  
. two typewriters  
. paper  
. office supplies  
. file cabinet  
. chairs and a desk

18. Marks

Project Director: James Jones  
Address: Masonic Hall, 3rd St.  
Phone: 326-7143

Project has: . three people  
. one car

Facilities: . Masonic Hall, very large

Programs: . Voter registration  
. testing public accommodations  
. community leadership training  
. Community Center planned  
. Freedom School, but no teacher

Library: . building one now. Need books.

Food and Clothing: . no storage space or distribution  
committee. They'll send us the  
filled-in forms so we can package  
them.

Project needs: . car (urgent)  
. paper  
. mimeograph machine  
. blackboard  
. typewriter  
. stencils and carbon paper  
. office supplies (pencils, pads)

19. Meridian

Project Director: Preston Ponder  
Address: 2505<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Fifth St.  
Phone: 485-9286

Project has: . thirteen people  
. five cars (only one is good)  
. mimeograph machine

Facilities: . large building

Programs: . voter registration  
. political campaigns  
. Community Center  
. Freedom House  
. Freedom School  
. Tutoring

Library: . excellent

Food and Clothing: . Distribution and storage facilities ready. Send as much as possible.

Project needs: . paper  
. stencils  
. carbon paper  
. Johnson campaign material  
. file cabinet  
. office supplies  
. toys and games  
. space heater

Comments: Downtown CORE, in New York City, has been sending clothing. They will send their list of outside contacts to Eric Morton.

20. Moss Point

Project Director: Tilmon McKellar  
Address: 609 Bowen  
Phone: 475-9069

Project has:

- combined with Pascagoula, seven staff people and five local people
- one car
- one typewriter

Facilities:

- lots of room now, but may have to move soon.

Programs:

- Community Center
- Voter registration
- Freedom registration
- union organizing
- school boycott and desegregation
- Freedom School being worked on

Library:

- enough books there, but not too well organized. Local girl has said she would help set up the library.

Food and Clothing:

- Block captains organized, lots of storage space. Can handle direct shipments, but the need is not urgent.

Project needs:

- car
- paper (legal and regular size)
- office supplies

Comments: A small amount of money has been contributed directly to Moss Point, but no supplies.

21. Mound Bayou

Project Director: John Bradford  
Address: P.O. Box 443  
Phone: 57-M

Project has: . several people  
. a broken typewriter

Facilities: . a building and a house. Lots of  
storage space.

Programs: . classes nightly on community  
problems  
. community organization  
. Voter registration  
. Community Center  
. Freedom Democratic Party

Library: . need Negro history books

Food and Clothing: . they'll send filled-in ap-  
plication forms to Jackson to  
be packaged.

Project needs: . a car (urgent)  
. typewriter  
. blackboard  
. office supplies  
. paper  
. table and chairs

Comments: a summer volunteer has been sending some supplies

22. Natchez

Project Director: Chico Neblett  
Address: 611 S. Wall St.  
Phone: 442-1298

Project has:

- two people
- one car
- one good typewriter
- broken mimeograph machine

Facilities:

- a house, and getting another one soon

Programs:

- Voter registration
- Freedom School planned
- tutorial project
- Poor White Folk's Project
- Freedom Democratic Party

Library:

- will have facilities for a library by October, and urgently needs books.

Food and Clothing:

- The need for supplies is urgent. Storage and distribution can be arranged for quickly.

Project needs:

- mimeograph machine
- file cabinet
- car
- typewriter

Comments: Have a few outside contacts, and will send a list of them to Eric Morton.

23. Philadelphia

Project Director: James Collier  
Address: c/o Meridian COFO  
2505 $\frac{1}{2}$  Fifth St.  
Phone: 656-2451

Project has:

- . six people
- . two cars (one leaving soon)
- . mimeograph machine
- . broken typewriter

Facilities: . ten rooms, in a hotel

Programs:

- . political
- . Community Center
- . Freedom Democratic Party
- . Voter registration

Library: . need more books, especially  
Negro history and children's books

Food and clothing: . local distribution and storage  
OK. Can handle direct shipments.

Project needs:

- . movie projector
- . office supplies
- . typewriter
- . paper
- . stencils

Comments: may be getting equipment for the Community Center  
from outside sources. Will let us know.

24. Ruleville

Project Director: John Harris and Charlie McLaurin  
Address: Box 275  
Phone: 756-9980

Project has:

- . two people
- . no car
- . one typewriter

Facilities:

- . two and  $\frac{1}{2}$  rooms for Freedom School, Community Center and office. Two more rooms being prepared.

Programs:

- . kindergarten
- . adult classes
- . Mississippi Student Union
- . Community Center
- . Freedom School
- . Voter registration

Library:

- . enough books there

Food and clothing:

- . the supplies sent to Fannie Lou Hamer have been distributed. Many outside sources; another large shipment is expected. Need food desperately, but no clothing. Have storage facilities

Project needs:

- . car (not too urgent)
- . mimeograph machine (not too urgent)

Comments: Will send list of outside sources to Eric Morton

25. Shaw

Project Director: Mary Sue Gellatly  
Address: Box 547  
Phone: 754-3641

Project has:

- . one person
- . no car
- . mimeograph machine
- . one typewriter (and two broken ones)

Facilities:

- . adequate

Programs:

- . citizenship classes
- . Mississippi Student Union
- . Freedom School (as much as possible)
- . Community Center ( " " " )

Library:

- . enough books, except for Negro history

Food and Clothing:

- . local distribution done by staff, Mississippi Student Union, and local adults. Adequate storage space. Can handle direct shipments.

Project needs:

- . car (urgent)
- . floor and wall paint, brushes
- . file cabinet (urgent)
- . long stencils
- . magic markers and scotch tape
- . typing paper
- . envelopes
- . space heaters

26. Tchula

Project Director: Larry Stephens  
Address: Rte. 2, Box 56a  
Phone: 5989

Project has:

- several people
- four cars (can lend one to another project)
- mimeograph machine
- well-equipped, in general

Facilities:

- crowded: one house

Programs:

- two Community Centers
- Freedom School
- Voter registration

Library:

- more than enough books. There are three libraries in the county.

Food and clothing:

- storage and distribution committee available. Won't need too much supplies from Jackson, as has a great deal coming in from other sources.

Project needs:

- thermo-fax machine
- a movie projector, but can get it themselves from outside sources.

Comments: Will send list of outside sources to Eric Morton.

27. Tupelo

Project Director: Isaac Coleman  
Address: 1132 Hilda Drive  
Phone: 842-9963

- Project has:
- several people
  - two cars
- Facilities:
- mimeograph machine and 2 typewriters
  - four rooms
- Programs:
- Freedom Democratic Party
  - Voter registration
  - Freedom School planned
- Library:
- has no library, and wants one urgently
- Food and Clothing:
- Storage space available, and could organize local people to distribute. Wants supplies.
- Project needs:
- poster paint

28. Valley View

Project Director: Andrew Green  
Address: Rte. 1  
Phone: 859-4361

Project has: . six people  
. one car  
. one good typewriter

Facilities: . A barn-like building

Programs: . political  
. community center  
. Freedom School planned  
. Voter registration  
. Freedom Democratic Party

Library: . enough books

Food and Clothing: . Clothing has been coming from  
Canton and other sources. Welfare  
Committee organized, and storage  
space available. Wants supplies.

Project needs: . electric typewriter  
. movie projector  
. mimeograph machine

Comments: Will send list of outside contacts to Eric Morton

29. Vicksburg

Project Director: Dennis Brown, Willie Johnson  
Address: 1016 Hossley  
Phone: 636-5967

Project has: . six people  
. one car that doesn't run

Facilities: . enough space available

Programs: . Freedom Democratic Party  
. Freedom registration  
. Community Center (building no longer available)  
. Freedom School  
. Literacy  
. Mississippi Student Union  
. Voter registration  
. Federal Programs

Library: . circulating 8,000 books

Food and Clothing: . have been getting clothing from Northern supporters. Want food and more clothing. Can handle direct shipments.

Project needs: . car  
. typewriter  
. paper

Comments: will send list of contacts to Eric Morton

1. [illegible]  
2. [illegible]  
3. [illegible]  
4. [illegible]  
5. [illegible]  
6. [illegible]  
7. [illegible]  
8. [illegible]  
9. [illegible]  
10. [illegible]  
11. [illegible]  
12. [illegible]  
13. [illegible]  
14. [illegible]  
15. [illegible]  
16. [illegible]  
17. [illegible]  
18. [illegible]  
19. [illegible]  
20. [illegible]  
21. [illegible]  
22. [illegible]  
23. [illegible]  
24. [illegible]  
25. [illegible]  
26. [illegible]  
27. [illegible]  
28. [illegible]  
29. [illegible]  
30. [illegible]  
31. [illegible]  
32. [illegible]  
33. [illegible]  
34. [illegible]  
35. [illegible]  
36. [illegible]  
37. [illegible]  
38. [illegible]  
39. [illegible]  
40. [illegible]  
41. [illegible]  
42. [illegible]  
43. [illegible]  
44. [illegible]  
45. [illegible]  
46. [illegible]  
47. [illegible]  
48. [illegible]  
49. [illegible]  
50. [illegible]  
51. [illegible]  
52. [illegible]  
53. [illegible]  
54. [illegible]  
55. [illegible]  
56. [illegible]  
57. [illegible]  
58. [illegible]  
59. [illegible]  
60. [illegible]  
61. [illegible]  
62. [illegible]  
63. [illegible]  
64. [illegible]  
65. [illegible]  
66. [illegible]  
67. [illegible]  
68. [illegible]  
69. [illegible]  
70. [illegible]  
71. [illegible]  
72. [illegible]  
73. [illegible]  
74. [illegible]  
75. [illegible]  
76. [illegible]  
77. [illegible]  
78. [illegible]  
79. [illegible]  
80. [illegible]  
81. [illegible]  
82. [illegible]  
83. [illegible]  
84. [illegible]  
85. [illegible]  
86. [illegible]  
87. [illegible]  
88. [illegible]  
89. [illegible]  
90. [illegible]  
91. [illegible]  
92. [illegible]  
93. [illegible]  
94. [illegible]  
95. [illegible]  
96. [illegible]  
97. [illegible]  
98. [illegible]  
99. [illegible]  
100. [illegible]