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To: Friends of SNCC

Re: Recruiting volunteers to work in the Freedom Vote,  
October 18-November 3.

By now you will have received a notice from Jackson (from the Freedom Democratic Party) about recruiting people to come to Mississippi for the two week period -- October 18-November 3.

You will notice that it asks each person interested in applying to come for the Freedom Vote to bring their applications to the nearest Friends of SNCC office. Those people who were in Mississippi this summer need not have an interview but we are asking each Friends of SNCC group to interview all people who have not been in Mississippi before.

It is imperative that all application blanks be returned to Jackson as soon as possible. Although October 11th is the deadline for receipt of applications, you should forward the blanks of any people wishing to come as soon as you receive them in your office.

Tell people who apply on October 11th or after (for 2-3 days only, ie. Oct. 11-13) that you will forward their blanks but that they may not be accepted (even if recommended) because of late application.

There will be no money available for people coming for the Freedom Vote -- for food, housing or for transportation. Students between 18 and 21 should have parent's permission and people under 18 will not be accepted. Interviewing standards should be essentially the same as this summer.

Hopefully you can take care of the interviewing with the minimum amount of problems -- suggest you comprise a committee of returned volunteers to do most of it since time is so short and they should be willing to help.

Questions can be directed here to me in Atlanta or by mail to Bob Weil in the FDP office in Jackson. Best to mimeograph up additional copies of the application forms. The mailing you'll receive from Jackson went to all people in Mississippi this summer (volunteers, ministers, lawyers, doctors, etc. plus Friends of SNCC). Volunteers (ie summer ones) should be encouraged to spread the word on their campuses, etc. and radio and press announcements can be made about the plans for the Freedom Vote tying in the need for recruits...

for freedom,

betty garman