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SOUTHERN OFFICE

Relation of Southern Program to National Program

Area, Personnel, Program (General, Projects, Chapters), Recruitment and Training, Legal Program, Budget, Public Relation and Fund-Raising

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Alabama, Arkansas, Washington, D.C., Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia.

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Ronnie Moore, Spiver Gordon, 17 T F workers, (13 or more to be added) - Louisiana.

B. Elton Cox (temporary), 6 T F workers, (7-8 to be added) - Florida.

Frank Robinson, Emerson Brown (T F), (to be expanded) - South Carolina.

-- T F workers (to be expanded) - North Carolina.

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¹States in parentheses have no CORE projects or chapters. Our entry there is blocked at present because of lack of funds.

²Most of these have proved their worth, but cannot be absorbed into the Task Force because of lack of funds.

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The legal structure for the southern program is outlined in a separate attachment.

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We recognize that it is quite different to propose a budget—or approve a budget—than to raise the funds to fulfill it. With this in mind the southern office will maintain close communication with Marv Rich on how the southern staff can help activate this program, by assistance in either fund-raising or budget-cutting.

The new focus of the program will be Louisiana. Within the period covered we intend to introduce, or step up, activity in Florida, North and South Carolina. Inclusion of Oklahoma or Texas depends on analytical reports yet to be received from staff in those states.

What we expect to achieve is, I think, indicated in the discussion of program. Our next job is to formulate a summer program, and that for the year following. We hope to have same ready for presentation to this body at an early date.

CORE SOUTHERN LEGAL PROGRAM

October through May

Louisiana - Use local lawyers, CDE co-ordinators. Need \$20,000 \$20,000
for retainers for these lawyers, including CDE. Will cover existing
projects and Alexandria, Shreveport, New Orleans, Plaquemines
Parish. Includes also travel and out-of-pocket. Does not include
bail, court costs, expenses of appeal. Briefs will be written by
volunteers. SEDF will (hopefully) cover appeal expenses. SEDF will
be asked to set up \$100,000 bail fund.

Miss. - Hire one full-time lawyer for Jackson office for CORE \$49,000
and COFO, to be locally sponsored until eligible for bar exam. (Lawyers available)
Estimate salary and expense (office, travel, clerical help)
\$12,000. Plus one troubleshooter working part-time in this state.
Plus volunteers for emergency and briefs.

Florida - Hire one full-time lawyer for Tallahassee office, plus
one troubleshooter (office above), plus volunteers for emergency
and briefs.

Ala. & Ga. - Will be serviced by troubleshooter at present. If \$5,000
need arises for further service, certain local lawyers are avail-
able in Montgomery, B'ham, Atlanta and Albany.

Texas - Local lawyers in Dallas, San Antonio. (Needs follow-up) \$5,000

Okla. - Will follow up Karpatkin's local contacts in Tulsa and
Oklahoma City to cement working agreement.

Ark. - James Youngdahl, Wiley Branton. \$2,000

Tenn. - Hooks in Memphis, another in Knoxville (needs follow-up \$2,000
in Nashville)

Virginia - Tucker in Alexandria.

N. Carolina - Floyd McKissick (include retainer \$3,000) plus \$5,000
associates.

S. Carolina - Presently open. \$3,000

Total estimated cost \$82,000

In all cases it is expected that services of volunteers will be utilized
in preparing briefs and filling in in emergency cases.

Budget (by state) for CORE Southern Program

October 1 to May 31 exclusive

(This budget is computed on a monthly basis)

Office operation	No. personnel	Stipend personnel	No. cars	lease	upkeep	Misc. expense	Current total	Projected total
Florida								
Quincy	18 T F	800.00	3	375.00	450.00	75.00	2305.00	
	1 F S	400.00						
Jacksonville	3 T F	300.00	1	125.00	150.00	75.00		855.00
Gainesville	2 T F	200.00	1	125.00	150.00	75.00		1155.00
	1 F S	400.00						
	<u>13 T F</u>						<u>2305.00</u>	<u>2010.00</u>
	2 F S							4315.00
Louisiana								
Baton Rouge	9 T F	900.00	2	250.00	450.00	75.00	2335.00	
	1 F S	400.00	1	-----				
Monroe	8 T F	800.00	2	250.00	450.00	75.00	2185.00	
	1 F S	400.00						
Shreveport	3 T F	300.00	1	125.00	150.00	75.00		860.00
Alexandria	3 T F	300.00	1	125.00	150.00	75.00		860.00
	<u>23 T F</u>						<u>4520.00</u>	<u>1720.00</u>
Mississippi								
Meridian	11 T F	1100.00	2	250.00	300.00	75.00		1935.00
Philadelphia	4 T F	400.00	1	125.00	150.00	75.00		960.00
Canton	10 T F	1000.00	2	250.00	300.00	75.00		1835.00
Jackson	5 T F	500.00	1	125.00	150.00	75.00		2050.00
	2 F S	800.00						
	<u>30 T F</u>						<u>6225.00</u>	<u>6780.00</u>
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3 State Total (monthly)							13,050	17,335.00
" " Oct.-May							up to 138,680.00	
Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas								
Travel & Subsist.								
2 roving	F S	800.00		300.00			1100.00	
1 "	T F	100.00		150.00			250.00	
South Carolina								
	1 F S	400.00)		150.00			650.00	
	1 T F	100.00)						

This budget omits mention of North Carolina, although it is our plan to investigate possibilities of early action in both North and South Carolina. Neither appears to involve appreciable additions of staff. However, it does include addition of five T F and 2 F S in Florida, and 6 T F in Louisiana. It is noteworthy that of the estimated expense of \$17,335 monthly, \$9000 (52%) goes for salary and subsistence.