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To: Friends of SNCC

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Re: Freedom Vote and recruitment of students to participate

From: Betty Garman, Northern Coordinator, SNCC

Apparently many of you never received the mailing from the FDP in Jackson on the Freedom Vote. As you will recall I sent out a mailing last week on the basis that you were receiving the information from Jackson.

At any rate, to compensate for this problem we are enclosing here a duplicate copy of the mailing sent from Jackson with some additional information. The following is relevant:

1. All applicants should fill out blanks (see enclosed) and bring them to the Friends of SNCC office. They should be interviewed using the same standards as the summer -- unless they were in Mississippi this summer -- then they need only bring the blank to you and you should forward it on to the Freedom Democratic Party, 852 1/2 Short Street, Jackson, Mississippi. PLEASE FORWARD APPLICATIONS AS THEY ARE RECEIVED BY YOU ** DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE A HANDFUL BUT SEND THEM ONE BY ONE, DAY BY DAY, IF NECESSARY.
2. Applicants should be told that they are not to leave until they have been formally accepted by the FDP committee.
3. Summer volunteers who want to return to their old project areas will be pretty much assured of such assignments.
4. All participants should report to Jackson on either October 18 or October 25th for orientation sessions. These will last approximately one day. Summer volunteers should also report to Jackson for assignments.
5. The nature of the work these people will be doing is largely the necessary canvassing and "getting out" the Freedom Vote. The Freedom Democratic Party hopes also to use the fact of the Freedom Vote to further develop local FDP organization and Freedom Vote volunteers should be fairly sensitive to the need to build indigenous leadership -- even though they will only be in the state for a period of one or two weeks.
6. If students can come before the 18th of October, send them on -- if they are formally accepted.
7. The October 11th deadline doesn't hold for people wanting to come for work Oct. 25 ~~xxx~~ to Nov. 2.
8. MOST IMPORTANT FOR FRIENDS OF SNCC...ask each applicant to fill out two copies of the application -- one for your files. The most important information is their Senators and Congressmen and their bond contact -- plus parents address and home phone.
9. Comments on the interview should be attached to each blank and forwarded to Jackson.