

To: People working on ASC

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From: Jane Adams

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Cleveland

r.e. Committee Elections

The following information was sent me from Mr. Sullivan of the State ASCS office.

"Reference is made to the requirement in paragraph 61, Handbook 1-CA, concerning public notice of polling place elections. As indicated on the election calendar for polling place election, this notice must be given not later than November 23, 1964. To assure that all eligible voters will be adequately informed of the slate of nominees, a letter patterned after the sample attached, together with a sample ballot, containing the names of all persons nominated, shall be mailed to each eligible voter of record. The sample ballot must be prepared in the same format as the one attached except it must be prepared on colored paper to distinguish it readily from an official ballot.

"The following policy will be followed where an eligible voter needs and requests assistance in voting because of a physical disability or the inability to read or write. In instances where any eligible voter states that he cannot read or write and requests assistance from any person in marking the ballot, the Committee in charge of the polling place shall permit such person (can be COFO worker, if the farmer so chooses, or anyone else! ja) to assist under observation of a member of the committee."

(We cannot solicit to help people, though--they have to ask someone for help. If someone asks to help an illiterate farmer, he can be removed, legally. So be careful on th@s. ja)

The following is the content of the letter that is to be sent out (without letter head, etc.):

Dear Producer:

There is enclosed a sample ballot listing the complete slate of nominees for membership on the community committee in your county. December 3, 1964, is election day and the polls will be open from ___ a.m. to ___ p.m. The location of the polling place for your community (show letter designation of community and other identifying names) is _____.

The ballots will be tabulated publicly by the community committee in charge of the polling place at that location immediately after the polls close. Any question on eligibility to vote and hold office or on the election procedure will be settled by the community committee in charge of the polling place. Appeal from any decision on such cases may be made promptly note to the county committee on that date as they will be in session from 1 p.m. until the polls close.

County committee decisions on the above matters may also be appealed to the State committee.

Very truly yours,

County Office Manager

The ballot is standard; writing is:

"Vote for as many as five of the persons listed or you may write in names of persons of your choice. A vote for less than five persons will not invalidate this ballot; however, a vote for more than five will invalidate it.

then the nominees and five blanks for write ins, and offices the people who receive the highest number of votes.

Let me know how things are going, if you need more leaflets, etc.