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                    FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY PROTESTS
                    CAMPAIGN INTIMIDATION IN TELEGRAM
                    TO DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Jackson, Mississippi--Laurence Guyot, Chairman of the Mississippi Freedom
Democratic Party, called upon the National Democratic Party to conduct
investigations into the "suppression" of MFDP attempts to campaign for the
National Democratic ticket.

Guyot charged in a telegram sent yesterday to John Bailey, National Democratic
Party Chairman, that "unfair campaign practices and illegal acts" were being
used against workers in the MFDP campaign. The telegram included a list of
some 20 incidents of beatings, shootings, and arrests of campaign workers
which have taken place in 16 areas since the MFDP campaign began. The text
of the telegram follows.

October 30, 1964

John Bailey
Democratic National Committee Chairman
Washington, D.C.

                    The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party has
                    been actively campaigning for President Lyndon
                    B. Johnson and Hubert Humphrey, seeking votes
                    both in the regular election and in our own
                    Freedom Vote--an election designed to give
                    disfranchised Negroes in the state an
                    opportunity to make their choice for political
                    office known. This telegram is in protest
                    of the often brutal actions of private
                    citizens and law enforcement officials that
                    occur in a closed society. In the following
                    cases we witness not only the oppression of
                    a minority group, but the oppression of a
                    minority opinion. We request that the
                    Democratic Party conduct an investigation
                    of the following incidents and/or refer
                    us to the appropiate body for actions against
                    persons committing the following unfair
                    campaign practices and illegal acts supp-
                    ressing political organizing in Mississippi.

                                        Laurence Guyot,
                                        Chairman, Mississippi Freedom
                                        Democratic Party