

TO: ALL CAMPUS CONTACTS

FROM: JON ELSE, NORTHERN CAMPUS COORDINATOR

We are at the moment preparing a summary of incidents for the month of September and a suggested program for campus fund-raising. These will be sent to you at a later date. It is, however, of primary importance that we immediately forward to you the following material concerning the Freedom vote in Mississippi.

TO: ALL MISSISSIPPI SUMMER PROJECT VOLUNTEERS AND CAMPUS CONTACTS

FROM: THE FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY

We need your help. We are having a Freedom Vote October 31 and November 1 and 2, in which all Mississippians over 21 can vote.

Aaron Henry is running for Senate, Mrs. Hamer for Congress in the Delta, Mrs. Annie Devine in the 4th District and Mrs. Victoria Gray in the 5th District. For future challenges against the Regular Democratic Party of Mississippi, we must get more votes in the Freedom Vote than the incumbents get in the regular election. Therefore we are calling for 250-500 volunteers to work in the state from Oct. 18 to Nov. 3.

A more detailed description of the Freedom Vote is included in the material accompanying this letter. Since returning from the Convention we have been able to strengthen our position all across the state, and in particular local leadership has become much more important and better organized. We will follow the Freedom Vote with a new challenge. We will try to have nullified the elections of the regular Democratic Party candidates for Senate and House. If that fails we will try to have the Democratic caucus strip the Mississippi representatives of their seniority - 9/10 of their real power. That is why we must get more votes for the Freedom Candidates for Senate and House than the Regular candidates get.

If you can be in Mississippi for either Oct. 18-26, Oct 26-Nov 3, or both weeks, please fill out the two application forms and take them to the nearest Friends of SNCC office. Only if there is no office in your area should you send applications directly to Jackson. Those who have been in Mississippi must still complete the application forms and forward them through the Friends of SNCC offices. This will help us coordinate the recruiting, transportation and orientation of volunteers. Arrangements will be similar to the summer. Transportation to and from Mississippi and money for food must be provided by the volunteer, housing will be provided by the FDP together with COFO. Volunteers must take their own arrangements to provide bond money; arrests during the Freedom Vote are likely to be very frequent.

The Freedom Vote is the most important happening in Mississippi in the next few weeks. You must help. If you cannot come, find another responsible person who can.

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