It has been stated many times, that: there is a place for the
Northern Offices of SNCC———

Groups supporting the work of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating
Committee in the North serve two important functions. They are
the primary source of financial support for the work being carried
on throughout the South, they act as information centers for
spreading word of the activities of the Southern movement in the
North, and they organize demonstrations and protest campaigns to
bring national pressure on the Federal Government for action.

SNCC’s Northern supporters are more than fundraisers. The fund
raising activity, which the South desperately needs, becomes in the
North a means for involving and informing more and more people
throughout the country about the facts of the Southern Movement and
the vital role played by SNCC in the movement.

....SNCC is fraternally related to almost every national student
group, including the National Student Association, the National
Student Christian Federation, and the Northern Student Movement.

Members of the SNCC staff working in the North are aware of their
role. We know that without SNCC in the South there would be no
need for our existence——we are also aware——without the office
in the North there would possibly be no SNCC in the South.

Being cognizance of the above mentioned facts and that there is hell
in the South——and that we are (have to) working from a handicapped
position, we only ask or state our (my) position on a few things.

For a SNCC office in the North to work well, there must be a cer-
tain type of relation or understanding between National SNCC in
Atlanta, and the office in the North. There must be some type of
coordination from some point. To carry on fund raising activities in
the North there must be some type of responce to our desperate
cries for help. SNCC is growing everyday———and we must be able to
keep in touch with the growth of SNCC. Groups working in the North
should or must have a more active participation within SNCC. Groups
in the North must be able to state their position about certain
matters (affecting them and maybe National SNCC) without being set upon
by Atlanta or someone in the Atlanta office.

We all have to give and take. Give and take in the sense that there is
cooperation, and cooperation from both ends of the field. Phone
calls must be returned, and returned not four or five days later.
We should be in on the decision making (that which affects the North).
Aware of the fact that Atlanta is the National Office and that there are
certain lines along which SNCC works———but——SNCC must also
become aware, that there are certain problems that exist in the
North and by being in the South one isn't always familiar with those
problems. Not only should the Northern Staff take a more active
participation in the activities of SNCC, but those working with us.
(The chairman of the local SNCC or Friends of SNCC.)

Please don't misunderstand me, I'm not saying that every Tom, Dick
and Harry—as well as Mary and Sallie Sue should take or be in
such a position, but those whom we know are workers, those who
have worked with SNCC since it's beginning and those whom we know are
committed to the principles and goals of SNCC. These people should
must have a role within SNCC, a role that is more than that of some
one up North (a do-gooder) who is trying to clear his or her
conscience for some strange reason.

Again, don't misunderstand, I make these statements because there is
very little feeling of responsibility towards the
Northern offices. How can these problems be solved? I don't know,
but maybe there is a suggestion———some type of central office
should be set up in the various sections of the country and these
offices be responsible to atlanta (with Atlanta being responsible
to them, for information etc.) and working with atlanta. These
offices should in turn relate the information on the other SNCC
groups in their areas. Exactly how this type of set up would work
or the details of this type of thing I don't know, but we know
nothing until it's tried.