

III. Stand-ins:

In several communities of the Fifth and Sixth Congressional Districts we plan to have lines of Negroes flooding the registrars' offices on the three days when the registration books are open between the first and second Democratic primaries. This endeavor may result in a few more names being added to the registration rolls.

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IV. Freedom Elections:

With the total concentration of this summer project focused upon protesting for the right to vote, it will be a logical step to hold mock elections. The summer project as presented here will be a pretty complete reproduction of the whole democratic electoral process as practiced in the United States. This will start with the attempt to seat delegates at the Democratic National Convention in July, continue with Freedom Registration in July and August, and conclude, as the actual process concludes, with mock elections.

In July and August of 1964, Louisiana Democrats will choose their representatives for the U.S. Congress. Since the Louisiana voter registration system is systematically designed to exclude Negroes from the voting rolls, these representatives will represent only a part of the state's population. Approximately 1/6 of the over 600,000 voting-age Negroes in the state of Louisiana are registered to vote in official elections. Therefore, 5/6 or over 400,000 Negro citizens of the state have no voice in the election process. To dramatize and protest this situation, we plan to sponsor two Negro candidates who will run for Congress from the Fifth and Sixth Congressional Districts in a mock election.

All persons who have been freedom registered will be eligible to vote in this election, which will be held on Aug. 29. We anticipate that over 50,000 votes will be cast, which will be proof that not only do Negroes here want to vote, but that had these votes been cast in a real election, they would have been able to determine that election.

At the time of the general election in November, we will urge all Negro voters registered within the official Louisiana registration system to write in the name of the freedom candidate instead of voting for one of the party candidates.

V. Mechanics of the project:

Dates: July 12 - Aug. 30, 1964

July 12 - 16: Training in Iberville Parish (Plaquemine) for freedom registration and vote campaign.

July 17 - 26: Preparation for voter registration stand-ins at registrars offices in Monroe (Ouachita Parish), St. Francisville (West Feliciana Parish), Clinton (East Feliciana Parish), Greensburg (St. Helena Parish), Plaquemine (Iberville Parish), and New Roads (Pointe Coupee Parish)

July 27, 28, 29: Stand-ins at registrars' offices. These are the only three days the registration books are open between the two Democratic primaries (July 25 and August 29).

July 30 - Aug. 12: Freedom registration campaign

Aug. 13 - Presentation of application forms to parish registrars.

Aug. 14: Presentation of application forms to Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Aug. 15 - 29: Mock election

Aug. 30: Project evaluation and conclusion.

Recruitment of workers:

We learn from the past; therefore, it is essential that persons desiring to participate in the summer project have the following understandings:

1. Jail without bail philosophy must be accepted.
2. No guarantee can be made that all participants will be out of jail by Aug. 30, so persons who must be back in school or on the job should be warned.
3. Work in Louisiana, particularly in northern Louisiana, will be extremely dangerous.
4. Persons bringing automobiles to be used on the project will fully accept that National CORE will only be liable for minor repairs or for repairs of damages incurred in the line of duty.
5. Absolutely NO pets allowed.
6. There must be willingness to submit absolutely to group discipline.
7. All persons applying from the state of Louisiana should be interviewed by the Louisiana staff. Applicants from outside of the state should be interviewed by a staff member, preferable from Louisiana,

but definitely from the South and who is familiar with the area's problems.

8. Married couples must be willing to accept separation.

9. All persons should be made fully aware of the subsistence housing and irregular board conditions.

10. People who cannot get along with CORE people in their own communities and who have had difficulty in cooperating with persons on past projects should definitely not be accepted for the summer project.

11. Persons who cannot or will not conform to accepted local patterns of dress, appearance, and behavior should not be accepted. Unacceptable things include: beards, dirty appearance, messy hair and unkempt natural-style hair, sloppy clothes including pants and dungarees on women. We want capable, imaginative, and emotionally stable people.

12. Persons who cannot adjust will be removed from the project immediately.

Manpower and transportation:

We need 48 workers, two to each parish, plus the present staff. We also request that an official of National CORE take up permanent in Louisiana for the summer project like last year. The purpose of this is that this will be an independent CORE endeavor and we will need additional professional know-how in community relations and organization.

We need at least 12 cars plus the cars now in operation, one car to every two parishes. We hope that with 12 cars and a staff of 48 we will be able to secure additional transportation and volunteers from local communities.

VI. Budget and Fund-raising:

1. Five-day training session (July 12 - 16)	50 workers	
A. Food	\$2.00 per day per person, totaling \$100 a day for five days	\$500.00
B. 12 cars	costing about \$7.00 a day per car; \$84.00 per day for five days	420.00
C. Housing	- \$1.90 per person per day; \$75.00 per day for five days	325.00
D. Miscellaneous	- \$25.00 per day for five days	\$125.00
2. Remaining weeks (July 17 - Aug. 30)		
A. Food for 50 workers	\$2.00 per person per day \$100.00 per day for 43 days	4,300.00
B. Housing	\$1.50 per day per person \$65.00 per day for 43 days	2,795.00
C. Transportation	12 cars costing \$10.00 per car per day \$120.00 per day for 43 days	5,160.00
3. Freedom registration	(application forms and related material)	2,500.00
4. Freedom election	(ballot, buttons, etc.)	1,500.00
5. Other		
A. Stationery		350.00
B. Phone		1,200.00
C. Miscellaneous		500.00
TOTAL BUDGET FORECAST		\$19,675.00

Statement:

Prior to the summer project two fund-raising campaigns should be carried out by the Louisiana staff specifically aimed at raising funds for the summer project in Louisiana.

A. Fund raising within the state of Louisiana: A seven to ten day period should be set aside for a speaking tour by James Farmer in Louisiana with the specific purpose of raising funds for the project. To open this drive, Mr. Farmer should hold a press conference in the project area to announce the project and then speak in communities we have and will be working in.

In conjunction with this the film, "Louisiana Diary" should be shown to stimulate understanding of our activities and interest in supporting them.

B. A nation-wide fund-raising tour of colleges and universities in New York and surrounding areas should be conducted by Louisiana workers. The specific goal of this tour would be to get college groups interested in supporting CORE's work in Louisiana by getting each group to put up the money to support one task force worker on the summer project.

One of our staff is now trying to set up such a program of appearances at different colleges for this purpose.

All funds raised by A would be deposited to our savings account to be applied to the summer project expenses with the exception that $\frac{1}{4}$ of all monies so collected should go to National CORE. All funds raised by B should be deposited in our savings account to be applied to the specific purpose for which they are raised.

VII. Practical aspects:

Although the plan for a summer project may be interesting and dramatic, we are concerned about several practical aspects.

Community interest in such a project cannot be overlooked. And we have problems in this regard in both the Fifth and Sixth Congressional Districts, particularly in North Louisiana. With present staff we have been unable to fully scout North Louisiana and our work has been limited to a couple of parishes. Resistance on the part of the whites in this area will be especially stubborn and work will be dangerous, recall Mike's being run out of Tallulah. Thus, reaching and inspiring the Negro communities will be an arduous task and we can only be hopeful of success.

Before freedom registration could begin and little if any work could be done on the freedom election, workers could most probably be arrested, intimidated, and even severely injured by members and associates of the White Citizens Council and the Ku Klux Klan.

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VIII. Follow up program and staff:

We hope that a staff of at least 18 persons be left in Louisiana for follow-up purposes.

Plan:

September - Voter registration in the 24 parishes of the 5th and 6th Congressional Districts.
IMPORTANT - last month for registration before the presidential election.

October - Voter registration, chapter development, and direct action in same parishes. Preparations for write-in vote.

November 3, 1964 - Write-in election for freedom candidates on the date of the general election.

Nov. 4 - Dec. 31, 1964 - voter registration, direct action to implement civil rights bill, and chapter development. Rallying communities to file suit to desegregate all public facilities.

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