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PROPOSAL ON BAIL & BOND RECEIPTS

During the early years of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in Mississippi, there were a considerable amount of arrests. There was a campaign in Greenwood in 1963 where some hundred or so persons were arrested, and over the years the number has grown to twice the size it was in 1963 in Greenwood.

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) invested considerable sums of money for bail or bond during those arrests. At this time we would estimate that the amount invested has reached far better than \$25,000. Also at this time, there are very few or in some cases no record of these bail/bond receipts.

The Program Department proposes that two volunteers be recruited and assigned to the task of recovering information about bail/bond receipts. It would be a shame after launching such an outward aggressive attack against the Power Structure of Mississippi, whether it be local, county or state, if we now forget about the money invested as bail/bond and let those structures collect that money which is so hard for us to come by.

We suggest that the volunteer be recruited by the Department, that they be selected from a group of self-sufficient individuals, and that they have some (little) background in law. The time allowed for this operation should be no less than (2) two months and no more than (6) six months.

Before starting out on the venture of collecting this necessary information, they should consult with several of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee attorneys. Howard Moore, attorney from Atlanta, could possibly give some information on how to go about the operation. He may have information on some of the arrests, such as dates and where they took place.

These people should be assigned a car. They should be extended the hospitality of any worker visiting a SNCC project in the state.

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