

NOTE: to SNCC staff and freedom force workers

We have set up a schedule for the WATS line in Atlanta.

The use of the WATS line has been reserved for field calls during these hours:
(All Atlanta Time - Eastern Standard Time) 8am - 10 am
 11 am - 1 pm
 4pm - 6 pm
 8pm - 1 am

We are going to make it a practice to call state offices at least once a day, every day - Selma, Jackson (MFDP), and Little Rock. In addition, we are going to schedule calls to all projects so that we (Communications Department) can call each project once a week.

There are three ways for any project to get in touch with Atlanta, either to make a report or to make a request. (1) Emergencies have top priority, as they always have. (2) Call the state office and make a report or a request through them. (3) Wait until the weekly phone call.

In addition to making a schedule for WATS calls, SNCC has installed TWX equipment in the Atlanta office and in the major northern offices. We are setting up what we call the SNCC NEWS SERVICE. What it means is that there will eventually be a news service which transmits civil rights news from across the South, and not only transmits, but gives the stories from our point of view. We are hoping that as this service gets set up and operating that people will subscribe to the service - which will ultimately pay for the WATS lines.

What we need:

First, we need phone numbers and addresses for all field staff and freedom force workers. This will make it sure that all staff people and freedom Force people get the NEWS OF THE WEEK from this office, along with other information when available. It will also help us in collecting news, especially if we have a phone number at which to reach people.

Second, we need people who are willing to be listed as news contacts, especially people not in a project area - like someone in North Carolina or Florida, etc. Think of individuals whom you know who could act in this capacity. This is in order to broaden our news gathering base.

Most people can be contacted through their project offices. But if there are people who spend more of their time away from offices, we would like to know where they can be reached.

In calling in WATS reports, ask for Bill Mahoney, Dottie Zellner, or Gren Whitman.