

Dear ACLU Attorneys and Members:

You may not have known that in all of Mississippi there are only three

Negro attorneys and one white lawyer who will take any civil rights cases at all. That is why out of state legal assistance is necessary to take the depositions authorized by Title 2 United States Code Sections 201-226, in proof of the Mississippi Democratic Freedom Democratic Party's allegations that 95 % of the state's Negroes were denied the right to vote in the 1964 elections.

You have probably read in the newspapers of the MFDP Congressional Challenge to the regular Mississippi representatives who claim their seats by virtue of these elections. ACLU is supporting this fact-finding documenting effort ~~in~~ⁱⁿ Mississippi and is asking attorneys to go to Mississippi now, beginning on January 20, 1965, to take the evidence to present to the House Committee on Elections.

If you can go to Mississippi for one week, ~~through January 20 to February 12~~ from January 20 through February 12, 1965 to help vindicate the constitutional rights of over 400,000 Negro citizens of Mississippi, please ~~plan~~ plan to attend the briefing session to be conducted by MFDP and ACLU attorney Benjamin Smith of New Orleans at 1:30 pm Sunday January 17, 1965 at: 485 DEWEY BLVD, SAN FRANCISCO

~~(Peter: I think this will be the S.F. Bar Association Lounge, 21st floor, Mills Tower, San Francisco, if not there it will probably be sun reporter building in sf, and I will call before 10 am Monday to tell you exactly..)~~

~~If you cannot go to Mississippi~~ To all of you who are not attorneys and to the attorneys who cannot go to Mississippi but wish to contribute financially to the travel cost of those going, please send your check to Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, 584 Page St. San Francisco, Calif (or, Peter, directly to you, whatever you wish.)

The need for attorneys, and stenographers and court reporters is great.

aclu chairman

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