



NORTH FLORIDA CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION PROJECT
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TO: Mr. Richard Haley, Southern Director
FROM: SPIVER GORDON (De Lawd), Florida Field Secretary
SUBJECT: Survey of project needs

1. Program: At the present time the program is a limited one. In Liberty, Leon and Lafayette Counties voter registration is being pushed as the primary objective. In Liberty a citizenship education program is being carried on under CORE guidance and within the framework of the local Voter's League. A similar program is being planned for Lafayette County. Gadsden County has entered a period of limbo. We have passed through the emotional stimulus provided by the election and now are trying to develop the long range program necessary to capitalize upon the gains made prior to the election. To that end several starts have been made. In Quincy we are beginning a pilot program to develop block associations. The program will have the dual purpose of putting pressure on the city government for needed improvements and developing leadership on the local level. Connected with the program in Quincy will be the attempted formation of a community center, to help develop community cohesion and a cultural center for the young people.

Future Program: There is a great need for intensive action in North Florida. Areas of concentration should include making the Public Accommodations Section of the Civil Rights Bill a reality. Integration of Public Schools; formation of unemployed counsels; and work with the tenant farmers of the area with an eye toward improving working and living conditions.

The probability of success in any one of these projects depends upon the availability of a lawyer and the beefing up of staff with good solid people. At the present time staff and financial limitations preclude any extensive expansion of the project and might even necessitate retrenchment in several areas

2. Equipment Cars: Two cars both privately owned. Spiver Gordon's 65 Plymouth is the only dependable car on the project. Lauria Geison, a volunteer, has a 61 Simca which is in pretty bad shape and completely undependable.
- COMMUNITY CARS: Access to cars in the community is limited. We can not utilize community cars on any regular schedule. We can usually



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We can usually acquire cars for a short period of time doing an emergency. In case of need, we can occasionally gain use of a pick-up truck.

3. RENTAL SPACE: The project is responsible for the rent of a six room office suite at the the cost of \$50. per month. The suite includes two rooms used as project office, one as a meeting hall, one as a Quincy CORE office, and the other two are supposedly being used assa FREEDOM LIBRARY.
4. Living Conditions: In Gadsden County Staff is living in a house provided by a local Church group. It includes all facilities such as hot water, toliet facilities and a cook stove and a refrigerator. However, we donot have any heating systems. The only heat weehave now comes from a small electric heater that has to be carried about from room to room and it provides very little heat for such a large house. In the other Counties Staff members are living with community people. The living expenses of staff members run to the full eighty-eight dollars per month. This includes both personal and project expenses. The eating habits of Staff depends upon the needs of the project. First, we provide for the needs of FREEDOM and afterwhitch for the needs of our stomachs.
5. Office Machinery: The sum total of our office equipment is one typewriter and one mimeograph machine. The typewriter, a donation from CORE Office in Canton is in good shape. The mimeo is being rented at a cost of \$32.00 per month.
6. Office Supplies: The supply of paper and supplies is scanty and aquire on a day to day basic any money permits and or necisity dictater. We use approximately a ream of writing paper per month and one hundred envelopes. Our biggest expense is memo paper for the Free Press. As of three weeks ago, we have been cutting it dow n to a single page with a printing of 4,000 copies per week. Projected on this scale out out put per month will be thirty two reems and eight stencils. With roughly two pounds of ink per week. Our supplies are acquired through community supportaand Staff contributions. There has been very little or no project money to use for any materials.
7. Cleanliness: Both the house and office have been mentioned in a re-latively clear statement.



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8. Desk, File Cabinets: We have two beat up desks which are being lent to us by the landlord. Two drawers serve as our file system. We have County and State maps that are sufficient for our needs.
9. File Cabinet: We need a three drawer model.
10. Cars: Transportation limitation is one of our greatest handicaps. For optimism efficiency we will need at least one car per County or two staff members. For even minus efficiency, we need at least one more dependable car.
11. Staff: Our staff has been reduced to one field secretary, three task force workers, and one green, green volunteer. With this staff we are working seven Counties. Obviously, we are undermanned. Minimum requirements will be TWO paid (since volunteers are supported by staff which is also supporting the project.) This will enable us to at least maintain our present program.
12. Reference: It would be invaluable if the CORE reference department would send out bulletin covering program incidents and events which would be of use to us. All too often, we are unaware of recently passed laws, court decisions and programs that would aid us.
13. Typewriters: We could use at least two more good typewriters to facilitate office work.
14. Usual Aids: A film projector would be valuable in presenting various aspects of the movement to the community.