

TOP PRIORITY

March 19, 1965

MEMO Re: Press Contacts

Because of heavy "traffic" on the WATS line we are asking, once again, that each Friends of SNCC office, group, prepare for us a list of radio stations, newspapers (including college papers and stations) who will accept collect calls from us when major movement happenings occur.

Please list, and send immediately, the following information:

1. Names, phone numbers of newspaper and stations. (include area code). PLUS the name of the person you have talked with about accepting collect calls. (Try to get a name for day and night shifts, too). Please don't send us names of people and papers who seem only halfinterested -- but send those names who you think really will accept collect calls and want on the spot, etc.

We will not be calling just for anything. We will be calling -- particularly to radio stations -- when we have very good on the spot tapes of events or when we have important news which we know papers will not get totally from the wire services.

Also, we will certainly call these radio stations and papers if someone from their area is involved in the event, gets arrested, etc.

2. Send this information IMMEDIATELY to:

Mark Suckle
SNCC Communications
6 Raymond St., NW
Atlanta 14, Georgia

with any notes you want to make about the stations, the papers or the people you have listed. Please do this soon??

Freedom,
Betty
Betty Garman