

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee  
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Atlanta, Georgia

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To: Campus Friends of SNCC and Campus-Contacts  
From: Esther Heifetz, Northern Campus Coordinator

Enclosed you will find an incident summary for March, which tells of the work of SNCC and what is happening in our projects throughout the South. The source for this paper came from the WATS reports, which are daily accounts of who is doing what where. Extremely valuable to SNCC is the Wide Area Telephone Service; we pay a flat rate each month which enables us to call anywhere in the country. It is impossible to underestimate the importance of the WATS line to the workings of SNCC. We need to know for security and other reasons what is happening on the field, and this is the only way we can do so. The WATS line costs us \$2,200 a month and is only one of the many expenses involved in keeping SNCC moving.

Now you see the purpose of this memo; we need funds urgently and need you to really begin organizing to meet this end.

The big advantage of fund raising on college campuses is the fact that you can reach every student on campus. You could set a goal to collect money until the equivalent of a dollar from each student has been reached, so with a student body of 2,000 SNCC could get \$2,000. Or those of you which are part of a complex of schools, could have a contest to see which school is able to reach one dollar per student first. This also could work for the high schools in a local school system.

You can begin getting out in your communities and going from door to door, educating the people about SNCC, the FDP and the Challenge, and asking for donations. Those campuses which are located near ghetto areas could have students start canvassing these neighborhoods. You can explain the FDP and the Challenge to these people and show how their political position is interrelated to the people in Mississippi and while asking for money for SNCC, ask that they write their Congressmen and urge them to support the FDP.

To keep moving, SNCC needs your support...so please start organizing to raise funds. Enclosed you will find a list of fund raising ideas.

Remember the Washington D.C. Conference April 15, 16 and 17. It is urgent that you immediately contact William Porter at the Washington D.C. SNCC Office, 107 Rhode Island Ave., NW or Nancy Cooper at the Atlanta SNCC Office so that they can know which campuses are planning to attend the conference and approximately how many students will be coming. We hope to see you at the SNCC office in D.C. on the morning of April 15.

Please continue working on the voting bill. Enclosed you will find a paper explaining what SNCC wants included in the bill. Mineograph up copies of the paper and circulate it among your campus community. Urge other students to write their congressmen immediately.

The students at Alabama State College need your support. Alabama State College students were very active during the Montgomery crisis. About two weeks ago they began demonstrating to protest conditions at their school, which is not accredited. As a result several days ago the parents of fifteen of the leaders of the Alabama State College Freedom Committee were contacted by the school administration and warned that if their children continue in their present activities they are liable to immediate suspension or expulsion. Then April 3 the parents of Raymond Jenkins, who is chairman of ASCFC, were called by the college and told that Raymond's life is in danger because of his activities and that the college could no longer guarantee his protection. So Sunday his parents came and took him out of school. Therefore Raymond was not really suspended or expelled, yet the school was able to get rid of him.

Alabama State College has a Negro student body, and it is the only school that most of the students can attend. So a very deep fear exists because of the willingness of the administration to take action. The students speak of the administration as a dictatorship; they say that it is no atmosphere in which to speak of their grievances.

Last night 200 students (student body of 1,700) signed a petition supporting the ASCFC. These students need your support. Send telegrams protesting this attempted intimidation and restriction of their freedom to:

Dr. Bronson  
Director of Student Affairs  
Alabama State College  
Montgomery, Alabama

Dr. Levi Watkins  
President  
Alabama State College  
Montgomery, Alabama