

Proposal for action - for visit by newspaper editors.  
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If the editors come back to Selma it is important that we impress upon them the fact that the Negroes of Selma are still an oppressed people and that there has been no significant improvement in the situation (except in the terms of the peoples morale). If we demonstrate the demonstration should be designed to show in no uncertain terms that there has been no fundamental change in the Black Belt.

1. The demonstrators should meet at Browns Chapel at 9:00
2. A groupe of 10 persons should be sent to Carters Drug to integrate the lunch Counter.
3. The groupe that goes to Carters will not be served, they may be beaten or arrested or both. When this happens we should send a group of about 10 pickets to Carters to protest what happened there. If the pickets are not arrested within 15 minutes we should build up the picket line until we have as large a line as possible.
4. If the pickets are arrested we set up a ~~line~~ picket line (about 10 pickets) at the city hall to protest 1.-non-enforcement of the civil rights act 2-arrest (or non-protection or both of persons requesting lunch counter service) 3-arrest of peaceful pickets lawfully protesting unjust treatment. ~~It~~ may be that these pickets at the city hall will be arrested. If they are ~~XXXXXX~~ not arrested we build up the line by the addition of more groups until it is as large as we can make it.
5. If the pickets at the jail are arrested, and if we feel it necessary to make our point we could send another groupe ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ downtown carrying signs that say "We love Everybody", "We love Wilson Baker" "Support the U.S. Constitution", "Obey the laws of the U.S." etc. This line will not sing. If this line is arrested it will be proof positive that the rights of free speech are abridged in Selma.
6. After the ~~XXXXXX~~ arrest of the pickets we get everybody to march uptown to the city hall (carrying signs) to protest everything that the pickets in groupe 4 were protesting and also the arrest of groupe 4 and groupe 5 (if we have a groupe 5). If this march is stopped but not arrested we turn around and try to go in a different direction. If we are bottled up and can go in no direction without overrunning a police officer (which means that we can not go back towards the church either) we wait until we can move in some direction and then keep trying to march to the city hall. We play this game until dusk when we return to the church. I do not think that it is a good idea to have a vigil (like before the March to Montgomery) until we can march because I do not think that we have the resources at this time to do it and there is too much work that is needed to be ~~done~~ done by the staff to do this at this time.
7. At a minimum this demonstration can be done with 80 demonstrators. ~~XXXXXX~~ 10 for # 2; 10 for # 3; 10 for # 4; and 50 for # 6; ~~XXXXXX~~