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MEMO to Friends of SNCC:

Enclosed is some information on the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union. Part of this information is included in the new issue of The Voice which will be sent in bulk later this week. The Mississippi people and staff who are working on the labor union have requested that money and food and equipment donations not be sent unless the local people send a direct request to you.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO NORTHERN OFFICES:

Subsistence for volunteers has become an increasing problem because many student groups who were supporting volunteers are not able to continue now that school is out. For this reason, we are asking that each of you take on the responsibility for speaking to church groups, liberal clubs and labor unions about adopting volunteers this summer.

When you have made these contacts, and the groups have agreed to accept the responsibility, you can give them the names of the volunteers and they can correspond with them and send the money directly to the people in the field. This can be an excellent way for people in different parts of the country to become directly involved in what's happening in project areas. Following is a list of quotas we are asking each office to assume:

New York (incl. NY State).....	20
Chicago.....	10
Boston (incl. New England).....	25
Philadelphia.....	10
Los Angeles (incl. Southern Calif.).....	15
San Francisco (incl. Northern Cal.)...	20
Washington, DC.....	10

Total of 122 volunteers

We expect a total of 200 volunteers to be working in the field this summer. Please let us know immediately when you have found support--it is urgently needed.

NOTE TO VOLUNTEER GROUPS:

We are not assigning quotas to volunteer Friends groups yet in hopes that each of you will recruit at least three to five groups on your own. This may become necessary, however, if the situation doesn't become less acute.

Thanks again to all of you who worked so hard getting telegrams into Washington regarding the printing of the MFDP challenge evidence. In about two weeks the Government will have run off 1,000 copies of the most provoking book--written by the people of Mississippi. All of the depositions will be printed. The MFDP feels that the reason for this is that such a tremendous and immediate public demand for the printing was received by the Speaker and the Clerk of the House. Many, many thanks.

We're hoping that you're organizing successfully for memorial services and/or demonstrations at federal buildings in commemoration of the deaths of Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner and James Chaney on June 20/21. It's important the country not forget why they died so needlessly.

For Freedom,
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