

Telephone conversation with Nancy Stoller, S.N.C.C., Little Rock,
Arkansas
June 23, 1965

Discussed with Nancy "Operation Build-up", alias "Operation Bootstrap" or "Smoky Mountain"

Regarding location, Nancy said Mr. Green (Negro, first name missing) owns about 1,500 acres of land complete with beautiful lake in Lincoln County, near Starr, S. E. Arkansas. He wants to do something to help the movement and is willing to sell 6 - 10 acres to S.N.C.C. Reportedly, there are S.N.C.C. funds for purchase of a location for Staff Retreat and so forth.

Nancy and I discussed the possibility of locating "Operation BBS" on the same property. Many obvious advantages - safe, friendly location, proximity to more dangerous Southern areas, our teams constructing necessary ~~camping~~ buildings for S.N.C.C. as homework preparation for building Freedom Centers elsewhere.

July 12 - S.N.C.C. Executive Committee, now numbering about 26 and including some local peoples, will meet in Little Rock. If not before, maybe I could sound them out regarding the above joint venture. Meanwhile, I have today telephoned:

ATLANTA - Tried to consult Cleve Seller who is currently supposed to be Program Director re the above. He and Forman and many others are in Jackson. Talked to Julian Bond. He offered to make copies of the prospectus, give them to Cleve, Forman and others who might be interested or helpful.

Subsequently, I sent a letter and prospectus to Julian (copies to Myles Horton, Abe Osheroff, Jesse Morris, Cleve Sellers)

Also sent brochure, prospectus and note to Chuck Hamilton, Dean Brazeal.

Regarding Director for the Project - Donald Shaw (N) from Boston, 34, single, now working for S.N.C.C. at \$15.00 per week in Arkansas. Nancy thinks would be excellent as Project Director, though perhaps not qualified to approach foundations, do all the preliminary organizational work necessary. However, she finds him extremely impressive as an on-the-job director. Experienced with building, repairing, teaching people carpentry skills, also had extensive experience in community centers.

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