

June 26, 1965

Dear Julian,

You were very generous to offer to make copies of the enclosed prospectus and distribute them to a few staff members and others who might be interested. Of course the result of the "Operation Bootstrap" project's success should be to provide other Southern States with legislators like you - I certainly hope so. Congratulations again on your election. I'm reminded of the S.N.C.C. staff meeting in Atlanta, Easter week-end, 1964, when I looked at the young people around me and wondered which of them would become state and national political leaders.

Regarding the project, we would like to know:

1. Whether Cleve Sellers and other members of the Executive Committee would favor having the basic training center located in Lincoln County, Southeast Arkansas, on Mr. Green's property. I understand that this place is being considered as a site for a S.N.C.C. "retreat" and conference center.

2. Suggestions as to likely candidates for the crucial job of Executive Director - preferably a Mississippi Negro. Other qualifications are indicated on page three.

I'd very much appreciate a note from your secretary (!) letting me know names of persons to whom you distribute the prospectus. Please include besides Cleve, Jim Forman and Jimmy Travis. Jimmy has offered to sound out citizens of various Mississippi communities and give me their reactions.

Yours for Freedom,

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