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Report of Dougherty County  
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The group assigned to Dougherty County, which included the nuns, arrived safely in Albany and housing was found for them. We are trying to socialize as much as possible by eating at different homes in the community. Last evening, June 30, we ate at the Gaines home at 619 Holloway St.

We held a meeting with the SNCC workers to develop a better understanding and smoother co-operation with them. The SCOPE group has selected an ideal building for a freedom school and I would like some of the officials of SCLC to go down and inspect the program because I believe we have a great chance of making Albany's program an outstanding project. We have leased the building for one year and I would like to see the building bought. We have divided the entire county into three communities and have assigned a man to work each community. We have drawn plans and maps in order to give the city a thorough canvassing.

We also have a Headstart program that met on June 30 with about two hundred people present. A representative from Washington D.C. spoke to this group about the Headstart program. We were able to decorate the audience with a number of white people; the representative of course could not tell whether or not they were local people. I am enclosing in this report one of the programs. We are receiving about \$35,000 for the Headstart program. We are supervising playgrounds and teaching children by day and the nuns are teaching adults by night. We have a minister coming down on July 4 from New York. He will be living at 1935 S. Jackson (phone 2-9757).

I am planning to give most of my time to Albany since we have a good man in Demopolis, Jimmy Collier, but I am not asking to be relieved of Marengo County because we have a good project that we are going to make better and we are going to accomplish big things in Marengo County. I will admit that Albany needs me and we are going to get a couple of thousand people registered in Dougherty County. The budget of SCOPE is also enclosed in this report and the amount of money that SCOPE turned over, \$878.70. They were hesitant about turning this money over because they thought they could handle their own money, but I told them that they would get the money paid back to them in expenses. Since I have given my word, I want the office to help me to live up to it. We are enclosing a portion of the program of the Albany SCOPE project and a schedule of the daily classes at the freedom school.