

TO: Louisiana Staff
FROM: Ronnie M. Moore
RE: Legal Action

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In each area of Louisiana there are problems demanding legal action. In some parishes parents are prepared to act as plaintiffs in school desegregation suits. In other areas many people have lost property through oil leases and need legal help. In still other places, discriminatory administration of public welfare should be investigated and could perhaps be corrected by means of legal action. Although not all of these things are considered "civil rights cases" in the traditional sense, they do involve the people with whom we work; and those things which affect and concern the people with whom we work should be of great importance to us.

There are lawyers willing to meet with community people to discuss specific legal problems and prepared to file affirmative lawsuits. The only way in which we can use the time and services of these lawyers to our best advantage is to keep them informed as to what kind of legal program is needed in any particular area.

We are asking you, therefore, to talk to the people in your community and find out what kind of legal action might be employed to help resolve their problems. We would like for you to give some indication of what type legal program would be desirable in your area at our staff meeting this Sunday in Plaquemine. We would like a more extensive written report by Tuesday, July 27, 1965.

Take care.

july 14, 1965
RMM/sb