

Memorandum

To: Southern Projects

From: Richard Haley

Date: July 28, 1965

Persons working under Field Fellowships should take the earliest opportunity to begin to review their work experience thus far. The first report of this work should cover the period from orientation through Wednesday July 28. The second report should cover the period July 29--August 18th inclusive. This latter "assignment" should include a separate section describing and explaining how the volunteer's summer work will relate to his academic work in the coming year.

There are two information projects concerning which the Southern Office requests the co-operation of field personnel.

1. We would like to receive from each project an evaluation of each hospital in your community or general area. Simply put, do you know of any hospital which practices racial discrimination in the placement of patients, employment practices, or policy toward doctors and nurses? No exhaustive survey is required; simply state the complaint and indicate the source from which you obtained the information. These complaints should be in the Southern office by Wednesday August 11th. At that time the whole bundle will be forwarded to the United States Civil Rights Commission and to HEW.

The second project deals with the Postal service. Information requested is:

1. Is mail delivered in Negro community just as in other sections of the city?
2. What indications of racial discrimination are evident in the local post office employment policies?
3. Have you attempted to discuss these problems with the postmaster? What was the nature of his response?

This information should also reach the Southern office at the above date. It will then be forwarded to the Postmaster General.

Appropriate follow-up procedure will be carried out through the Southern Office.

Following is a quotation from a July 19th memo from George Wiley CORE Associate National Director.

"Each staff member (should) make a critical appraisal of his role in CORE, his value to the organization and the financial burden that his salary imposes on CORE....I would like for each staff member to submit to me (or to Mr. Haley for Southern staff) the results of this self evaluation and indicate if some change in status is desired."

The Southern office is requesting that this material, too, be submitted by August 11th.

The Wiley memo contain several other significant items. If one has not been made available to you, please contact the Southern office.