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TO: NORTHERN SUPPORT GROUPS

FROM: LAWRENCE GUYOT
CHAIRMAN

RE: FINAL DRIVE TO UNSEAT MISSISSIPPI CONGRESSMEN
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Today, after 2 1/2 months of delay, the Clerk of the House finally submitted the printed copies of the MFDG depositions and Notice of Challenge to the House Sub-Committee on Elections. In the Clerks own words, "this means that the Committee is now responsible for the contests."

We have long realized that delaying tactics and stalling in the Committee would be the major problems the Challenges would have to face. In the light of that our lawyers are now thoroughly researching the parliamentary procedures for releasing the Challenges and have found many important precedents which would allow the full Congress to call the matter out of Committee. Secondly, the people of Mississippi are now organizing their Washington vigil for the end of August in order to focus public attention on the issue. Other organizations have also begun stepping up their support campaigns.

As the final drive for the Challenge begins we would like to get together with our northern supporters to share with you some of the most recent developments in Mississippi and Washington and to discuss and develop our plans for ensuring a vote on the Challenge by the end of the summer.

There will be a meeting for mid-west support groups:

On: SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1965

At: 19 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET, Room 1327
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

We hope that you will extend this invitation to representatives from the church, civil rights, political and community organizations in your area.

If we are to carry this contest to a successful conclusion, the active support of the north is needed. We look forward to seeing you on the 7th.