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Number 2 on the South-wide People's Conference

Since the first paper on the conference, the response has been very good. Many ideas have come in through the mail, which for SNCC folk is what we call a miracle. Some of the ideas now follow. At this point, the conference is still very general.

The first change is the date. Many people felt that a later date would be better. The feeling seems to be that around the middle of November or any time after that would be a good time. This seems quite agreeable to most people.

Our biggest problem will be a place to accomodate all these people. We want very much to hold it in the south and will settle for nothing less. Some people feel that we could hold it in an area where we have been working for a long time. We could house the people with people from that area. All we have to do is to find places, large enough places, to hold the meetings. It is imperative that everyone start now to try and find the best location and then let me know as soon as possible. We could then select the best location. One of the places suggested was Greenwood, Miss.

ON CONTEXT

Many people feel that the conference can be broken down into workshops where people can discuss things which are pertinent to them. I think this is a splendid idea. If staff people would start asking the people with whom they work what topics they would like to discuss and send them in, we would appreciate it. Then if the staff would write down their own ideas along with the peoples' on how to implement these workshops we will be moving forward with great vigor.

One idea was that we could have people in the counties elect two official representatives. While we still plan to have upwards of 800 people there will be space for other people to come. There has been much discussion on this point on both sides. If you can get some feeling on this point it would help.

Some of the topics suggested so far for the workshops are:

- Labor
- Farms
- Political Parties
- The Democratic Party
- Leaders
- Unions
- Local Movements

The above are all the ideas I have received concerning the conference. They are sent to you hoping that you will discuss and write back so we can get a sampling of ideas

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