

September 19, 1965

Memo from the Program Department

To: Members of the Executive Committee

Re: Next Executive Committee Meeting

There has been no scheduling of an executive committee meeting during the month of September. It was felt that September's calendar was too jammed with other activities to allow for a) a majority of the members to be present; b) attention of most persons was to the stepped up harrassments and violence within their own project areas; c) the Mississippi Challenge was coming to a head; d) and the migration out of projects by summer volunteers and setting up plans for the winter was of utmost importance. I hope that this decision has the approval of the executive committee members.

There is a suggestion that the executive committee begin meeting on its regular date -- starting the second Monday in October. The difficulty at this point is where the meeting is to be held. Some persons at the last meeting mentioned that the meeting should be held outside of any project area, ie. Birmingham. I wish members would speak to that so that preparations can be made soon.

It would also be helpful if people would criticize the preparations made for the last meeting held in Atlanta. I know one of the problems is that food did not come often enough... (I hope that finances can be better arranged so that will alleviate that problem). Also please speak to whether or not the published minutes were satisfactory.

We tried to set an agenda and for the most part it was fairly well covered. However, the executive committee did not discuss a) Bill Hall's Harlem Project; b) Migrant Worker's Project; c) Norfolk, Virginia Project; d) Voting Rights Bill; e) Campus Traveling Program; d) Peoples' Conferences. The discussion on Mississippi as far as what had to be done in the future to off-set some of the problems we are now facing there... Some few people have submitted suggestions on this situation. It would be helpful that people from Mississippi, especially, have people in mind when they speak or suggest cures to those problems...

Hopefully, every member of the committee has given some thought to where the staff meeting can be held and preparations that must be made.

Thank you. We'll send out notices as soon as we have a place for the meeting. It is hoped that when it is held, you will have representative information for us to deal with.