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Memò to KEY KEY CAMPUS CONTACTS

Enclosed is the prospectus for a temporary educational program in Forrest City, Arkansas.

In the past month Forrest City has been the scene of a high school boycott in protest of the two school system that continues to exist, although the desegregation clause of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was to go into effect September of 1965.

In the first weeks of the boycott, close to 90% of the student body stayed away from classes, but under parental pressure, etc. almost all of these students have now returned to classes. Only twenty students are now continuing to boycott the all Negro Lincoln High School.

It is not an easy thing to miss a semester or year of high school, and the people in Forrest City would like to set up a temporary school so that the boycotting students could receive credit for the semester. With the existence of such a school, it is probably that more students would be able to withdraw from Lincoln.

For this program to go into effect it will need the assistance of people in the North. We hope that you will be able to contact teachers and professors who might be interested in spending a year teaching in Forrest City or in contributing some money to the temporary educational program.