

MEMO

TO: Rev. Andrew J. Young

FROM: William Rau, Mark Harrington and Carl Farris

RE: More Effective Implementation of the Voting Rights Act

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In view of the fact that one of the most effective means in stimulating registration is to bring federal registrars into counties, the intelligencia of SCOPE, after bra in-storming on the above problem, have come to the conclusion that one way to encourage the federal government to act is to get wenty-five or more local people from each black belt county and, in staggered intervals, send them to Washington where they can picket the Justice Department for federal registrars. They can also send delegations to the various bureaus and committees in Washington to discuss related grievances. The publicity and embarrassment to the government and the physical presence of local people before government agencies should be enough to guarantee action. Enclosed is information on a Washington trip taken by the people of Barbour County, Alabama illustrating the nature and educational value of such trips.