

ALABAMA REGISTRATION STATISTICS

	Black Belt Counties	
	Fed. Reg.	Non Fed. Reg.
*1. The percentage increase in number of people registered since the Voting Rights Act using a base registration figure from April 9, 1965 and since the Act figures from August 9 to October 28, is:	750%	103%
2A. With a NVAP base of 42,368 and with 3,000 people registered as of April 9, 1965, the number of people registered since the Act is:	22,501	
2B. With a NVAP base of 46,607 and with 6,828 people registered as of April 9, 1965, the number of people registered since the Act is:		7,010
3. Using SCLC figures, which may contain inaccuracies due to the difficulty in gathering field data, the percentage increase in total registration between April 9 and October is:	1,095%	283%
4. The numerical increase in registration between April 9 and October is:	28,870	12,502
5. Giving us a total registration of:	32,870	19,330
6. Which means that the percentage of Negroes registered in these counties is:	84%	41%

\* Note that in figures for No. 1 there is a gap between April 9 and August 9 in the FBI figures which we cannot account for. This will cause our percentage increase to be much higher than it actually is because of registration between this time is not accounted for. But with the present data there is no way to account for this. However, this increase should be fairly constant between FR and NFR counties.

In analyzing these figures one can come to only one conclusion. The increase in registration is so much higher in FR counties than in NFR counties that the presence of Federal Registrars is the only significant variable one can consider responsible for the dramatic increase. This is especially true in light of the fact that the only other contending variable, the presence of civil rights workers, is negated since there is significant civil rights activity on the part of SCLC in all of these Alabama counties. Indicative of this are Barbour and Wilcox Counties, NFR and FR counties respectively. Barbour County, the home of Governor George Wallace and one of the best movement counties in the Black Belt, has a voting age population roughly similar to that of Wilcox County; yet the registration in Barbour since the Act is only a little more than 1/3 of that in Wilcox County. In short, states rights and civil rights (human rights) don't mix. We can therefore conclude that if the federal government is sincere and believes in the principles underlying the Voting Rights Act it will take proper measures to insure its enforcement. And this means federal registrars in most of Alabama's black belt counties.

## SINCE THE "ACT"

SCLC #(November 1, 1965)

Justice Department (October 28, 1965)

Barbour	1,389	1,264
Bibb	350	171
Bullock	1,454	389
Butler	1,725	543
Choctaw	1,940	779
Clarke	1,216	782
Crenshaw	433	257
Dallas *	7,747	7,747
Greene *	1,237	1,085
Hale *	4,606	3,304
Henry	890	450
Marengo *	4,288	4,442
Montgomery *	7,000	6,925
Perry *	3,397	2,527
Pike	1,159	1,500
Sumter	1,392	576
Washington	264	299
Wilcox *	<u>3,590</u>	<u>3,396</u>
TOTALS	44,077	36,431

## \* Federal Registrars

# A source of error in SCLC figures is the fact that there is no way to separate out those votes that SCOPE registered before and after the act. Our figures assume that most were registered after the act, which is not true in all counties. Even so the discrepancy is so large in some counties that there is probably some exaggeration in SCLC field reports. However, the Justice Department notified us that the FBI has met with difficulty in gaining registration figures from local registrars and it may be possible that local registrars are not yielding accurate information or even registering people and then deleting their names from the books. It would probably be wise especially before elections to investigate the registration books in all counties, especially due to the fact that in some of our counties a few hundred votes will determine an election. It would also be wise to have the books purged of all names that no longer belong on them. In 11 of the 17 rural black belt counties we are working white registration exceeds 100%. The total white registration for these 17 counties is 101.3%. Legal investigation and readjustment of those books now could make all the difference in the world come election time.

November 4, 1965

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FIGURES: VOTER REGISTRATION  
 COMPILED OCTOBER 28, 1965

	Total Registration		No. Registered since ACT	
	April 9, 1965		October 28, 1965	
	White	Negro	White	Negro
Barbour	7,588	611	25	1,264
Bibb	6,928	180	74	171
Bullock	2,860	1,446	31	389
Butler	6,905	525	145	543
Ckarje	9,517	784	50	782
Choctaw	4,907	310	93	779
Crenshaw	6,201	549	86	257
Dallas *	9,463-	1,117	9 Fed. 1,032 Local	7,747 5
Greene *	1,722	513	75	1,080
Hale *	3,395#	218#	4	3,304
Henry	5,845	610	158	450
Marengo *	6,166	712	90	4,442
Montgomery *	33,000	5,500	30	6,925
Perry *	4,000"	403"	5	2,527
Pike	10,272	519	130	1,500
Sumter	3,297	358	30	576
Washington	6,931	936	71	299
Wilcox *	<u>3,133</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3,396</u>
Totals	132,032	15,328	2,147	36,431

\* Federal Registrars

# December Figure

- SRC Figure

" February Figure

FEDERAL REGISTRAR COUNTIES

	Census 1960 NVAP	FBI 4/9/65 TNR	FBI 10/28/65 NNR Since Act	SCLC 10/28/65 N1NR
Dallas	15,115	1,117	7,752	13,869
Greene	5,001	513	1,082	1,750
Hale	5,999	218	3,304	4,824
Marengo	6,166	712	4,442	5,000
Perry	4,002	403	2,527	3,800
Wilcox	6,085	37	3,396	3,627
TOTALS	42,368	3,000	22,501	32,870

NON FEDERAL REGISTRAR COUNTIES

Barbour	5,787	611	1,264	2,000
Bibb	1,990	180	171	825
Bullock	4,450	1,446	389	2,900
Butler	4,820	525	543	2,250
Choctaw	3,982	310	779	2,250
Clarke	5,833	784	782	2,000
Crenshaw	2,207	549	257	982
Henry	3,168	610	450	1,500
Pike	5,259	519	1,500	1,673
Sumter	6,814	358	576	1,750
Washington	2,297	936	299	1,200
TOTALS	46,607	6,828	7,010	19,330

Code:

TNR: Total Negro Registration

NNR: Number of Negroes Registered