

THE FREEDOM CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER---

The work of the Freedom Christmas volunteer will be voter registration. This will take place in the counties which have federal registrars in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Volunteers will enter established programs. In this manner we can make the most headway in a short period of time. This is the area where the greatest possible influence can be put on the 1966 elections. The volunteer's duties will include canvassing door to door to get people to the courthouse to register, driving these people to the courthouse, publicizing meetings, and helping in voter education projects. The job is basically to do all those things to mobilize the community for the 1966 elections.

In order to ease some of the difficulties, each volunteer will attend an orientation session. Orientations will vary from one to two days in length. These will be given by the various civil rights groups. In most cases there will be two sessions on or about December 19 and 28. Volunteers can choose the most convenient. After orientation sessions, volunteers will proceed to their specific projects where they will be provided with housing in local homes. In the event that a volunteer has been a civil rights worker perviously, he may be assigned to his previous locale if that is in a county where there is now a federal registrar. Finally, most of the civil rights groups have promised an advantageous ratio of local people to work with volunteers, lessening the problems of unfamiliarity with geography, local law enforcement, etc.

Unfortunately, no funds are available to subsidize the Freedom Christmas volunteers. Consequently, volunteers must provide the following:

- \* Subsistance. \$10-15 per week. It is possibly to live very cheaply in most of the areas where Freedom Christmas will be taking place. You will be living much more lavishly than most of the local people you are working with if you spend this amount.
- \* Cars. In many of the rural areas where work will be done, the effectiveness of Freedom Christmas depends very much on the availability of cars. For this reason we are asking that students who do have cars bring them to the South. We must have one car for every four volunteers. If you do have a car, or if your parents have a car that you can use, please check to see that all the papers are in order before bringing it to the South.
- \* Transportation to the South. You will be responsible for getting to the orientation points. All accepted volunteers should notify Freedom Christmas of the date they are leaving. We will try to arrange car-pools to defray costs for riders and drivers.
- \* Bond. The final duty of the volunteer in preparation for his trip South is to be certain that \$500 bail funds are available. One must merely

provide bail if necessary. He need not have the cash on hand. It is unlikely that these funds will ever be used. Volunteers are not being asked to go South to demonstrate; they are being asked to do voter registration. However, southern justice does not always recognize the distinction between civil disobedience and civic responsibility. Even if there is no civil disobedience, it is still possible that some people will go to jail. Bail funds must be available for each person. These funds will be returned to the person who posted them provided the bailee appears in court. The most easily handled bail procedure is from one's own or one's parents' resources. Other possibilities are described in the section on recruiting. If a volunteer cannot raise his own bail, and if his campus or group cannot establish a bail-fund, please advise the Freedom Christmas headquarters. Please fill out an application and note that you do not have the necessary contacts. We are attempting to organize a bail fund for volunteers, but the number that we can provide for will necessarily be small.

\* Finally, any questions that remain unanswered should be addressed to:

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or if the mails are too slow to give an answer in sufficient time, call collect to Freedom Christmas at (202) DU7-5100 and ask for Tim Correll or Steve Arons.

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