



Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

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Dear Alicia,

In response to your question about SNCC's position on Vietnam, the staff discussed what position we should take and the consensus was that we are definitely opposed to both the war and the draft. People as individuals should be encouraged to take part in demonstrations against the war. The reasons are not so much a moral and sanctimonious one that we are non-violent and opposed to killing, which we are, but that we believe that people must be free to determine their own destinies. People in South Vietnam do not have these rights-- the right to decide about their political and economic destinies.

We are opposed to the draft because it directly affects us. The majority of the young men on our staff are worried about the draft and this has a bearing on their work -- they can't do such good work if they are always worried about when they are going to be called up. This is another reason why we are opposed to the war in Vietnam.

We encourage participation as individuals in anti-war demonstrations; however, whether or not to identify yourself as Friends of SNCC has not yet been formally decided. We are in the process of making a formal policy on this and will let you know as soon as possible.

In regard to the NSA Xmas project, we are a staunch supporter of it. Students who wish to work in Mississippi should apply through the Jackson FDP office; people who want to work in Alabama and SW Georgia should apply to Shirley Wright, Atlanta office. Students should have \$10-15 per week to live on and if possible should have a car. The Arkansas staff is meeting this Friday to discuss plans for the Christmas holidays. We will let you know what to do about student who want to in Arkansas.

We will be sending out a report at end of the week on the recent staff meeting where a lot of these things were discussed and SNCC's position was made clearer. In the meantime, I hope this clears up some of your questions.

For Freedom,

"One Man, One Vote" *Margaret*