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Dear Freedom Lover:

Enclosed you will find information concerning the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Summer Community Organization and Political Education program.

As you know, this program was started in the Spring of 1965 and brought more than 650 Americans into the Southland from all parts of the country who worked in the struggle for human dignity in areas covering seven states in more than seventy counties.

As we said so vividly during the 1965 week-long orientation, "Long live SCOPE." Now this is a reality--a reality if only you believe in the philosophy of non-violence, religious convictions and democratic principles and are willing to put that belief into the streets of the deep Southland with your dollars, time and your body.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will not be able to finance SCOPE in 1966 due to the financial obligations it has in its Northern movement. Last year SCOPE cost more than \$300,000, this year the costs will be somewhat higher due to increasing the number of volunteers from five hundred to one thousand. The increase in costs will not be in proportion to the increase in volunteers due to much of the equipment, materials and know-how carried over from last summer.

I am pleading with you in the name of human dignity that you will do everything in your power to see to it that an effective SCOPE chapter is organized at your institution or in your community immediately and that a vigorous, productive financial campaign is launched at once.

The number of persons your chapter will be able to send South this summer to participate in the great experiences of SCOPE will be limited to the amount of funds you or your chapter will be able to raise in support of the project. The cost per person will range between \$100 and \$200, depending on the length one must travel to and from their project and whether or not the local community is in a position to furnish free room or board or both.

If the Southern Christian Leadership Conference can be of any help to you in raising funds, please do not hesitate to inform us or make a request immediately.

In God we trust,

Hosea L. Williams
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