



Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

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i. Dear Friend:

We would like to begin this letter with a simple thank you for your contribution to SNCC. We work with thousands of people in the counties of Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Southwest Georgia and in the cities of Atlanta, New York and Chicago. All of our work depends on the people throughout the country who care enough to contribute what they can and whenever they can.

In Alabama, SNCC's activities are largely concentrated in the development of political organizations at the county level in the Black Belt. These new organizations are designed to offer poor black people a political structure of their own which can be neither controlled or manipulated by white or black political interests which seek to use the new voters for their own purposes. On May 3rd, the Freedom Organizations held primaries in various counties in Alabama to nominate candidates to be placed on the ballot for the November general elections.

In Mississippi, we work with the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and many other local groups at the county level. The state has recently reapportioned itself to break the potential power of Negroes in areas where they are a majority. Negroes throughout the Delta are being forced off the land by a combination of rapid mechanization on the plantations and political reprisals. The work of voter registration, political education and organization continues and is being expanded.

This summer students from southern Negro colleges are participating in a work-study program here in Atlanta. They work in Research, Communications, Support, and Production in the Atlanta Office and are studying southern politics and economics, reconstruction history, and analyzing the history of the current Movement.

We hope that this brief outline of SNCC activities will encourage your continued interest and support.

Once again, we thank you for your contribution.

Freedom,

J. Brown "One Man, One Vote"