

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC  
**OPPORTUNITY**

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30308

December 14, 1967

Reverend L. C. Coleman  
934 Second Street  
Marks, Mississippi 38646

Dear Mr. Coleman:


This office is in receipt of two letters from you under the heading of the Quitman County Community Action Board. The most recent communication lists five names as representatives of the poor on the Community Action Board. Since there is a Community Action Agency funded to serve Quitman County, and since the Board elections had not been held prior to your letters, we would appreciate clarification of your elections and the purpose of your organization.

If it is your intent to utilize this organization for more effective coordination of the programs of the Community Action Agency and the community, we suggest you work through Mid-State Opportunity, Inc., its Board of Directors, and its Policy Advisory Committee for Quitman County. If, on the other hand, your intention is to seek funding as a new agency, please take notice that the Office of Economic Opportunity does not have any funds for new agencies at this time.

We also wish to bring to your attention Office of Economic Opportunity policy regarding programs eligible for independent funding in areas already being served by a Community Action Agency. Community Action Memo No. 9-A presents this policy in detail. Please refer to Section 2, Part A of this memorandum. It is noted there that Head Start Child Development Programs funded under Section 211-a of the Economic Opportunity Act are ineligible for independent funding in such areas. The only exceptions to this are provided for under the Special Appeals Procedure, outlined in Part B of the same memorandum.

Thank you for your interest in our War on Poverty, and if we can be of further assistance to you in these or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact the Project Officer for your area, Mr. Phil Davis.

Sincerely,

  
ROSS COGGINS  
Acting Deputy Regional Director

Enclosure:  
CA Memo 9-A