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Dear Friends,

We are in the midst of a repressionist era, where the rights of individuals to voice dissent have all, but been taken away. The repressionist government, headed by Richard Nixon, has vowed to uphold so-called "law and order," without considering, at all, the word justice. This low bridged mentality is detrimental to the country, as well as to the people that the government is trying to silence. We can never let this happen!

Traditionally, SNCC has been playing a vanguard role in recognizing and exposing repressionist policies of local, state, and national governments against the oppressed people of this country. There can be no doubt about the role that SNCC has played in increasing the awareness among the oppressed as to the inadequacies of the system. This can be evidenced by the fact that SNCC is one of the organizations that is currently under investigation by the McClellan Committee. This is an absurdity!

SNCC's main goals and objectives are centered around informing oppressed people of their oppression, and creating pride, dignity, and self determination among Black people who are waging a fight against the triple-twined hyenas, racism, imperialism, capitalism, and a fourth enemy, opportunism. SNCC also works toward broadening the struggle from a local to national and international levels.

SNCC's program consists of:

1. Continued creation and production of educational materials relevant to Black history and culture, pertinent to the liberation of oppressed people.
2. Liberation schools throughout the country.
3. Working with the college community.
4. Creation of a massive political party that will not only be concerned with the electoral process, but be all inclusive of the needs of the community.

5. Developing a united front of all Black organizations concerned with the liberation of oppressed people into a group with one basic ideology.
6. Building better communication with oppressed people in other countries, and creating viable relationships.

We are working on and developing other programs. A new statement of goals and objectives will be coming out next month.

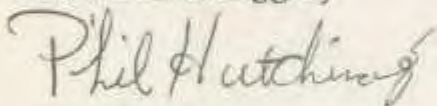
The repressionist government clearly understands the position that SNCC has taken, realizes the significance of the SNCC program, and has taken steps to crush SNCC at all cost. This is exemplified by the brutal manner in which SNCC organizers are beaten, arrested and held confined to certain areas, i. e., H. Rap Brown, Cleve Sellers, Ernest McMillan, Matthew Johnson, Lee Otis Johnson, and many others.

Unless we receive financial aid to keep our national office open for communications, funds to sustain and develop our programs, and bail money, the government may succeed in her sinister plans to crush SNCC and the people. Therefore, we solemnly implore you to give donations of any size to help us meet our financial obligations.

Your contributions will aid us greatly in our struggle for the liberation of oppressed people.

Thank you.

Yours in struggle,



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