

Information Letter No. 4

CORE/Research ** 2209 Dryades Street, New Orleans, La. ** 523-7204 ** December 16, 1964

VOTER REGISTRATION STATISTICS - 25 PARISHES (For October, 1964)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>White Registered</u>	<u>Negro Registered</u>	<u>White Population</u>	<u>Negro Pop.</u>
Ascension	8,808	2,448	19,013	8,906
Bienville	5,007	584	8,470	8,255
Bossier	14,934	599	43,276	14,241
Caddo	62,362	4,954	142,203	81,486
Claiborne	5,229	96	9,646	9,755
DeSoto	5,830	849	10,294	13,949
East Feliciana	2,726	181	9,284	10,907
Iberville	7,422	2,971	15,272	14,615
Jackson	6,078	1,244	10,696	5,127
Lincoln	6,937	1,314	16,594	11,928
Livingston	13,156	1,419	22,921	4,038
Madison	2,467	294	5,767	10,650
Orleans	162,127	35,824	392,594	233,514
Ouachita	29,587	1,744	68,904	32,727
Plaquemines	7,627	96	16,041	6,339
Pointe Coupee	4,384	1,515	10,434	12,048
Rapides	32,456	3,792	77,345	33,769
RedRiver	3,530	96	5,232	4,746
Richland	5,688	381	13,255	10,561
St. Helena	2,059	560	4,075	5,081
St. Tammany	18,250	2,807	28,031	10,532
Tangipahoa	19,918	3,247	39,315	20,111
Washington	15,795	1,634	29,107	14,892
Webster	12,002	803	26,006	13,677
West Feliciana	1,345	85	4,902	8,190

PARTY AFFILIATIONS - 25 PARISHES (October, 1964)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Dem.</u>	<u>Rep.</u>	<u>States Rights</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Dem.</u>	<u>Rep.</u>	<u>States Rights</u>
Ascension	11,214	42	0	Ouachita	30,559	739	18
Bienville	5,578	7	0	Plaquemines	7,625	25	0
Bossier	14,590	632	10	Pointe Coupee	5,882	17	0
Caddo	62,317	4,401	143*	Rapides	35,769	377	49
Claiborne	5,275	44	0	RedRiver	3,618	7	0
DeSoto	6,622	33	1	Richland	6,030	31	0
East Feliciana	2,893	9	1	St. Helena	2,606	10	2
Iberville	10,300	72	0	St. Tammany	20,921	164	3
Jackson	7,233	78	0	Tangipahoa	22,934	130	0
Lincoln	8,119	65	2	Washington	17,336	62	0
Livingston	14,551	23	1	Webster	12,555	174	11
Madison	2,741	17	0	West Feliciana	1,403	26	1
Orleans	162,530	344	-				

* Highest in state by far

THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 1964

Two new loan programs for low-income families living in rural areas -

Loans to Individual Families -

Maximum Loan -- \$2,500 in total to any one borrower.

Repayment Period -- up to 15 years maximum

Interest Rate -- _____

Purpose -- Farmers: to finance agricultural enterprises or new small businesses, trades or services that supplement farm income.

Rural residents not farming: to finance small businesses, trades or services that supplement family income.

Eligibility -- Families and single individuals with inadequate incomes living in rural areas who have prospects of using credit to increase earnings but are not able to qualify for loans from other sources.

Loans to Cooperatives -

Maximum Loan -- No statutory limit, but will average \$25,000.

Repayment Period -- up to 30 years maximum.

Interest Rate -- _____

Purpose -- to finance processing, marketing, purchasing and service cooperatives benefiting low-income families living in rural areas.

Eligibility -- newly formed or established cooperative associations made up of a membership two-thirds of whom are low-income rural families and serving predominantly low-income rural groups.

The new loan programs will be administered through county offices of the Farmers Home Administration. It is expected that the programs will be available locally about December 15, 1964.

COPIES OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 1964 (ANTI-POVERTY BILL) ARE AVAILABLE FROM CORE/Research ON REQUEST.

ASCS INFORMATION FOR IBERVILLE PARISH (Supplement to pages 23-29 of handbook)

1. County Office Manager - see handbook, pg. 25
2. Mailing List
 - a) 520 farmers on list
 - b) made up of each known farmer and landlord "regardless of race, color or creed". (Check this!)
3. Elections
 - a) Held by mail - next election, August 10, 1965
 - b) 690 farmers voted in the community committee elections in 1964
 - c) There are 3 ASC Communities in Iberville Parish - boundaries are available from CORE/Research
4. Programs
 - a) The following programs are being carried out in Iberville Parish: Cotton, Rice, Sugarcane, Feed Grain, Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), Soil Bank, wool
 - b) local farmers are notified of these programs by letters, newspapers and radio