

Information Letter No. 9

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SUGGESTIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION ON TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

An area that we have seriously neglected is placing complaints under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination in any federally assisted program. You can begin to get action on this kind of discrimination by following these steps immediately:

1. Make a list of all schools, hospitals, and local welfare agencies in your area which you think have any form of discrimination. You may assume that they have federal funds. You do not need any specific facts, affidavits or witnesses to make a complaint - only some indication that there is discrimination.
2. Write a letter to Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C., naming the institutions in question, requesting an immediate investigation, and requesting that you be given a follow-up report on the findings of the investigation. You may also request that you be contacted to report specific incidents of discrimination, or you may wait to do this until after you determine if the findings of the investigation are satisfactory to you.
3. Send a copy of each complaint to the Civil Rights Commission, Washington, D. C.
4. Send a copy of each complaint to me -- I will compile a list of these complaints and use other sources (president, news papers, etc.) to pressure for immediate action.
5. MAKE YOUR COMPLAINTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO DEMAND ACTION ! !

LARGEST U.S. INDUSTRIAL CORPORATIONS

I have a list in my file of the 500 largest U.S. Industrial Corporations. If this list, or any specific part of it, is of any use to anyone, please let me know.

NEW ORLEANS CORE MEMBER ACCEPTED IN JOB CORPS

Lucinda Miller, 19, a member of New Orleans CORE, left for a Job Corps Training Center in St. Petersburg, Florida, just a month after applying.

After sending in her application card, she was contacted by local Job Corps authorities. She was required to fill out one additional form, which she said was "easy", and then had two interviews before her final acceptance. She was also given a physical examination, & was told that good health is an important factor for acceptance.

The Job Corps paid her plane fare to St. Petersburg, where she will spend up to 10 months learning a skill which she will select from a long list of choices. She will receive \$30. a week spending money, plus \$50. a month which will be saved for her until she leaves the Job Corps. The Job Corps will also pay transportation for two visits home.

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ASSISTANCE FOR MIGRANT LABOR

I have information available on how to begin a program, under the Economic Opportunity Act, to assist migrant and seasonal agricultural workers and their families. This information is available on request.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY CENTERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND OKLAHOMA

Youth Opportunity Centers have been established under the Anti-Poverty Program in Columbia, South Carolina; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Tulsa, Oklahoma. The staffs for these centers were selected by the State Employment Security Agencies. The center in Charleston will serve a youth population of 27,633 with a staff of 15. The Oklahoma City staff will be 24 and will serve 44,846 youths. In Tulsa the staff of 18 will serve 33,868 youths.

In Oklahoma, the State Employment Security Agency is in Oklahoma City: Bruce Wood, Executive Director, Will Rogers Memorial Office Bldg.

In South Carolina the State Employment Security Agency is in Columbia: Keith R. Aull, Executive Director, 1225 Laurel Street, P.O. Box 995.

Be sure that the program and the staffs are well integrated, as these programs come under the anti-poverty program, and can be stopped if there is discrimination of any kind. Complaints should go to the Office of Economic Opportunity, Washington, D. C. with copies to me and to the Civil Rights Commission, Washington, D. C.

LOUISIANA FOOD STAMP PROGRAMS

Food Stamp Programs in Louisiana are in Avoyelles and Evangeline Parishes, and have recently been established in Acadia. Watch these !

LOUISIANA ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

The Louisiana Roster of Officials for 1965 is available from Wade O. Martin, Jr., Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. No charge.

RECENT LOUISIANA REGISTRATION FIGURES

Louisiana registration figures for Feb. 1965 are available on request by parishes and race. The last figures I gave you (Information Letter No. 4) were for Oct. 1964.

MISSISSIPPI - 4TH DISTRICT REGISTRATION FIGURES, AND VOTING POTENTIAL, 1963

Though these figures are a little old, they are still appropriate since there has been no major change in the Mississippi voting situation.

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MISSISSIPPI - 4TH DISTRICT (CON'T)

<u>County</u>	<u>Population over 21</u>	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Clark	White - 6,072 Negro - 2,988	5,000 34	82.4 1.1
Jasper	White - 5,327 Negro - 3,675	4,113 6	77.2 .20
Kemper	White - 3,113 Negro - 3,221	3,232 10	103.8 .3
Lauderdale	White - 27,806 Negro - 11,924	12,053 1,200	43.3 10.1
Leake	White - 6,754 Negro - 3,397	4,903 150	72.5 4.4
Madison	White - 5,622 Negro - 10,366	3,021 500	53.7 4.8
Nashoba	White - 9,143 Negro - 2,565	6,568 8	71.8 .3
Newton	White - 8,014 Negro - 3,018	4,997 32	62.3 1.1
Rankin	White - 13,246 Negro - 6,944	6,822 43	51.5 .6
Scott	White - 7,742 Negro - 3,752	5,314 28	68.6 .7
Simpson	White - 8,073 Negro - 3,186	5,928 61	73.4 1.9
Smith	White - 6,597 Negro - 1,293	5,437 24	82.4 1.9

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