COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS
1017 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Freedom School Teacher,

We are happy to tell you that you have been accepted to work with us this summer on the Mississippi Freedom Schools.

We are also happy to be able to introduce ourselves to you and to tell you we'll be administering the Freedom Schools this summer. Both of us are college teachers, Harold at Southern University in New Orleans in Sociology, Staughton at Spellman College in Atlanta in History.

This mailing will be the first of two which will supply you with some of the materials relevant to the Freedom Schools program. Enclosed you will find:

1. Overview of the Freedom Schools: a description of the program as it now stands
2. Notes on Teaching in Mississippi: a compilation of thoughts on Mississippi young people and your role as their teacher
3. Equipment and Materials list: what you must bring with you and what you can perhaps help us secure
4. Memo to Accepted Applicants: general information on the Mississippi Summer Project and directions for preparation
5. COFO Political Program: a description of the program
   . will be working within
6. The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party: an explanation of the convention challenge. You can begin your summer work by discussing this with someone in your community who is in the Democratic Party, asking him to support the challenge by getting a resolution passed at his state convention, and sending the results of that discussion to us.

The Summer Project Staff has selected five books to read by all participants in order that a common basis of knowledge can be assumed. They are ranked in order of importance. Please read at least the first three before coming South. All are available in paperback:

Souls of Black Folk, W.E.B. DuBois
The Mind of the South, W. J. Cash
The Other America, Michael Harrington
Stride Toward Freedom, Martin Luther King
Killers of the Dream, Lillian Smith

We're looking forward to working with you.

For Freedom,

Harold Bardenelli

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