

COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS  
1017 Lynch Street  
Jackson, Mississippi

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Dear Summer Project Worker,

We are happy to tell you that you've been assigned to work in voter registration with the Mississippi Summer Project. Assignments to specific areas of the state will be made later and we'll notify you of your assignment as soon as possible.

Enclosed in this mailing you will find several pieces of literature designed to help you understand what you'll be doing in Mississippi:

1. COFO political program (called "Freedom Candidates")
2. List of materials to bring with you.
3. Memo to accepted applicants
4. Convention challenge memo (called "Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party")

Your political work for the summer can begin with this last item. Please read it carefully and then discuss it with anyone you know who is close to the Democratic Party. See if you can solicit their support for getting your state's delegation to support the challenge at the Democratic National Convention. Send any contacts you make to Casey Hayden at the COFO office. We must have Northern support for the challenge and your contacts may make the crucial difference.

In order that all participants in the summer project may have a common basis of knowledge, we are asking each worker to read the following books. They are ranked in order of importance. Please read at least the first three before coming South:

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

We will be notifying you within the next few weeks of the date and place of your orientation session.

It will be good to have you with us. Please let us know if you have questions or problems.

For Freedom,

Mississippi Summer Project Staff