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Dear Friend of FREEDOM:

**Negroes in Mississippi need your help !**

The reign of terror and reprisal continues unabated in Mississippi, as the undeclared war against Negroes mounts in an effort to dehumanize or drive Negroes from the state. During the past six months, at least five Negroes have been killed but not one arrest or indictment has been made. People engaging in civil rights and vote activity have been beaten and tortured. And now an effort is underway to exterminate the Negro people in Mississippi! A bill is being considered in the Mississippi legislature to sterilize mothers who give birth to a second illegitimate child! Here in the year 1964, such legislation is under debate in Mississippi.

Despite this naked attempt to employ every repressive means available, the Negroes of Mississippi refuse to be intimidated and instead are organizing throughout the state through the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) under the leadership of SNCC Mississippi Project Director, Robert Moses. They are organizing to vote, to improve their education, to participate in the political institutions of the state and through the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party to challenge the seating of the regular state Democratic Party at the Democratic National Convention.

You can HELP !

This summer in Mississippi more than a thousand volunteers from throughout the nation are answering a call as Freedom Workers, in the Mississippi Summer Project. The objectives of the Project are threefold:

1. Freedom Schools----- to educate young people to assume their rightful role in society through political education--and to correct the ills of a miserable segregated school system, by making available remedial courses in many subjects
2. Community Centers--- to provide services normally denied to the Negro such as cultural programs, health programs, adult programs, adult literacy and vocational training--sewing, arts and crafts, etc.--all staffed by professional volunteers such as teachers, nurses and librarians.
3. Voter Registration-- to engage in a summer long drive to register

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Negroes-to open up independent Freedom Registration books which will serve as a basis for challenging the seating of the Mississippi delegation at the Democratic Convention this summer-and to develop local leadership and organization

What you can do

1. You can volunteer to be a Freedom Worker. Will you go?  
Needed: Professional men and women; graduate students, and undergraduate students. Minimum age 18.
2. You can contribute money.  
\$150 to support each volunteer for the summer.  
Money to provide materials for the schools and community centers.  
Money to administer this vast program.
3. You can contribute materials.  
Needed: All kinds of material to equip schools and freedom centers (see enclosed list)
4. You can announce the Project.  
To your church synagogue, clubs, etc.

The time is now. Make the choice of what you can contribute towards Freedom. Applications are available in the office. Send contributions to the SNCC Mississippi Summer Project, Box 6292, Chicago 80. Drop your supplies at the closest pick up center (see list).

We Shall Overcome !

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