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Dear Friend:-

The Emergency in Selma, Alabama is not over. Boycott and racist retaliation have created an emergency situation which will, in all probability, exist during the entire Summer. There is a definite serious shortage of food. We may also anticipate new areas of need throughout the South.

To help meet this need, various individuals and organizations have been conducting their separate food collection drives. In order to fully mobilize our efforts in this humanitarian program, a bi-racial committee is being formed to coordinate food collecting programs. A committee of this nature will eliminate duplication and assure the fullest utilization of our resources.

Will you accept our invitation to attend the first meeting of this County-wide "FOOD FOR FREEDOM" Committee? The meeting will be held May 11, 1965, 8:30 P.M. at Temple Beth-El of Chicago, 3050 W. Touhy Avenue.

As we are attempting to contact as many individuals and group representatives as possible, we would appreciate it if you would inform persons or groups interested in this project of the meeting.

Dr. John M. Branion, Jr. is Acting Chairman of this group.

Very truly yours,

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Rev. A. R. Samson of the S.C.L.C. and Mr. James Leathers of Flint, Michigan will address this meeting. Mr. Leathers, you may recall made the Selma to Montgomery March on crutches.