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Today the Democratic Convention faces one of the most important floor fights in the party's history. The Democratic Party will be asked to reaffirm its support for human decency, racial justice and party loyalty in Mississippi.

Congresswoman Edith Green has proposed, and a substantial minority of the Credentials Committee supports, a magnanimous and workable compromise for dealing with the Mississippi challenge. The proposal is outlined below.

The Freedom Democratic Party asks all delegates to vote in the name of Freedom and Party Loyalty for the Minority Report.

The Green solution is as follows:

HAVING HEARD THE RIVAL CLAIMS OF THE DELEGATIONS FROM MISSISSIPPI, WE HAVE AGREED UPON THE FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION:

1. At 10.A.M. Monday, August 24, 1964, the Credentials Committee shall meet in open session.
2. At that time each member of the respective delegations from Mississippi shall be called before the Committee and, as provided in the rules of the 1956 and 1960 Conventions, shall be asked to affirm unequivocally that;
 - a. he will support and work for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees of this Convention, and that he will undertake to assure that voters in his State will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for them under the label and designation of the National Democratic Party and of the Democratic Party of Mississippi.
 - b. he will participate in the Convention in good faith and will support without equivocation the Platform adopted by this Convention.
3. Each delegate from either delegation who publicly affirms that he will carry out the above responsibilities of a Democratic delegate shall be seated as a delegate to this Convention.
4. The votes of the Mississippi delegation shall be divided proportionately amongst the delegates seated.

For further information please call 646-3439

s/ Aaron Henry
Chairman of the Delegation