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SNCC ANNOUNCES '65 PLANS

Atlanta, Ga.--As many as 2,000 college students may come to Washington, D.C. this summer to demand Free Elections in Mississippi the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) announced this week.

This decision, and others, were reached at a seven-day meeting of SNCC's Coordinating Committee. The February 12-19 meeting, which began on Lincoln's Birthday, at Gammon Theological Seminary here, also decided:

- to use the 2,000 students as a "Washington Lobby" in the nation's capital. Members of the "Lobby" may engage in non-violent direct action to gain support for the challenge.

- to encourage "People's Conferences" in Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and Georgia. Local people assembled at these conferences would decide on programs they wanted implemented in their areas. The four state conferences would lead to a larger meeting bringing together people from across the South in a "Let the People Speak" conference.

SNCC is celebrating its fifth anniversary this year. The group grew out of the 1960 sit-in demonstrations and was organized at an Easter Weekend conference in April, 1960, in Raleigh, North Carolina.