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PRESS RELEASE

Yesterday, in Ferriday, Louisiana, two CORE workers were beaten while canvassing for voter registration. (there is reason to believe the men who did the beating were requested to do so by local authorities.) The two CORE workers are James Brown, a Negro from Bogalusa, Louisiana, and Mike Clurman, caucasian from New York State.

Ronnie Moore, Louisiana director of CORE, has sent a telegram to Gov. John McKeithen, with copies to the Justice Dept. and to Sheriff Noah Cross of Concordia Parish criticizing all three for their lack of action in this case and in the case of Frank Morris, the Negro who was burned to death in Ferriday last Fall. Title I of the 1964 Civil Rights Law gives the FBI the right to arrest those interfering with voter registration activities.

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