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Beginnings:

First staff members hired after Jane:
Diane, heading a segment as Direct Action Chairman
Chas. Jones as Voter Registration Chairman.
Tim Jenkins & Chas Jones got money from NAACP & other sources, unofficially to feed and house people. Meetings held at conclusion of McComb activities.
Forman (contacted thru Paul Brooks) came to Jackson and McComb and was asked by Diane, Bevel, and Brooks to take over the Exec Sec. Position or they would not go on working.
Later Norma Collins entered picture.
Fear in '62 that it was a mistake when peace forces took over. A direct action led to the defeat of the VEP. By then peace forces had risen. Tim and Helen were at the beach and Helen was in the water. They went on a bicycle trip. They stayed at the beach and 

Helen and John went to the beach. The trip was nice and the weather was good. They went to the beach.
want reduction

moving spirit w/ Skeeter, Center pre, Tacoma

Garrison - Field

Marshall - Wolf - invited

even before meeting - indicated from 50 that voter regt was the one thing

Tim not my meeting with student, SNCC

Kennedy

Mary Feaderhikes - Down contacted Batesville or Mike.

Tim went to see Batesville in NY on behalf of SNCC. Mary B. wanted to talk to broader cross - region students.

B. agreed in way for meet in Wash. early in June - led to commitment of limited funds for SNCC.

Tim at Selma.
Tim:
disappointment

   based on Negro campuses in South — didn't
   work it — led to prof. staff hierarchy

2. Also: Failed to produce seminars —
   edu. sessions — (until 1863: P.H.D.)

3. Outside of Miss — no expansion of horizons —
   statewide pol. action
   run needy legal meals

4. Not definite stand
   about rel. with
   other groups — S.N.C.H.
   Borders not clear —

July 4, 1961 Moses officially SNCC Staff (acc. to application, but really August)

July 10, 1961 Moses arrives McComb in Pike County.
Early Aug. 189 Riders cut on appeal, Aug-14-19 Riders back in Jackson set appeal date Aug.22 Appeal trials start Jackson

Aug. 1961 - CC Bryant, head NAACP Pike Cy, had read in Jet of Moses plan, wrote him suggesting Pike Cy. Moses went to see him in McComb, decided on schools there and in Walthall & Amite.

John Hardy (Nashville), Reggie Robinson (Baltimore) arrived soon.
Aug. 7, 1961 SNCC school opens
August - Moses says hired in McComb when staff hired staff.

Anne: "Jane S. left fall, 1960. Ed King alone in office

June, 1961 Louisville meeting, SNCC depressed, no money, Tim Jenkins came late to meeting. Diane called Belafonte, asked him go on Freedom Ride.
All went up, conferred with Belafonte, apparently eventually got money thru him to him first staff, enabling people to quit school.
Tim told June meeting money available if go into Voter Registration.
Feeling negative, Tim said: "This will sweep the South like a tidal wave".
He said: "For the first time we have a commitment from the federal government that they will act on this".
Connie Curry said yes, this is drift offuture. But people were cool and it was left hanging.

July 1961 Baltimore meeting (Anne not here). Heard money and draft exemption offered for people going into voter registration. Estelle Wyckoff said student movement was being bought and paid for. ML King here, for the voter registration drive.
Decision postponed until August meeting.

Meanwhile, Tim Jenkins organizing training seminar Fisk August: Ella Baker, Sherrod, others. Very very useful.
(Aug. meeting before middle of August, Ann recalls)

August 1961 meeting at Highlander. Nashville group mostly - Marion Barry, Diane, others, plus Ed King, for direct action.
Jenkins, Sherrod, McDew, Jones, for voter registration, said political structure basic.
Ann had mixed feelings.
Chuck chaired.
Ella smoothed what might have been split, reconciled two factions.
Compromise: two sections, Jones heading voter reg, Diane heading direct action.
Vep money not available until spring 1962.
Forman wanted to come South to write. Neither he nor Bob at Highlander.

(more)
Diane: (799-7504) Brought Forman to meet Bevel & Lafayette at McComb. Paul Brooks was from Nashville, student at Amer. Baptist Theol. Sem. Forman, when in Fayette County, would come to Nashville, talk to Diane, Paul about strategy. Lester McKinney also came to McComb. Ed King not at McComb.

Ed King left around Sept. 12–13, so nobody in office for two weeks.

Diane had started Feb. 61 working for Nashville movement. At Highlander: Diane afraid of getting too close to administration.

Jim Bevel did join SNCC staff, stayed until Spring 1962, then to SCLC. Diane worked for SNCC until 1963.

Staff hired first: Bevel
Jones
Moses
Sherrod
Jones
Diamond
Robinson
Hardy
Lester McKinney
McDew
Max Diane?
Forman
Zellner

Bunch hired in McComb, then a few in Atlanta.