

December 16

Greenwood: no messages

Pine Bluff: John Bradford

FBI agents at office now talking to Bill about Helena.

Greenville:

2nd Congr'l district meeting will be Sunday aft 3.

Raleigh:

beginning big crash program for voter registration this evening (with registrars, etc.) -- Sat. will be big mobile drive in Mosely park there.

Reggie was in Williamston, N.C. (an SCLC CORE area)- yesterday they both pulled out for holidays-- people in Williamston needed help and money.

This is where northern ministers were arrested.

80 of their movement people going to Boston to help the Negro community in Boston organize.

Re COFO meeting: most of this info. is from Hunter Morey in Greenville.

The following were discussed at the staff and COFO meetings:

1. Discussion of the development of a crisis situation in Mississippi this summer by inundating the state with workers from other areas (estimates have gone from 500-1,000 to 100,000. This plan was considered in contrast to one of carefully screening and adding about 50 people to staff in summer. The former plan won the approval of the group. This plan ~~kk~~ would be adopted in hopes of bringing the state to the point where the fed'l gov't would have to inter/vene.

2. Discussion of the Jackson office- particularly the need for an office manager. need to reorganize the work-study project.

channeling of all legal problems through Oscar Chase in Jackson

3. Discussion of Moses' role in Mississippi-- particularly the fact that people have grown to rely on him too much and no longer use their initiative, but rather 'wait for Moses'-- To avoid this in future, decision to set up "staff government" - Director, Assistant Director, and five congressional district leaders. These would meet once each week.

4. Discussion by Attorney Jesse Brown and Jack Young of the Lois Chaffe case. She is from Kellogg, Idaho, CORE working in the Jackson office. Was teaching at Tougaloo last year and witnessed the May-June demonstrations in Jackson. In October she testified that she saw demonstrators beaten by Jackson police. She was then ~~judged~~ cited for perjury, arrested and released on \$2000 cash bond. In

Nov. the Grand Jury indicted her for perjury--her arraignment was last Wed. and she is still in jail on \$5000 property bond (they haven't quite ~~kkkkkk~~ raised it. The \$2000 bond was dropped, but they don't have it back yet. Her trial is set for Feb. Her only defense would be if others testified they too saw the beatings, but then they would be vulnerable to liable charges. Both lawyers seemed quite concerned with situation.

Len Holt setting up 6 week program for 2 Miss. people in DC-intensive training

in Mississippi law.

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Gadsden: Eric Rainey

Trial was today; ten or eleven cases of vagrancy- all were dropped but Eric and Alvery William's. They are continued to next September .  
Also, Landy MacNair's cas (provocation) was continued, as were Marvin Robinson and William Dawson's. (the latter two were unded different charges.

New York--

They are planning to go Christmas carolling on Christmas eve/- being led by Bob Dylan, Martha Schiame, and working to get others.

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Pine Bluff: Iris

FBI interviewed Jones , Bradford and Jordan separately yesterday-  
One was head of State Bureau - both from Little Rock. One who is head is Mr. Barron.  
The three sign ed statements for FBI re jail and Helens and arrest; kind of things said by police officers, threats not to enter county, etc.

Tom Brown: Salma

and records

Judge granted that we do not have to bring in information/demanded of us - we must still have to appear, however . (Judge Thomas)--

Jackson: Mindy

Does Miss. get the small offset?

"Exec. Comm" now meeting--

plans being am apped out to bring 20,000 people to courthouse between Dec. 16 and Feb. 28--

Aaron Henry has written a letter to Johnson proposin g a meeting with Negro leaders in state , and if rejected, proposes that we stage a march on capital building during inauguration.

Danville: Avon

Will be having a student meeting today.

Kids in jail say they will stay in jail as long as necessary

Greenville:

Having Mass meeting on T,ursday night with Fannie Lou Hamer