

John Lewis, Cleve/ Sellers, Marion Barry from SNCC and James Farmer from CORE met with President Johnson today. The following information from that meeting should be noted by staff: In response to a question about what steps would be taken to enforce the voting rights bill, ~~XXX~~ LBJ said: The Justice Department will file a poll tax suit against the State of Mississippi tomorrow, Sat. And will file poll tax suits in Texas, Virginia and Alabama on Tuesday. ~~Thaxaxk~~ The publishing of the list of states and counties as required by the Act (those falling under the jurisdiction of the Act) will be done in the Federal Register, Sat. August 7. Monday, Aug 9, the JD will designate certain counties where there have been difficulties in the past and the President will order federal examiners immediately to those counties. Tuesday federal examiners will begin registering voters for all counties ~~specially~~ specially designated by the JD.

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Fall White House Conference on Civil Rights was also discussed. It will be attended by 2,000-3,000 people. The President wants SNCC to submit in writing recommendations and suggestions as to what should be done in terms of legislation, executive efforts, etc. to remove remaining barriers to desegregation. The President emphasized that he thought that the problem had shifted to the cities and the ~~the~~ the Negro family (this was a reference to a 68 page report on the Negro family published by a Government ~~inst~~ agency citing statistics on unemployment, illegitimacy, size of family, etc).

9:55 - 10:45. Near the end of the discussion John Lewis gave a copy of the FDP Brief to the President with a statement of SNCC ~~position on~~ suggestions to the President.