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EVALUATION

1. Name: Miss Fannie S. Bennett
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
2. Church: Downey Avenue Christian Church 111 S. Downey, Indpls
3. Denomination: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
4. Address: 222 S. Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana
River Street (Library) on VR
5. Area Canvassed: Mt. Zion (Bus) . Amount of time spent 3 days
6. Number of people visited: 147
7. General Response: The River Street Community is a bit skeptical about the
attempts many of them have made to register but a few who
believe that "they will overcome" are willing to return repeatedly and to
help others to do so. The Mt. Zion community were all aware of the
bus situation and were anxious to do something about it. Many of them
offered to pool rides in their cars where schedules permitted. Several
elderly and ill persons of course could not cooperate fully. The discussions
in all of these contacts revealed that the communities are well on the
way to "working together" for betterment especially thru Freedom Schools &
committee
8. Did you have any contact with white community? Explain. Yes only
contact this week was when I attempted to register at the Sun
A Sand in Jackson. Helped make up the list of white community
contacts and called one person for appointment.
9. Did you have any contact with police? Explain. Driving home in
the car after delivering some people to their rooming houses
we were stopped in what was apparently a Mobile Street road
block and asked to see driver's license.
10. Give your impressions of community, evaluation of your work, what
you think can be done. It was gratifying to find out that the work
here is much more effective than I had been led to believe it was by
those who had served here earlier in the summer. Also, to hear from
Cafe workers and others who had been here in the Ministers' Project
through the summer that our group was able to "relate" to each other
and to Cafe in an effective way. That there was an attitude of
humility and willingness to do whatever was needed no matter how
menial the task. The eagerness of those working in our group to
create a spirit of hope among the Negro members in the community
and to translate understanding to members of the white community
laid some ground work or built on that others had started. The method
of actually developing local leadership and then actually encouraging
them in situations where they had to "lead" makes for real progress
in the program of organizing local leadership for communities.