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Dear Jim,

The enclosed reports only represent voter registration results from 13-19 Jan where the books were open. At the end of Jan we are going to forward to you the final tabulations.

The books will be closed prior to the general election on 3 Mar 64 for 30 days, which will include the entire month of Feb.

We expect to do some effective Voter Education groundwork in the 5th Cong. Dist. of northern La. in the following parishes: Tensas, Ouachita, Jackson, Madison and Richland. We have an office for geographic reasons set up in Monroe, La. (Ouachita Parish) which is supported primarily by local people. In the 6th Cong. Dist. we are doing a fairly progressive job on chapter development in St. Francisville (West Feliciana Parish); in East Feliciana Parish a Chapter has already been recommended for affiliation, and Chapter development is underway in Plaquemine of Iberville Parish, in Hammond of Tangipahoa, in New Roads of Pointe Coupee and in Greensburg of St. Helena. With the US Supreme Court overturning the injunction against CORE in Baton Rouge we expect things to develop in Baton Rouge. Direct action through picketing should pick up in Plaquemine and Clinton.

We have already scheduled the second organizational meeting of the 6th Cong. Dist. Voters' League for the 1 Feb 64. We are setting up a nonviolent clinic for 8 Feb 64 with participants coming from every parish in the 6th Cong. Dist. to Plaquemine. If things go well at the clinic and if we make the anticipated successful strides in chapter development we are optimistically expecting a big nonviolent direct action protest aimed at demanding the abolition of rigged Louisiana rigged voter registration procedures. The protest, as of now still undecided, maybe a pray-in, sit-in or stand-in in the State Legislature in Baton Rouge on or about the time of the general elections. If we can pull it off, we would like James Farmer to lead it. On these perspectives and objectives we welcome suggestions and evaluations from you.

After consultation with Gordon and Marcia we deemed it essential to rent a car. We did this and it is costing us \$38.00 per week plus \$0.09 per mile. We shall struggle and I ~~mean~~ struggle to meet the rental fees within the framework of our budget. Please step up getting at least two cars for Louisiana; one for the 5th Cong. Dist. and one for the 6th.

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I shall forward you under separate cover applications for persons to replace Task Force workers who have left or will leave us. We need someone to replace Brendan Sexton, preferrably a Negro named Loria Davis. Applications will be sent to you for approval before anyone is added to the Task Force. On Jan 31 Alice Thompson and Shirley Thompson will be returning to school. We plan to recruit replacements from the local communities here in La.

We are at present drafting a 3 month schedule of activities which will be sent to you as soon as completed.

Well, so long for now. Take care,

Yours in Freedom

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