

Citizenship Education Program

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Martin Luther King, Jr., President
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Mr. Amzie Moore
614 Chrisman Avenue
Cleveland, Miss.

Dear Amzie:

I am writing to get some information about money reportedly sent from "Operation Freedom" to Mrs. Laura McGhee.

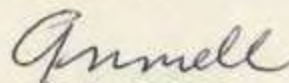
Mrs. McGhee says that back in the late spring or summer Mr. McCracken sent her a thousand dollars from "Operation Freedom". Of this amount she says that you gave her \$450.00, holding the rest as security for bonds put up for her son's release from jail. Later, she reports, you came over to tell her that you had heard from Mr. McCracken who told you that "Operation Freedom" did not send any of the \$1,000 down for bond money (- they had their own bonding company-) and they meant for her to spend the money as she saw fit. She says that at this visit you promised to return the \$550.00 to her - possibly sending it via Bob Moses.

When she didn't receive the money she says that she contacted you and was told by you that Operation Freedom had directed you to spend the money on people who needed help in Bolivar County.

It would help matters greatly if you could show Mrs. McGhee a copy of these instructions from Operation Freedom or suggest that she write Mr. McCracken for an explanation.

I hope all goes well with you and the work in Bolivar County, and I trust that you will be attending the COFO Convention in Jackson this Weekend.

Sincerely,



Annell Ponder

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