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Bob Moore  
Food for the Delta

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Dear Jim,

Carol Bernstein telephoned and asked a series of questions arising out of the SCEP Action Memo of January 23, titled: Desperate Need for Food in Mississippi.

(1) Westchester friends whom she tried to interest indicated a preference—they would rather give money than go to the trouble of shipping the heavy items listed; therefore Carol's question—Is the request that food be shipped due to an inability of Negroes in the Delta, or group leaders, to purchase such items there, because whites won't sell to them? Or can money be sent for local purchases?

(2) Is Operation Freedom involved in any way in this Delta program, so that contributors can take advantage of any tax deductability that it presumably has?

(3) The memo discourages sending clothing other than shoes to the Delta, and in Westchester they have collected quite a lot of clothing. Should this be sent, and where; or to some other area, where it may be equally or more needed?

(4) If people cannot get food, would it be desirable for Carol to try to involve CARE in a project? Apparently she has some connection.

I am sending a copy of this to Anne and Carl, in case they may wish to comment in answer to the queries.

Ever,

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