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To: James T. McCain
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From: **Donnie M. Moore**

Re: **Voter registration in Louisiana**

Practical aspects of 21 parish decision from Federal
Judiciary:

1. Registrars are still turning Negroes down in large numbers based on the "technical error" technique used traditionally to disqualify Negroes on the application form instead of the Constitutional tests which no longer can be used according to the Federal decree. Therefore, to register Negro potential voters is just as difficult without the test being in use.

2. Intimidations as in the past are still occurring.

Closed registration books:

1. Ouachita Parish - Election
2. East Feliciana Parish - since Nov. 7, 1963 due to Federal action
3. West Feliciana Parish - same as for East Feliciana

Work at hand:

1. Scouting all parishes in the 5th and 6th Congressional District for summer project.
2. Coordinating voter registration efforts in the 26 parishes. May should be a fruitful month.
3. Laying groundwork for bringing in 50 workers to do voter registration in the 26 parishes.
4. Setting up a 26 parish Leadership Conference - June 8, 1964