



# Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

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Tom Levin, Ph.D.  
Committee of Conscience  
11 West 81 Street  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Levin:

As you know, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, in cooperation with other national and local civil rights groups, will be sponsoring the Mississippi Summer Project. This is a program which will bring students, teachers, lawyers, artists and technicians into the state to participate in a wide range of programs including Freedom Schools, Community Centers and Voter Registration. Those involved in the program will live in the homes of residents of the communities in which they work and will partake of the same limited services available to these people. It is with regard to the last point in particular, that I write to you.

The Negro community in the state of Mississippi, and consequently those who will enter the state to work in and with this community, have inadequate medical services available to them. This is true in both the limited amount and in the low quality of existing services. We feel that Northern physicians and those involved in auxiliary professions are sorely needed in the state, especially in light of our summer program. If a group of doctors would commit themselves to working in the state on a rotating basis throughout the summer, part of the void would be filled. If we were to set up five medical centers in the state, perhaps in conjunction with the Community Centers, the doctors and those assisting them could work in teams, each team in one of the centers for a minimum period of two weeks. In this way,

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medical services and facilities not now available to the communities would be made available.

In addition to the absence of skilled physicians, there is a real lack of medical supplies, from drugs through bandages. Physicians and those associated with the medical profession, through hospitals and pharmaceutical firms located in the North, would probably be able to secure these materials if the physicians are to function effectively in the Mississippi communities.

I suggest that you contact Dr. Marvin Belsky, 124 West 93 Street, New York, New York (Phone: UN5-4067), and Dr. Walter Lear, 115 West 73 Street, New York, New York (Phone: TR3-1426), who would probably be interested in working on this program with you.

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I look forward to hearing from you and urge that you contact me for any assistance that I might be able to provide.

Sincerely yours,

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Carol Rogoff  
Staff, NY Office

cc: Dr. Marvin Belsky 799 Park @ 74  
Dr. Walter Lear

Handwritten notes and signatures at the bottom of the page:

- Dr. Morris (TE-8-7288 (Surgeon))
- Dr. Hyman Gold (Physician Plan) SA-2-7234 (AC-2-8942)
- Dr. John Holloman, M.D. AD-6-3233 (I.P.U. Monday)
- Dr. Earn Wells, M.D. AD-4-5017 (Home! SU-7-3396) is not
- Dr. Callan MD. "One Man, One Vote"
- Neurological, Columbia Univ. UN-5-4000 (RI-9-4702)