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### Week's activities

Having been switched to Area 2 on Tuesday, I have spent working a time the last 5 days in that part of town. In general, and whatever the prospects elsewhere, I have found that as Greenville can be gotten to to turn out quite handsly on a freedom day, I hope for a hundred more applicants on Thursday from that part of town. Freedom registration is going pretty slow, in part because we've been pushing the Freedom Day more. Fear of job reprisals runs high, even on F.W., such as fear is particularly strong among several City employees to whom I talked in the last such conversation, today, it occurred to me that a special day (necessarily, Sat. morning) for such persons would be helpful, and the man with whom I was talking was very receptive. There is one City employee in the neighborhood who definitely wants to register anyway. I keep thinking and talking in the same terms with employees of other large employers, notably U. S. Gypsum & Chicago Mills. I also keep thinking and talking about some way for female prima to domestic servants to meet together. This is obviously important since so many of my ~~clients~~ have free time during regular coexistence hours. Yesterday, along the same line, one woman on welfare told me the welfare dept. had written her, warning her not to sign anything or to try to register. She promised to let me see the letter(s), but it will take considerable diplomacy to get an affidavit from her. The man who works on the river as a welder might very well be good for an affidavit on clearly discriminatory wage rates paid by a Greenville contractor working for the Army Engineers. It shouldn't be hard to turn up more of this shit in the next two weeks. There are 2 or 3 potential deputy freedom registrars known to me in the area, but they don't know yet that that's what they are; if the NFB is good and big, they'll work. The whole area really needs a meeting place of its own; the neighborhood is small and pretty cohesive. Oh, yea there's a grocer, L.V. Collins, who's always good for free food.

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