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Dear Richard,

Dave referred your letter to me so I'll try to answer your questions. The listing of Task Force in the Fourth District is as follows:

1. Preston Ponder - working on a four man rotating team in and around Meridian. This area of work includes Lauderdale, Kemper, Neshoba, Clarke, Newton and Jasper counties. The focus of work is freedom registration and the programs of the Freedom Democratic Party in Mississippi.
2. Annie Pearl Clay - works in Leake county in the Harmony-Carthage area doing freedom registration and setting precinct and county meeting. (I'm not sure if she's on Task Force officially).
3. Theodius Hewitt - is in charge of the work in Leake County.
4. Joe Lee Watts - works in Madison County southern portion: Flora-Madison area.
5. Marvellus Byrd - has suffered with a bad foot and has not been working lately.
6. Pat Walker - working in Southeast Mississippi around McComb.

I think Dave has plans for using a Mary Lovelace from Jackson to work in Atlantic City on housing and fund raising for the convention challenge.

Other staff people in Mississippi are: Gore, Louis Smith (working as part of a rotating team in Meridian areas), George Raymond (rotating in the Canton area) and Matt Suarez who operates the FOP's headquarters in Jackson.

Staff meetings in Canton are usually held on Mondays at 9:00 with local staff and people in charge of canvassing in Canton. I have tried to hold staff meeting in Meridian on Tuesday afternoon with little success. All such meetings, as you can guess, are tentative.

Sorry to "postpond" a reply.

Rudy Lombard