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TO: Rudy Lombard
FROM: Gloria Bishop and Dan Wood
RE: Weekly Report on Freedom Schools in Rural Madison County (July 20 - 26)

The St. John Freedom School has proceeded on its weekly schedule with few changes. This week, however,, the regular schedule was interrupted by a number of planned activities. Tuesday was given to the Freedom Singers, and the students enjoyed the entertainment. The staff was disappointed, however, that the Freedom Singers did not discuss the history of the Negro through music as we were told they would. We are glad they visited our schools. Someone scheduled a Farmers' Meeting at the school, Wed at 12:30; consequently, we had to dismiss earlier than usual. The same thing happened on Thursday. A precinct ^{meeting} was held at the school at 12:30, and again we had half a school day. So, in all, we had just two full school days this week.

Each school has chosen delegates to the convention(Freedom School) in Meridian on Aug. 1st. The student union has added a great deal of enthusiasm to our program here. Some students who have not been interested in the schools are now showing interest because of the student union organization in this area. Every project in Valley View is worthy of praise, the community center not exluded. We have in the center the most promising library in all of Madison County.

With one coordinator leaving this Friday, July 31st, there should be some small changes in schedule. We are expecting an additional teacher on the 28th, but we have not heard from her yet. If she does not show, we will have a few difficulties.