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TO: Mr. Spiver Gordon, Field Secretary
Mr. Richard Haley, Southern Office Director, CORE

FROM: Stuart Wechsler, Task Force, Chattahoochee

DATE: November 23, 1964

SUBJECT: Summary Field Report for the Chattahoochee area for the period from November 15 to November 22.

Eddie Doss and I arrived in Chattahoochee during late afternoon on the Fifteenth of November. We spoke at two churches that evening. One preacher at Bethel Baptist Church made some very pointed references to the inadvisability of working along the Core lines

The rest of the week, till Wednesday, I spent in walking around and letting people know that Core would still be in town, now that the elections are over. It seems that the people are behind Core. There are many volunteers for fund raising and other activities.

Wednesday we held a meeting concerning the new community center. Enthusiasm was high. I turned the meeting over to Myers McCray. He is a very articulate and dynamic high school student. He took charge of the meeting very nicely. I gave him some suggestions on what the center could be used for. He enlarged upon these in his presentation to the people at the meeting. It was decided at the meeting to have the Center pay as much of its own expenses as possible. (The center is housed in an old cafe.) We have the facilities to sell sodas and some foods. We've obtained a juke-box the income from which should pay the



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rent and utilities bill.

In the two days following the meeting fund raising was done by the people of Chattahoochee. Enough money was raised to pay for the first months expenses of the Center, which included rent and utility deposits. On that Saturday we had a party which raised \$2.50 for the Center (The re are still some financial bugs that have to be worked out, but we're in the black and thats more than can be said for some organizations.)

On Sunday November 22 a meeting was held with employees of Florida State Hospital to discuss the problem edf of discrimination at that institution. It was decided to get as mn many sta tements as possible from people working at the Hospital and to look into the possibility of bringing suit against the State. I have begun to gather statements from the people. In my next report I will explain both this project and the Center in greater detail.

The major problem confronting me is a financial one. Since Eddie has come from Mississippi he is still not on payroll. Therefore I have been splitting my money fifty-fifty with him. If possible I would like Eddie to be put on payroll quite quickly. Also if possible I would like to be payed back the \$56.00 that I have layed out to him in advances.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stuart Wechsler'.

Stuart Wechsler, Task Force Florida