Report on Sunflower County
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We have project offices in Indianola (main office), Ruleville and
the town of Sunflower. In Ruleville and Indianola there are voter
registration, freedom school and community center programs. In
Sunflower there are voter registration and freedom school programs.

There are local civil rights organizations. The organization (Rule-
ville Citizenship Club) in Ruleville has been established for two
years. In August the Indianola Citizen's League was formed and
the Sunflower County Citizen's League was formed in September. All
groups have been very active. Mass meetings are usually well atten-
ded. There is a mass meeting each week in Ruleville, Sunflower
and Indianola. We are working on finding a place in Moorehead (pop.
1,000) to hold meetings. An average of 380 people attend mass
meetings in the county each week.

The voter registration work has been encouraging. Since we set up
the Indianola office in July, approximately four hundred Negroes
have attempted to register to vote. Only ten passed.

The freedom schools have been well attended since the summer, with
a lull during the cotton picking season. Since the freedom school
was burned in Indianola, classes and mass meetings were held on the
outside until the weather became too cold last week. Night time
adult classes will be held in a neighborhood house this week. The
school should be repaired by next week. Freedom school is held in
the town of Sunflower twice a week. Teenage classes are well atten-
ded. We teach Negro history, government and politics, and citizen-
ship. There are also workshops in which we discuss the movement,
government and politics, and citizenship. There are also workshops
in which we discuss the movement, freedom vote, canvassing, freedom
primers, etc.

The F.D.P. in the county is strong. There were three delegates to
the Democratic National Convention from the county. There was
good participation in the "freedom vote". There were more freedom
votes cast in Indianola than were regular votes. There were 2770
freedom votes cast in the county.

We are planning a mock election, via FDP, in January. Candidates
will run for sheriff and other county offices, as well as for mayor,
alderman, etc., in each town in Sunflower County. The purpose of
the mock election is to extend FDP principles and to develop county-
wide leadership. Precinct meetings will be held in the near future
and in three or four weeks the delegates from these precinct me-
tings will attend a county meeting in Indianola (the county seat).

Of course, since September, there have been numerous incidents of
violence and harassment around the county.