

Oct. 5, 1965
 343 Center St.
 Eufaula, Ala.

Mr. Hosea Williams
 563 Johnson Ave. N.E.
 Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Williams,

This is a letter, as you requested, informing you of the activities of SCLC in this county.

The most immediate activity planned is the trip to Washington, D.C. From October 15-22 the United Harbour County Voters Leagues (organizations which SCOPE created) will be in Washington for a week of political education. The schedule calls for the normal sights of Washington plus visits with congressmen and senators. As of yet I have only one definite appointment (with an executive secretary to the President) the others have not replied yet. I have heard nothing from the SCLC office in Washington. My primary request from them was for appointments with government officials in labor and agriculture. I am already arranging housing for the people while they are in Washington. The trip is being financed by the local people in conjunction with a local church in Washington and some SCOPE people in Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. Please have the SCLC office in Washington tell me something and it would be a good idea also to have some publicity for the trip, perhaps a news conference in Washington for the people. The purpose of the trip is to observe democratic ~~rights~~ government in action for the first time, to understand how it works (the importance of the vote) and to get firsthand knowledge of what federal programs are available. Its costing the local people quite a bit of money to go on this trip and I think that we should do everything in our power to help them. Unfortunately, the local SNCC, Scott B. Smith is trying still to take over the trip and to gain the publicity that their office will try to make from the trip. SNCC plans to send in other workers here while we are in Washington.

After the Washington trip, the Voters Leagues will begin economic withdrawal of the city of Eufaula is the proposals we submitted to the Mayor and the chamber of commerce are not met with. These include: that young men and women such as high school students be permitted to have part time jobs not based on race, creed or color; that the "white collar" and trainee jobs be open to all the citizens; that Negro men and women be hired as clerks and in secretarial positions; and that the city and county jobs other than maintenance work be open to Negroes. It seems that everytime we raise an issue the interest in registering also picks up. I guess the people see the ballot as a key to the whole problem.

We still have a problem with the lawyers. The boys who were in jail for contempt of court under Jack Wallace had to serve their 23 day sentences. The lawyer gave little thought to another case we had with ~~James~~ James Reese who was arrested on a march. Local people went his bond and the city didn't inform him of his trial (the lawyer was told of the case) and they (the city) said he jumped bond and must pay the \$400 bond money and they then had his trial and gave him 3 month suspended sentence and \$100 fine. He is in jail now awaiting local people to go his appeal bond. I called Gray and Seay and they said they were too busy now to do anything about it. Naturally the people don't want to get involved in a demonstration if they must serve their sentences or not have a lawyer at the trial or have any legal advice.

I have tried to contact Mr. Turner, but have had no success - will keep trying.

I plan to leave for Washington by plane from Montgomery Sunday (Oct. 10) in order to help set up the trip. Please tell the SCLC office in Washington that I will be there for the week in advance of the trip and to be expecting me.

The last registration day approximately 170 people were registered by 2:00 in the afternoon.

I can be reached generally at 687-5226 or at 687-4260.

Yours in Peace and Freedom,

Rev. S. S. Butler

Rev. Larry Scott Butler

P.S. We went to federal court on Sept. 30 for the demonstration cases and the trial will be continued on Nov. 18.