To Hosea Williams

Report.

In accordance with your statements at the staff meeting in Frogmore at the end of the retreat and in accordance with discussion with Mew Song Li when I returned to Grenada I began to work on a Welfare program. I am currently engaged in organizing a Poor People Committee to deal with welfare and housing problem. I am organizing the committee in such a way that they will be trained and equipped to handle their own welfare problems in the near future and they will developed their own leadership.

The committee has had three meeting so far with an average attendance of 15 persons. Out of these meetings there have been smaller committees formed, one to handle correspondence with the welfare board, and one to keep records on welfare cases and to gather material for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission hearings on welfare to be held in Jackson this coming February.

In addition I am teaching a class of 6 ladies the welfare laws from research provided by the lawyers. The class meets everyday except Saturdays. By the end of the month these ladies will be well enough informed of the welfare laws that they will be able to help individuals with their welfare problems. The class is also learning how to use the typewriter and how to ask for such things as "Fair Hearings" on welfare cases. They have already collected a number of cases and have begun to work on some of them by writing letters to the state board.

The titular chairman of the Poor Peoples Committee is the Rev. Purnell. However the active people are;

Mrs. Beulah Washington  
Mrs. Martha Washington  
Mrs. Mabel Wilmington  
Miss. Yvonne McBride  
Mrs. Ada Ruth Johnson  
Mrs. Dovie Lee Stephson  
Mrs. Jessie Lee Roberts