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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 ~~hisi~~ housing problem. I am organizing the committee in such a way that they will be trained ~~z~~ 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 correspondance with the welfare board, and one to keep records on welfare cases and to gather material for the U.S. Civil Rights Commision 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 providdd by the lawyers. ^HThe 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. ~~tan~~ The class is also learning how to use the typriter and how to ask for such shings as "Fair Hearings" on welfare cases. They have already collected a number of cases and have begun to works on some of them by writing letters to the state board.

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

Mrs. Beulah Washington	Telegraph St.
Mrs. Martha Washington	Union St.
Mrs. Mabel Wilmington	Plum
Miss. yvonne McBride	
Mrs. Ada Ruth Johnson	Rafer St.
Mrs. Dovie Lee Stephson	Rafer St.
Mrs Jessie Lee Roberts	Rafer St.

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