

field report

TO: Mr. Hosea William and Reverend Bernard Lafayette

FROM: Charles Jefferson, Project Director

DATE: December 9, 1968

SUBJECT: Daily Report

November 25, 1968

All head start personels return to work, but no children showed. Rex McRaney sent over Some of his black flunkies to open the doors and reported to him who didn't come to work. There were a lot of confusions at the center at Grenada because the people McRaney sent to open the doors couldn't find the right key and had to go all the way back to Charleston to get the right one.

Later that morning McRaney came over himself. He ask the people how they wanted to run the center (he would take any consideration the group offered). He left when the fire got too hot and set up another meeting for Thanksgiving Day at 7 a.m.

November 26, 1968

Talk to Bobby Jame, former head start director, in Batesville about the future of "head start".

Attorney Martha Woods from Jackson met with B & P Board of Director. Martha is handling the B & P case and she feel the money will soon be released as soon as she can get all ratifications.. After meeting with the Board of Director she spoke in mass meeting about B & P. The mass meeting was chaired by Mr. George Bingham, president of B & P and former Industrial Arts Teacher at Carrie Dotson High School and Mrs. P. B. William, vice-president of Grenada County Freedom Movement. Martha had to leave the mass meeting in a hurry because she had been shoted at by Klanmen early because she was one of the lawyers that got a Klanman convicted in Gulfport or (somewhere on the coast).

November 27

Charles attended a Migrant Farmer Meeting held in Sardis the entire day. After the meeting in Sardis, worked in office.

November 28

Meeting held at head start center with McRaney. McRaney had come over to make the people think they were running the program. He let the local people give salary for employee and how the program would be run. Personality became involved between Jim Bulloch, Chairman of Policy Advisory Committee and McRaney. Whenever Jim tried to show the people how crooked McRaney was McRaney always came back with "this was Mr. Bulloch idea in the first place". After McRaney tried to used Mr. Allen, who is the representative from Grenada County Freedom Movement of the CAP Board, the fire started burning and McRaney had to leave, therefore closing the meeting.

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November 28 - December 7

Charles left for Chicago due to death in his family. The funeral was held in Louisville, Kentucky (sic) December 3, 1968. Charles arrived in Chicago Wednesday, December 4 after attending the funeral. We had to stay in Chicago until Friday, December 6 because of car failure. We arrived in Batesville early that Saturday morning where we had to be picked up because of transmission difficulties.

Note:

Please inform Mr. Hosea William, in case he can't read this report, and Miss (Mrs.) Arnell Ponder to send in their ratification for B & P Enterprises, as soon as possible.

We have received the check for office machine to be fit which receipts will be send in as soon as the machine are in operation.