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June 9, 1964

Mr. Robert Moses
1017 Lynch Street
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Dear Bob: I

I was sorry we didn't get to finish our conversation on the telephone last night.

I talked to Louis Martin Monday morning, as I had promised I would. He said that the meeting on Saturday is a workshop on registration with representatives from twelve southern and border states. Henry and Smith were chosen, I suppose, because of their experience and reputation and without regard to any relationship to the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. It is unlikely that Mr. Henry's expenses will be paid by the Democratic National Committee, so you will have to decide whether it is worthwhile to make that much money available for this purpose. I think it would be a worthwhile trip if there is any chance Mr. Henry could get a picture with the President or any other leaders of the Democratic Party. It would hardly be worthwhile simply for the purpose of learning ~~about registration in Mississippi that the~~ ~~lecturer/that can provide~~ more about registration, as I am sure you fellows know more about registration in Mississippi than any lecturer they can provide up here.

With respect to Peter Marcus, I would like to have him or either or both of those Yale students. We must get to work on some of these problems.

With respect to the rules and by-laws of the Mississippi Democratic Party, we will see what we can do to obtain them. If their party rules are as vague as ours in the District of Columbia they won't be of much value to us. You are right, however, that we should try to see them.

I promised I would put down on paper the exact information that we will need for the brief. It is as follows:

1. The number of registered voters in the Freedom Democratic Party as compared to the number of registered voters in the regular party.
2. The number of persons who attended the precinct, district and state conventions of the Freedom Democratic Party which nominated our delegation as compared with the number of the regular party at each.
3. A comparison of the closed quality of the regular party as compared to the open nature of ours. A full account of the terroristic methods to keep people from registering or participating in the precinct, district, and state conventions of the regular party should be included.

4. The past statements of regular delegates. This should include whatever they have said favoring segregation, opposing the Democratic Party platform, or fostering disloyalty to the National Party. In this connection, the statement you have mentioned to me that the regular party avowed it does not belong to the national party should be well documented from newspaper clippings, as should all of the other statements under this point.

There may be more but this would be a good start.

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Now I want to pass on one more thought which I think might be valuable. I think you or Henry or whoever is the appropriate person should address a letter to John Bailey right now notifying him of your efforts and asking him to send observers to both yours and the regular precinct, district and state conventions. I think Bailey should be told how your registration and meetings will be opened and how their registration and meetings are not only closed but closed with terrorism. He should be asked to send people in whom he has confidence so that the special credentials committee can have the full facts from impartial people before them when they meet in Atlantic City.

I don't know if you already have the enclosed clipping from this morning's POST, but I am sending it anyway.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours

Joseph Rauh, Jr.

Enclosure

June 30, 1964

Mr. Robert Moses
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Dear Bob:

I was sorry you missed me yesterday, as I was most anxious to go over a number of things with you.

First, did you ever get my letter of June 9? I enclose a copy in case you never received it. With respect to item 4 on page 2, please also get any statements by regular delegates attacking President Kennedy and Johnson. Will you please let me ~~let~~ have your thoughts on the different matters in the letter as soon as possible?

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I also in receipt of a letter from Mr. Kunstler about a lawsuit in Greenville. He said in his letter that he was enclosing a copy of the complaint, but the copy was not in fact enclosed. Mrs. Ella Baker did, however, furnish me with a copy of the complaint and I have now read it carefully. In so far as the complaint seeks to deal with the problem of delegates to the Democratic National Convention, I think it is an unwise tactic. We are going to tell the Democratic National Convention that it has the sole power to make the decision on which delegate to seat and must make that decision in our favor precisely because there is no ~~to~~ other tribunal to which we can appeal. I would suggest, therefore, that an amended complaint be filed leaving the delegate problem out of the case. There is plenty left in the case for the courts to decide without injecting the delegate issue.

I am also in receipt of a letter from Carole E Merritt of Knoxville, Tennessee copy of which is enclosed. I wonder if you think it wise to add to your many burdens at the Convention by having a workshop for the Freedom Democratic Party at Highlander? It seems to me we have enough of a scrap ahead without carrying this additional burden as well. It would, I believe, add fuel to those who favor seating neither group. At any rate, I would assume that any necessary discussions with the delegation could be held in Atlantic City and I will be happy to come there as early as you and the delegation want.

This is to Club over our heads
WALTER

My confidence in our success remains unabated, though the Goldwater nomination would hurt badly. We need to move promptly, however, and I hope you'll write very soon.

Sincerely yours

Joseph Rauh Jr.

Enclosures

bcc Mrs. Ella Baker