

# Vote For Freedom Headquarters

## AARON HENRY for Governor

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November 18, 1963

Jim McCain and  
Marvin Rich  
c/o CORE  
38 Park Row,  
New York 38, New York

Dear Jim and Marv,

Enclosed you will find a report which was prepared for people who are working in Mississippi by Jesse Morris, SNCC worker; also you will find a paper with suggestions on how we might be able to tackle such problem.

We (SNCC and CORE) have just finished a statewide meeting in Greenville, Miss., where we threw around ideas about the problems that confront us, and suggestions for solutions. The enclosed reports were written prior to the meeting, and I sent copies to the NAC meeting, at which I hoped the suggestions would be discussed. Since the Greenville meeting, we have found it to be a necessity for CORE to become more involved. One thing is that VEP has cut off its funds for Mississippi, which now leaves us flat, and dependent on the Civil Rights organizations. SNCC's response to this was to increase its staff and give COFO \$12,000, to operate in the state for the next six months. They now have approximately 40 people on staff with plans for more.

With more money in COFO and more staff people, we can really begin to operate in the state. Next year is the time to put pressure on the Federal Government. I believe that the VEP money was cut from Mississippi in an attempt by JFK and RFK to cut down on the pressure that is being directed against them to set. We cannot let this happen, especially with the elections so close. We need to hit them from every angle in the coming months to keep both parties on the spot in their attempt to gain prestige and votes. We must dramatize:

- a. The tremendous poverty,
- b. The lack of training, and the amount of aid the Federal Government is giving other countries in comparison to Mississippi, or other states, and
- c. The denial of voting rights in the South.

We hope to set up machinery for the involvement of approximately 2,000 workers during the summer, which would be able to kick up quite a storm. These workers would be recruited from local and neighboring colleges and communities. Don't laugh; it might work;

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and recruiting has begun already for the students.

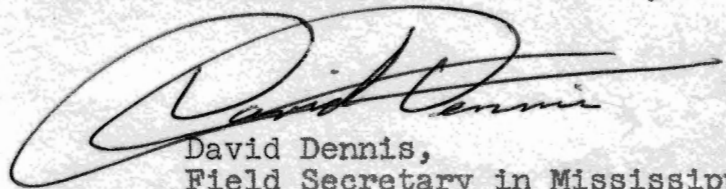
We are also planning to expand the Home Industry Project to communities where they are needed. We have assigned a SNCC person to handle that.

At the meeting in New Orleans, I would like to discuss CORE's role in these projects. I don't want to hear any of the . . . that I was confronted with before. Either we work in Mississippi or you transfer the Mississippi staff to some other area. I'm not for staying here just to tell the public that "CORE is in town." I have introduced five projects to CORE with ideas never tried by anyone else. Because of lack of interest from CORE, I gave them to someone else. As a result they have been, or are in the process of being, taken over by someone else. If you don't give me the support needed, then I shall give them to someone else, and work with them, as I have been doing. As we begin the project, money always comes in, and the organization that sponsors it receives the support and credit that is due.

We also need aid in the field of public relations. We need someone to talk to us about how to make press releases and how to write newsletters. If this can be included in the program for the New Orleans meeting, I think that it would be helpful.

We'll see you in New Orleans.

In the Name of "Freedom",

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Dennis".

David Dennis,  
Field Secretary in Mississippi

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Enclosures: Report to NAC  
Report for Miss. Field Staff