

MEMORANDUM  
TO: VICKSBURG COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF  
FROM: A NVELL PONDER

DEAR FOLKS:

I hope that things are going better with you all after the short break. In our recent visit we were made aware of some of the real problems which you face - limited space, lack of community participation on staff level, shortage of funds, insecure housing (improper or at best difficult relations with residents of house) etc. I hope that you feel strengthened and ready to tackle some things. I felt that you might want to work more at making the freedom school-community center attractive. I know that some work is being done on the inside, but the outer appearance is depressing. Can you get a group of teenagers to help keep the lawn cut, clearing and cleaning up the whole area? Shelves could be built for storing supplies orderly, and the walls painted, with floors kept clean. The other occupants keep their part of the house much better than you do apparently.

I hope that you are working well with Andy - getting clearance for trips and other major activities, etc. He is head of the project and has to assume responsibility for all other workers. Don't create problems unnecessarily. I don't need to say that the work is too demanding for this. I hope that you will call me at any time when you feel that you want to talk about any problems you may be having. I am enclosing some materials which may be helpful to you.

We will be able to repair the center, so you ~~can~~ can count on having this for a while longer than ~~xxx~~ originally planned. However, it ~~thing~~ will still help your program to carry out plans of decentralizing, using sites in various parts of town in order to reach different children and to also involve adults in the program.

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