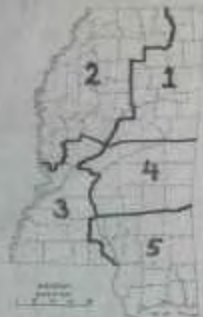


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Mrs. Anne Braden  
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Dear Mrs. Braden:

Your husband stopped in to see us here in Meridian this morning and we spoke about the community center which COFO is establishing in this city. I am enclosing some information about our plans with this letter, but I don't feel that statistics can adequately express our feelings about this undertaking.

My husband and myself are to be responsible for getting the center started. Before leaving New York City, I was an English teacher and Mike a social worker. I will be doing the teaching and setting up the library, while Mike's responsibilities include organizing and bringing people into the center. It is our hope that the center can eventually assume responsibility for most functions of the community. Our voter registration workers will be using the office as the center of their activities also.

In order to carry out the many facets of our program, we are desparately in need of both money and supplies. We are hoping that you will agree to run an article in the "Southern Patriot", explaining our program and appealing for aid. We have an office and one broken down typewriter. We need office equipment--typewriters, a duplicating machine, file cabinets. For our classes, (I understand that my first students are coming to visit tomorrow) we need books, as many as we can get, paper, pencils, etc. Clothing will aid us in our welfare program.

We have big ambitions and we know it, but with the help of people all over the country who believe in freedom, we know we can succeed.

Yours for freedom,  
*Rita Schwerner*  
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