

MEMORANDUM

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TO : L. T. Guyot,
Project Director

FROM : S. R. Leigh,
Communications Coordinator

SUBJ : Pascagoula and Biloxi NAACP Meetings on 18 Feb

When we arrived in Pascagoula they were talking about the filing of affidavits ---probably about intimidations and/or registration---to be done by individuals on committees.

A suggestion was made about raising funds for COFO---tea, dance, or some such. very nebulous and nothing decided.

Telephone Committee reported 50 telephone calls made. When, why, and what about was not discussed. Committee seems to have been newly appointed.

Communications Report: Letter read stating: Sunday May 17 designated as "Freedom Sunday" commemorating 17 May decision of Supreme Court. Suggestions for implementing program on that date: (1) request local churches to play it up...i.e. talk about "religious aspects" of freedom and jazz; (2) plan joint city-wide mass meeting; (3) highlight voter registration, school desegregation, jobs, public accomodation, etc.; (4) raise money; and (5) concerted drive to get folks down to register on Monday.

Branches are asked to secure 200 new members and \$300 in funds (letter for Henry and Evers).

President, wife and Secretary were appointed to attend Regional Conference in Macon, Ga. (a good bit of apple polishing, there.)

Mother of the year program to get started and committees are starting to work on that. (Why can't we have some sort of "Student of the Year" project for Hattiesburg? It could be done in conjunction with the Mississippi Student Union and involve those students involved in the movement---not those who are the principal's daughter and the rest of that middle class jazz.)

Next meeting in Moss Point is tonight, 7:30, at First Baptist Church, Main and Bayou Streets.



Biloxi Meeting started upon our arrival. Minutes read at the beginning of the meeting indicates that the membership drive is the same as over in Moss Point except Biloxi Chapter plans to rally around church memberships and the several lodges there. Mason irked because Elke plackcalled him. (Very touchy about that. This could be exploited to force more than token cooperation from him.)