

Educational Department  
SNCC  
8½ Raymond Street, N.W.  
Atlanta 14, Georgia  
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Dr. Luther Foster  
President  
Tuskegee Institute  
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dr. Foster:

The Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), a coalition of all local civil rights groups in the state of Mississippi and staffed by workers from SNCC, CORE and SCLC, this past summer administered the Mississippi Summer Project. During the summer over 600 volunteers from all over the country worked on voter registration, community centers, freedom schools and the Freedom Democratic Party.

COFO is presently planning a similar project for next summer, due to the great success which we had this past summer. However, next summer's project will include the entire Black Belt area, and cover approximately 26 counties in 8 states. Because of the increased area which must be covered in this project, we must depend upon a greater number of students to work these areas. The Project will last for the two and a half to three months which the Mississippi Summer Project lasted, at the end of which time the students will return to school.

SNCC, under the auspices of COFO, is sending out 8 campus travellers into specific southern states, to interest the students in the proposed project. We two will be covering the areas of Alabama and Tennessee. We hope to be able to set up regional conferences for each of the areas in which the campus travellers are working. These conferences will allow interested students to meet each other and discuss in workshop sessions topics and problems which confront them as Negro students in the South. These workshops will be led by people such as Robert Moses, Dave Dennis (Program Director and Assistant Program Director, respectively, of the Mississippi Summer Project), and some of the congressional candidates from Mississippi, such as Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer.

We would like very much to set an appointment with you on either October 7th or 8th when we will be visiting the college. We would also like to meet and speak with some of your students at this time. Should this be convenient, we would appreciate it if you would reply to the above address.

Sincerely yours,

Judy Richardson

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