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Dear Sandra:

Very quickly, because I really want to go home and sleep. Some of the stuff you asked I really can't answer, but the part about the projection I can try. The enclosed brochure explains in Mississippi prose about the Congressional Challenge. Briefly, that will be the focus of our activities next year until the middle of the summer. We will need the same as the Atlantic City caper, but more--more organization in Mississippi, more mobilization by Northern support groups, more pressure on the President and Congressmen, etc. You can imagine. If you speak to groups, you can certainly push organizing support in their district to put pressure on the Congressman to support us. As for programs, there's not much change, except that federal programs is expanding, relatively, to a more important part of the organization. DP, as usual, is the great preoccupation of the program. The New York Times, I haven't read it recently, but we're still plodding along. I did read in the New Orleans Times-Picayune, that we're closing up shop because local people object to our smell and communism, but that's false, and also that the NAACP is pulling out, but that's false too--they were never in. To my knowledge, the relationship between COFO and other civil rights groups is roughly the same as it was during the summer. About funds--people should expect to support themselves. We don't have much money at all. SNCC seems to be fairly solvent, but CORE is broke. We voted a few days ago to cut our salaries to \$10 like we did last winter, so that CORE would not have to drop any staff members. About Freedom Schools, you really should write to Liz, because we both spend most of our time travelling, and I really don't see her much.

I hope this answers some of your questions.

Bye

Lois