

Dear Dave:

Thanks for your letter of Feb. 16.

Let me try to answer your questions directly. The NAACP & SCLC story is only partly true. The best way to put it is that these two groups never were active in COFO. So present developments are nothing more than recognizing the facts for their own worth. The statements made at the national level don't always reflect the grass roots feelings, either. Here in Hattiesburg, we still have good cooperation among all C.R. groups. An example: The NAACP is sponsoring a test of the public accommodations here and COFO and the Delta Ministry are fully cooperating.

The question of irresponsible leadership in COFO can best be answered this way. There has been a return to project-centered leadership in COFO. The Jackson office is hardly functioning any more. Therefore, the best was to assure yourselves that money you donate is well spent is to establish direct relationships with the several projects you wish to support.

Money and ~~xxx~~ food and clothing are still very much needed in many projects. I can suggest that you contact the following people who I am satisfied are stable leaders in the projects they serve.

Miss Mary Sue Gallately
Project Director
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Mr. and Mrs. Henry