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Dear Don,

Sure was glad to hear a SNCC group got started on campus. We'd like to be able to help as far as information and keeping you informed of our activities as a southern contact.

So far we have been moving in the direction of political activities here in Mississippi and my work has mostly been centered around preparing people to take advantage of the new voting bill and trying to get people to run for the primary elections that are coming up in May and June. Also along with these other problems such as investigating the murder of a young Negro here in Holly Springs, investigating the beating of a Negro here by a deputy sheriff and the normal problems of just being able to function here as a civil rights worker.

I feel that one of our main jobs here in Mississippi and one of my main activities is to be able to survive within a police state. But so far my activities and other civil rights workers has shown some progress in certain political positions. With our march here in Holly Springs of 800, we have worked to get some streets paved in Negro neighborhoods, street lights in Negro Neighborhoods which were needed, two Negroes in exofficial positions on the school board and also we are trying to run a Negro for city council but haven't yet been successful in getting him on the ballot. Besides these activities, going to Selma, Montgomery, and other places where violence breaks out, keeps me always busy.

The Holly Springs Project isn't able to accept volunteers. So could you write to the Freedom Democratic Party at 705 Farish St., Jackson, Miss. They are handling all volunteers that come for the summer. They, in turn, ask us how many people we will need for the summer.

The Project is in desperate need for plates (Melmac), silverware, sheets, mimeo paper, ballpoint pens, and stuff like that. Any help will be certainly appreciated.

Another victory is right. Real glad to hear about the Citizen's Council of America. Keep up the good work. And on behalf of the Holly Springs Project, thank you very much for all the work your group has done.

For Freedom,

Hardy T. Fine