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TO MR. HOSEA WILLIAMS  
FROM Mr. Charles Jefferson, Assistant Project Director  
DATE SEPTEMBER 23, 1968  
SUBJECT GRENADA DAILY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 16, 1968

The school boycott did serve a purpose even though it was not too effective. We arose the conscience of Mr. Keyes and the teachers. The main reason the boycott failed because it couldn't be public because of a federal injunction against the movement. Half of the students of Carrie Dotson stayed away from the school. We decided to let the students go back to school the next day because of the rain; no demonstration could take place. Another reason for letting the students go back to school was because of lack of communication with the local movement. A letter was written to person on the local movement. A letter was written to persons on the executive committee to having a meeting with them to that extent.

SEPTEMBER 17, 1968

Mass meeting held at Bellflower Church. Mr. Jefferson spoke at the meeting. Some things he told the audience were - the people were not ready for a movement, the unreadiness was to be blamed on their president of the movement because of his reluctance to take action, whenever he can communicate with the local community he would be ready to do what the community wants to do for equal opportunities.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1968

Charles met with the Grenada County Freedom Movement Executive Board to discuss lack of communication with S.C.L.C. and its relationship with the project director of this community. Discussion as related to the movement as a whole, include a selective buying campaign if merchants would commit themselves to hiring black people as cashier: they lead demonstrations in favor of Mr. Bingham contract and for taking away Industrial Arts from Carrie Dotson High School.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1968

Worked in office and in the field registering people to vote in the November election. Had workshop with the committee that would get commitment from merchants.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1968

A committee met with one merchant who we believe would meet our demands.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1968

A committee went along with Mrs. Green to see Tommy Green at the training school.