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FROM: Charles Jefferson, Project Director for Grenada, Miss.

RE: Daily Report

Date: November 18, 1968

November 4

Surveyed communities for a bloc vote. Gave voters final instruction for voting, November 5. Met with Precinct and Block Captains with the Voter League to assign duties for the election. Organized a car pool, baby sitter committee, telephone committee, and a door to door campaign committee to get people out to vote.

November 5

All committee begin work around 6:30 A.M. in getting people to the polls. Complaints were turned over to a federal official. The complaints were mostly about people not allowed to vote in this election because they had only register for Municipal election only. Most of these persons were register that day in the courthouse.

During the Meredith's March, these people were registered at the courthouse; their names were taken off the books at the courthouse and the federal registrars had to re-register them. When these persons went to the federal registrar office they were ask have they register at the courthouse and they said yes and he stamped on the registration slip "Municipal Election Only".

There was a great turn out of black people at the poll but for some obvious reason Humphrey received only 770 vote and there're more than 1500 register voters in Grenada County.

November 6-11

Worked in office on program for Grenada County Freedom Movement. Helped the students at the intergrated schools to organize a basketball team to play against students at segregated schools.

November 12

Survey poor families in an effort to get <sup>free</sup> food stamp program ~~in this county~~ <sup>in this county</sup>

Met with Reverend Bernard Lafayette in Memphis later that afternoon with other staff from Mississippi and Memphis. The meeting concerned getting the food in the warehouse distributed to the hungry throughout northern Mississippi.

November 13

Contact committee to work in distributing the food when it get to Grenada. Made arrangment in each communities to store the food for sorting and packing for each needed families.

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November 13 (cont.)

Attended mass meeting in Batesville, Miss. (Cottonreader territory) where Rev. Bernard Lafayette spoke.

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November 14

Toured the Northern Mississippi District with Cottonreader. Help unload food in Batesville later that night. Unloaded in Grenada after left Batesville. Stored in church where stayed for night. Sorting and packing were done that night.

November 15

Sorting and packing for families. Food was given out throughout the day until late that night. Spent night at church.

November 16

Finished giving what left of the food. Registered more people for food that was expected that afternoon. A call from Memphis said the food wouldn't arrive until Monday. Registration continue through out the day.

November 17

Meeting held in Sardis to boycott head start center in five counties: Tunica, Quitman, Panola, Grenada, and Tallahatchie. The centers would be boycotted to protest against Rex McRaney, who is in charge of Mid-State Opportunity in Charleston, for running the program wrong. The protester going to try to get "head start" as an independent program under OEO. They will picket all centers for this weeks. All five counties will send representatives to picket in Grenada Wednesday, November 20 where there will be a meeting with representatives from Mid-State as host to the Agriculture Department.

The boycott become effective Monday, November 18. All staff of head start will not go to work Monday. The boycott will continue until demands are met. We don't know too much about the demands as of yet, but as soon as we get the greivances we will contact Atlanta.

In Grenada the head start center is locked and no staff came to work that we know of. Information have not come in to the other counties as of this report.