CORE - Congress of Racial Equality 38 Park Row New York, N.Y. 10038

TO: Contact List

FROM: James Farmer, National director

SUBJ: Mississippi Project

Enclosed are two important items that require careful attention:

- 1. A financial statement cover ing CORE's Mississippi Bank account for the period from July 1 through September 25. You will note that the statement does not include money sent directly to COFO, or program planning, legal and administrative expenses assumed directly by the national and southern offices. Nor does it include money spent by the CORE Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund on its federal programs project nor money raised by them for the Chaney-Goodman-Schwerener Memorial Center in Meridian.
- 2. A list of newly hired members of the CORE Task Force and their responsibilities. All of these were placed on the payroll after September 25. We are proud that we have been able to secure such an able contingent to assist us.

You will note that for July, August and September income and expense just about balanced. The direct salary cost, even at \$25 per week, the expansion comes to \$22,100 per year. Further, it has been our experience that salary is only 30% of actual <u>field</u> expenses. These two statements indicate that we are now spending at the rate of \$200,000 per year in Mississippi.

Thus, it is obvious that CORE chapters must continue to support the Mississippi project. In fact this support must be greatly expanded; three chapters -- Bergen County, Cleveland, and Northwest N. Y. -- have provided more than half the income from chapters. Other chapters must assume more of the responsibility.

The national office will continue to raise money through benefits and various projects. However, it cannot divert money from operating funds. Other commitments in the South include:

1.) Expansion of staff and program in the Southern Office

2.) Expansion of the Louisiana Task Force 3.) Expansion of the Northern Florida staff

4.) \$85,000 expansion of our legal staff in the south

These are direct costs only and do not include the indirect costs of administration, court costs, etc. Thus, it is evident that we must all work together.

CORE chapters should send money to: CORE Mississippi Freedom Fund 38 Park Row New York 38, N.Y.

Send application for the task force to: Richard Haley,
Southern Director
2211 Dryades St., New Orleans, La.

Do not send individuals to Mississippi who have not been approved by our Southern staff.

Food and clothing should be sent directly to:

CORE Community Center 838 Lutz Street Canton, Mississippi CORE Community Center 2505½ Fifth Street Meridian, Mississippi

## MISSISSIPPI PROJECT Financial Statement July 1 thru Sept. 25, 1964

Income			
West Co	ast		\$10,368.42
CORE Ch			13,987.69
Organiz	The state of the s		3,182.00
		( CODE)	4,416.15
	and Benefits	(non core)	the state of the s
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*TOTAL I	NCOME		\$33,346.51
EXPENSE			
Communi	ty Centers		\$ 2,270.00
Mrs. Ch	aney-Funeral, p	personal	1,710.16
	ion Challenge		3,698.35
Program			4,640.21
Staff Se	alarv		8,869.29
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Fund Ra:			2,465.00
Fines	191119		500.00
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Note: The above does not reflect funds raised by the CORE-SEDF for the Chaney-Goodman-Schwerner Community Center. Nor does it include funds spent in Mississippi by CORE-SEDF directly, or costs borne directly by chapters in collecting and shipping food and clothing to welfare centers.

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include money sent directly to COFO

<sup>\*\*</sup>Does not include program planning, legal expenses and administrative expenses assumed by the CORE Southern Office or by the National Office.

## Mississippi CORE Staff

Paid Mississippi CORE staff as of September 21, 1964

1. David Dennis	Jackson	CORE Field Secretary & ass't Proj. Dir. COFO
2. Dick Jewett	Jackson	CORE Field Secretary
3. Lois Chaffee	Jackson	State Community Center Director
4. George Raymond	Canton	Project Director
5. Annie Devine	Canton	Political Program Director
6. Joe Lee Watts	Canton	Political Programs
7. C. O. Chinn	Canton	In Jail
8. Theodis Hewitt	Leake Co.	Project Director
9. James Collier	Philadelphia	Project Director
10.Preston Ponder	Meridian	Project Co-Director
11.Matteo Suarez	Meridian	Project Co-Director
12.Alma Bosley	Jackson	Field Worker
13.Eric Weinberger	Meridian	Director, Community Center
14.Elaine Weinberger	Meridian	Community Center

## Task Force members added to staff after Sept. 21

The 17 people added to the Task Force may be adopted by an individual, CORE Chapter or other group. Others who will later be added to staff may also be adopted.

The Adopt A Worker Program means that the individual CORE Task Force member will send letters (honestly, some write more than others), photos, and periodic reports to their sponsor. The cost is \$1,300 per year which provides basic subsistence for the worker.

Correspondence about the program should be sent to: Richard Haley
CORE, Southern Director
2211 Dryades Street
New Orleans, La.