

North Florida Citizenship Education Project
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To: George Wiley, Associate Director, Richard Haley, Southern Director
From: Spiver W. Gordon, Florida Field Secretary
Subject: Field Report for North Florida Project
Period Covered by Report: September 1, 1964 to January 15, 1965
Project Jurisdiction: Gadsden, Madison, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Lafayette
and Suwannee Counties

1. Program: September 1, to October 3, 1964 The project was entirely devoted to voter registration and much emphasis was placed on developing local leadership.

October 3 to November 3 The project was concerned with voter registration, arranging election day details, and canvassing to get out the vote on Nov. 3.

November 4, 1964 to January 15, 1965 The focus of the project changed somewhat with the continuation of voter registration and the beginning of community organization programs, Freedom Schools, community Centers and the establishment of a Voter Group. An attempt has been made to implement the anti-poverty program in North Florida. In Liberty and Lafayette Counties, an Education class has been set up and is doing well.

2. Staff: September 1 to November 8, 1964

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DUTIES</u>	<u>AGE</u>
Rev. B. Elton Cox,	Field Secretary,	Direction (Returned to N.C.)	
David S. McVoy,	Asst. Director,	Direction (Left Project)	21
Stuart Wechsler,	Task Force Worker,	Field Work	22
Sidney Daniels,	Task Force Worker,	Field Work	19
Sadie Jones,	Task Force Worker,	Field Work	22
David Dukes,	Task Force Worker,	Field Work	18
Scott McVoy,	Task Force Worker,	Field Work (Left Project)	20
Doris Rutledge,	Task Force Worker,	Field Work (" ")	20
Laura Geison,	Volunteer		

3. Facilities: Office and Centers

State office--20-B S. Adams St., Quincy, Fla., Phone: 627-8458
(includes Freedom Library)

Havana office--Palace AME Church, Havana, Fla., Phone: 539-6236
Chattahoochee Center--338 P. O. Box, River Junction Station,
Chattahoochee, Fla.

Autos

one 1965 Plymouth, owned by Spiver Gordon, financial arrangement by CORE, 7 cents a mile when able, at this time, out of his salary

one 1959 Simca, owned by Laura Geison, financial arrangement provided by project (now broken down beyond repair)

Major Items of Equipment

one old typewriter, one file cabinet (one drawer type), one old desk, one television set, five hundred books in library, one rented mimeo machine, one slide projector, owned by local CORE group

4. Budget: (figures are approximate)

	<u>Nov. '64</u>	<u>Dec. '64</u>	<u>Jan. & Feb. '65</u>
auto expense	\$ 57.	\$ 50.	\$ 50.
rented cars	\$400.	\$ 25.50	--
phone bills	\$140.	\$ 75.	\$ 50.??
rent, utilities	\$115.	\$115.	\$ 75.
mimeo supplies	\$175.	\$150.	\$150.
salary and expense advance	\$ 60.	--	--
travel expense	--	--	--
rent of office (state office in Quincy, Fla.)	\$ 40.	\$ 50.	\$ 50.
rent of offices in other counties	--	--	--
Totals	<u>\$987.</u>	<u>\$465.50</u>	<u>\$375.</u>

Debts owed locally by project, money for which is needed NOW! (no record at national office.)

gas bill -- 2 months	-- \$150.
telephone bill -- 2 months	-- \$200.
rented mimeo machine	-- \$200.
rent of office -- 3 months	-- \$150.
Total	<u>\$700.</u>

5. Evaluation: Major accomplishments

1. The project in North Florida has had the highest number of Negro voters (increase) in the entire South (about 7,000 in 7 counties).
2. Perhaps the most successful get-out-the-vote campaign in the State.
3. We witnessed and aided the fall of all-white voter registration (for the first time since reconstruction days) in Liberty and Lafayette Counties.
4. A beneficial atmosphere was created by the Task Force Workers in their respective areas whereby tenant farmers realized that FREEDOM is not just a word.

6. Failures:

1. The project has had something of a failure in its efforts to find strong leadership in a few counties.
2. There has been a lack of communication between whites.
3. It has been difficult to arrange communication between Negro groups separated by great distances.

7. Problems:
1. Staff limitations (number of workers)
 2. Financial limitation
 3. Legal arm
 4. Lack of equipment
 5. Constant police harassment
 6. Reprisals by white employer on farms and elsewhere

8. Recommendation:
1. Prompt payment of \$700. in debts.
 2. An additional car (lease \$125/month plus \$150 operating expenses).
 3. One mimeograph machine.