

To: Friends of SNCC

Enclosed is a background paper on the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union.

Some people have asked to what extent is SNCC involved in the MFLU. The answer is that SNCC staff and volunteers who work on the projects in the Delta are helping in every way they can. But, the important point is that local people are running the union, making policy, etc and that alot of good new local leadership has emerged as a result. This is something to stress when talking with people about the MFLU. No Northern organization is responsible for the Union, for its creation, its momentum. Many papers are giving credit to civil rights groups -- and to northern organizers. Thus it is our job to stress, again and again, that local people have built this movement and continue to run it.

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There was some confusion about the need for food and clothes in the Delta where people are on strike. The essential point to be stressed now is that local people are making their own contacts (sometimes with names we provide), writing directly to people in the North to ask for food and clothing. If MFLU members write you saying there is a need, then there is a need. And, before anything is sent, you should be in touch directly with MFLU members in the Delta.

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The MFLU needs support. But we want to encourage you to be directly in touch with the people on strike before you obtain support, make contacts on their behalf, etc. They can be contacted at the following addresses:

MFLU  
Box 547  
Shaw, Mississippi

MFLU (Washington County)  
830 Nelson St.  
Greenville, Miss.

MFLU  
719 Lee Street  
Cleveland, Miss.

Frank Davis MFLU,  
General Delivery  
Rosedale, Miss.

MFLU  
Box 30  
Indianola, Miss.

Shaw is more or less the coordinating center for MFLU activities.