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RE: Materials for Freedom Schools

Perhaps some of you have some of this material on your tables already. At the FNCC conference the fund raising contacts asked for a list of equipment needs for the Freedom Schools and a breakdown of that list that would facilitate fund raising efforts.

It is impossible for us to come to any decision about how the list should be broken down because there is no effective means by which we can determine who should be asked to get what. On the other hand, as Lois indicates in ~~her~~ the attached memo, it would be very difficult to get too much of anything. We'll probably end up with a shortage of everything. If anyone wonders, the equipment will be transferred to the community centers program at the end of the summer.

The fund raising and equipment solicitation must still be coordinated however. I think that this should be accomplished if on every Friday all those involved in the fund raising efforts would inventory their actual acquisitions, (not the "promised", or "could be" stuff), then make a report of same to some central point.

The enclosed packet of material has been sent to the Freedom Summer Centers and to those (we know of) who attended the curriculum conference.

To date we have no report of how much money or equipment has been raised and so assume that we are without either. Any of you having ideas or information about any of this stuff, please communicate the same to the rest of us.

One major item ~~we~~ is not included on the enclosed list of needs-- food. For the boarding schools, this is figured as a part of the money costs and in the day schools we can ask the kids to go home for meals though that may be a futile notion in some cases. Keep the food problem in mind, but the other things seem more critical at this point.

Everything acquired for the Freedom Schools should be stored at the point of origin until it is clear what the central headquarters for the school program will be. We are still waiting on communication from the Church in regard to what the situation will be at Mt. Eulah.