

June 29, 1965

Mr. Lawrence Guyot
F D P
507 North Farish Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Guyot:

I've included a very brief outline of the kinds of things we hope to come out of the residential freedom school. What this outline doesn't include are recent developments so let me go into that a little, for the Chicago end.

Through door-knocking and contacts with the AFSC the Chicago office has gotten the needed homes in the southside Negro community, within a 20-block area of the center (which will be the Monumental Baptist Church on E. Oakwood). Women from that community have committed themselves to work on the cooking of the food. Twelve turkeys, twelve hams, a month's supply of chopped meat, 15 lbs. of hotdogs and about 35 catons of food have been donated, as well as all the bread, fresh fruit and vegetables we need.

We had thought at first that the kids could eat breakfast with the family they're staying with but since most of the families can barely feed their own much less guests, we've decided to provide breakfast as well as the other meals at the church.

The 7 kids representing Chicago belong to the local gang there and have promised to show us all around the "inner city" most capably. With the kinds of kids who will be coming from the northern cities, this group should offer a very interesting mixture of ideas and opinions.

Noel Day will be coming in for 4 days (July 12-15) to talk about his campaign and other things. This will be in contrast to when Julian comes down to the Cordele session to talk about how he ran his campaign in Georgia. Lerone Bennett will be coming in for a couple of days and a Negro dance troupe has agreed to come over if the kids want them.

We're ordering films like "Viva Zapata", "We Are All Murderers" (anti-capital punishment), "On the Waterfront", "Harvest of Shame", etc. and some just plain entertaining movies like "Treasure of the Sierra Madre".

The New York gang is being gotten mainly through HARYOU and Brooklyn CORE; the Philadelphia from John Churchville's Freedom Library (NSM); the Boston through Noel Day and Boston NSM; Newark through the ERAP project there. Not all of the kids from the north will be involved in the movement which I think is good.

So, I guess that's about it for the Chicago end. It would be great if you could spend a little time up there. I'll be leaving with Sherron Jackson for Chicago probably on Wednesday night by which should get us there sometime Thursday night. After that time you can reach me at the Chicago office. (765 E. Oakwood Blvd. or by phone: (312) 268-5077).

I hope you don't go to jail (as someone just told me Stokely and Cobb are planning to do) because it would be really cool if you could make it up for this.

Freedom

Judy Richardson

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