



CASE: LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

IDENTITY: Civil Rights workers

ASSIGNMENT: Write a confidential field report to SNCC that describes the situation in the community.

EVIDENCE:

Map, Mississippi Freedom Summer Project

The Situation, Freedom Summer 1964

Photo of Gwen Robinson, SNCC project director in Laurel, MS

Excerpt, "From Little Memphis Girl to Mississippi Amazon" from Holsaert, et. al., *Hands on the Freedom Plow: Personal Accounts by Women in SNCC* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2010)

SNCC WATS Line Digest, July 19-20, 1964

Mississippi Sovereignty Commission File SCR ID # 99-28-0-42-4-1-1

Letters from Mississippi, Laurel

Campaign Button

COFO Voting Poster

Bill Peters, "A Talk with Medgar Evers." Summer 1962.

Medgar W. Evers, Address to Mt. Heron Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi, August 11, 1957.

CASE: LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI



IDENTITY: Sovereignty Commission informants

ASSIGNMENT: Write a confidential report to the Sovereignty Commission recounting the atmosphere, conditions, and activities of civil rights workers. Remember, your goal is to maintain white supremacy in Mississippi by stopping civil rights activities, so be as

detailed as possible. Some of your information is based on an informant (spy); be careful not to identify them.

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CASE: CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

IDENTITY: Sovereignty Commission Writer

ASSIGNMENT: Write a slandering newspaper article detailing the activities of civil rights workers. Remember, you want to undermine the civil rights movement to uphold white supremacy in Mississippi. Some of your information is based on an informant (spy); be careful not to identify them.

EVIDENCE:

Map, Mississippi Freedom Summer Projects

The Situation, Freedom Summer 1964

SNCC WATS Line Digest, July 19-20, 1964

Letters from Mississippi, Canton

Freedom Day in Canton

The Student Voice, June 2, 1964

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Bill Peters, "A Talk with Medgar Evers." Summer 1962.

Medgar W. Evers, Address to Mt. Heron Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi, August 11, 1957.

Medgar Evers, Monthly Report, March 6, 1963.

Medgar Evers to Roy Wilkins and reply, Feb. 1, 1957.



CASE: CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

IDENTITY: Voting Rights workers

ASSIGNMENT: Write a letter to your community back home that summarizes the challenges to voting rights found in the community where you are working and persuades them to contribute money in support of Freedom Summer.

EVIDENCE:

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CASE: HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

IDENTITY: Civil Rights workers

ASSIGNMENT: Write an appeal to U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy that requests support, describes conditions, and persuasively explains why he should send help.

EVIDENCE

Map, Mississippi Freedom Summer Projects

The Situation, Freedom Summer 1964

SNCC WATS Line Digest, July 19-20, 1964

Volunteer Jacob Blum hangs a voter registration sign on the front of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, prior to a mass meeting during Freedom Summer, 1964.

Letters from Mississippi, Hattiesburg

The Student Voice, July 15, 1964

Freedom Day in Hattiesburg

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Bill Peters, "A Talk with Medgar Evers." Summer 1962.

Medgar W. Evers, Address to Mt. Heron Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi, August 11, 1957.

Medgar Evers, Annual Report, 1957.



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Medgar Evers, Annual Report, 1957.



CASE: McCOMB, MISSISSIPPI

IDENTITY: Civil Rights workers

ASSIGNMENT: Write a letter from civil rights workers living in one Freedom House to another. In the letter, report on what is working well in your community and what challenges you are facing. Be careful not to give away confidential Movement details in case your letter is intercepted by a member of the Citizens Council or Sovereignty Commission.

EVIDENCE:

Map, Mississippi Freedom Summer Projects

The Situation, Freedom Summer 1964

SNCC WATS Line Digest, July 19-20, 1964

Events of 1964 in McComb, Mississippi and surrounding area

Letters from Mississippi, McComb

Civil Rights Investigators Activity in Amite county and Other Adjoining Counties Sovereignty Commission File SCR ID # 2-60-0-43-2-1-1

The Student Voice, July 15, 1964

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Bill Peters, "A Talk with Medgar Evers." Summer 1962.

Medgar W. Evers, Address to Mt. Heron Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi, August 11, 1957.

Memo from Medgar Evers to Roy Wilkins, et al, October 12, 1961.

Medgar Evers to Alfred Baker Lewis, Feb. 1, 1962.

CASE: McCOMB, MISSISSIPPI



IDENTITY: Sovereignty Commission Writer

ASSIGNMENT: Design a propaganda flyer undermining the civil rights movement. Include names of individuals and make up slanderous information about them that reflects the type of propaganda used by the Sovereignty Commission. Remember, your goal is to uphold white

supremacy in Mississippi through slandering the civil rights movement. Some of your information is based on an informant (spy); be careful not to identify them.

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