

# Council of Federated Organizations

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United Federation of Teachers  
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Mrs. Becker:

You already know about COFO's plans for a special project in Mississippi this summer. One of the main aspects of the projects will be the Freedom Schools Program. Bob Moses has suggested that this would be a project that would capture the imagination of teachers, such as yourself.

The idea is that you make a special mailing using the enclosed material to present the summer project and the Freedom Schools with the suggestion that each chapter of the UFT adopt a school (there will be about twenty to twenty-five schools). This would mean that the chapter would be responsible for the total school in one particular town -- it would provide staff, funds, equipment, everything.

In this way, the UFT chapter could develop a relationship with that community that would hopefully extend beyond the short summer. Personal attachments would develop and the first hand information that would be available to them could be the groundwork for long-term and creative relationship between a Mississippi town and a UFT chapter.

I will be anxious to hear how you feel about this idea, and to receive copies of any material you release in regard to the suggestion. UFT chapters which are interested should be apprised of the fact that the total expense of such a project for the full two-month term is estimated at about \$6,000. We plan also for each school to employ about fifteen student staffers who would work with four or five professional educators.

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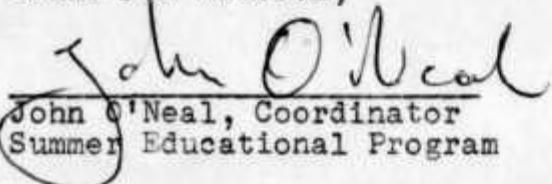
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For additional information for specific planning of the project  
I am responsible:

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As you can judge from the enclosed material, time is extremely  
important as we have only three months to actuate the project.

Yours for Freedom,

  
John O'Neal, Coordinator  
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