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# ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS

OF MISSISSIPPI

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RACIAL INTEGRITY

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

June, 1965

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SUBJECT: REGISTRATION OF WHITE VOTERS

TO: CITIZENS' COUNCIL OFFICERS,  
MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS

If LBJ and MLK succeed in shoving the current Voter Legislation through Congress, immediate steps will have to be taken by white Southerners if we are to preserve our institutions and protect the safety of our families and property.

After the passage of this unconstitutional bill, the first step by all organizations should be to carry out a campaign to see that every white person over 21 years of age becomes a registered voter.

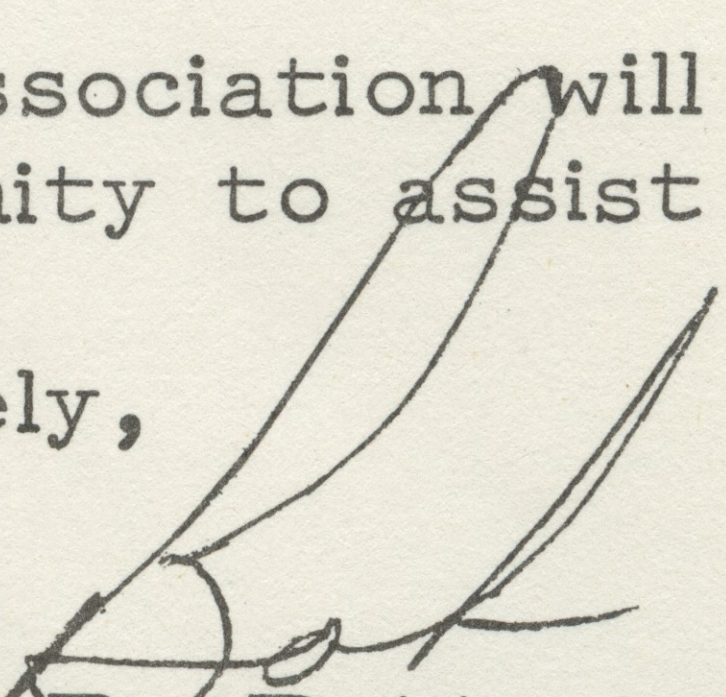
This will require complete grass roots, precinct organization in every county in the South.

Registration of white voters has always been a function of the local Citizens' Councils Public Affairs Committee and has been one of our prime objectives. Now we must intensify our efforts in this direction. You can work through your civic clubs, social clubs, and patriotic organizations in order to accomplish this.

The enclosed statistics might be of assistance to you in organizing complete white Voter Registration in your county or city.

If you need any help, your state association will be glad to send a field man to your community to assist you.

Sincerely,

  
Robert B. Patterson  
Secretary, Citizens' Councils