

ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, INCORPORATED
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POSITION STATEMENT

The Alabama Democratic Conference, Incorporated, reaffirms its support to the Democratic National Committee. It regards the slate of so-called "independent electors" as an improper maneuver which was achieved improperly in the May 5, 1964 Alabama Democratic Primary.

We contend that electors chosen through the bona fide machinery of the state unit of the Democratic National Party should be a binding part of the organization through which they are processed. Holding this belief, we suggest that the Democratic National Committee contest legally and otherwise, the arrangement known in Alabama as "independent electors."

To further this idea, the Alabama Democratic Conference, Incorporated, is sending a delegation of observers to the Democratic National Convention, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, August 23, 1964, to make an on-the-scene show of opposition to the Alabama arrangement described as "independent electors."

Further, the Alabama Democratic Conference, Incorporated, believes that good-faith Democrats, wherever located, must insist that voters and Democrats of every state have an opportunity to vote for the presidential choice of the Democratic National Convention. To facilitate this idea the Alabama Democratic Conference, Incorporated, urges the Credentials Committee of the Democratic National Committee to require and enforce the good-faith oath of the Democratic National Convention.

- a) convention seats be awarded only to those delegates who pledge to support the presidential nominees of the Democratic National Convention, and
- b) who pledge and work successfully to make it possible for voters and Democrats to vote for electors in Alabama pledged to the Democratic National Party.

Observers elected by the Alabama Democratic Conference, Incorporated, are being instructed to make themselves available as good-faith Alabama delegates in the event the elected 38 Alabama delegates are refused seating or fail to be seated as authentic Democrats committed to support the presidential ticket of the Democratic National Convention.

The Alabama Democratic Conference, Incorporated, regards itself as a good-faith vehicle of the Democratic National Committee. The ADCI is ready to participate in the campaign to help elect a Democrat president of the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted,

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