Ad hoc Committee Headquarters 801 Bolivar Street (or) 657 South Holt Street Montgomery, Alabama May 11, 1971

Dear Civic Worker:

We need to bring to a climax our preparations to get out the vote for Lamar Wagner at the general election, May 17, 1971. More and more people are joining with us and many needed accomplishments are being made. The goal is total involvement of the black community. You and I can help to determine what the future will hold for Montgomery, Alabama.

The opposition has great financial strength and must not be taken lightly. If money can buy black votes the opposition is sure to win. If smearing the opponent will win, the opposition has a victory coming.

However, time has run out when black people are on auction for sale. As far as smear campaigns go, just about all that enemies of black leadership can say against us has been said. We are learning a little more each day about this political set-up and we are not likely to be fooled by a twelve-year administration that simply changes the name of its figure head from "James" to "Jim." Most of us want a complete change at the head of our city government. To accomplish this we must get out the vote on election day. Will you continue to help us to determine what the future will hold for Montgomery, Alabama?

Our final workshop leading up to election day, May 17, 1971 will be held this coming Saturday at 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at Revelation Baptist Church, 815 Goode Street. At the close of the business meeting, a brief rally will be held and free bar-b-que for everybody will be served. Please come and bring a friend. Bring several friends, if you like.

Respectfully yours,

YOUR AD HOC COMMITTEE

Rufus Lewis, General Chairman

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Information to help you cast your vote

- This is the first time the Republican and the Democrat political parties are having a primary election together in Montgomery.
- Vote for candidates in only one of the political parties.
- 3. You will be asked, what political party you are voting? Your answer is Democrat.
- 4. If you need help in voting, you may request a friend or a neighbor who has not given aid to any other voter or you may request two officials at the voting booth to help you.
- If you need a baby sitter or a ride to the voting booth call these telephone numbers for assistance: $\underline{262-178+}$ or $\underline{262-5735}$.

Compliments of Montgomery County Democratic Conference, Rufus A. Lewis, Chairman.

April: 1968

Fellow Democrat,

Candidates were screened by a committee, representing a cross section of our people. We listened to their platforms, studied their background, observed their attitudes and came to the conclusion that those candidates whose names are marked will best serve the needs of our community.

If all of us vote solidely for these candidates we believe they will be elected.

We are not dictating to you how to vote, but only suggesting to you the power of the ballot when there is unity.

Respectfully: Submitted

Rufus A. Lewis, Chairman Alabama Democrátic Conference

P. S. Be sure to vote. Your vote is the one that counts.

ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE March 24, 1972

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P. O. Box 6064 Montgomery 36101 FROM: Joe L. Reed, Chairman

RE: "Getting Out the Vote"

The following suggestions are made to assist you in getting out the vote in your county:

- 1. Get the newspaper which carried the names of the registered voters in your county and separate the Negro voters from the white voters. If you do not know the names of all voters, check with Negro community leaders, insurance agents and the county farm agent.
- After separating the Negro voters from the white voters, assign a driver to each community and give him the exact names of each person that you want him to pick up and take to the polls. A driver can easily haul 50-75 persons a day.
- 3. As soon as you get your drivers, meet with them and tell them what you expect them to do.
- Urge everyone in your county to try to vote early in the morning and certainly not later than one o'clock.
- At one o'clock, check with your drivers to determine the names of persons who have not voted. Use the rest of the day to round up the late voters.
- Be sure to tell the voters in your county who cannot read that they can get any person they want to help them mark their ballot, The person does not have to be 18 or a registered voter; a parent can take his child.
- 7. Check with your Probate Judge and the Chairman of the County Executive Committee and tell them to inform the Election Officials of the law so that there will be no confusion at election time.
- 8. At least five days before the election, get an application for an absentee ballot from the County Clerk for persons who are sick and will be unable to go to the polls and vote on election day.
- 9. Please try to notify your county people on or before the Sunday night before the Tuesday election.
- 10. Finally, I strongly urge each of you to seek the advice and meet with other persons in your county to put this project over. No one person can operate the county political situation alone,

Remember, getting out the vote on election day is a very important matter. You must be well organized and see that each person who is registered votes. The only thing that will be counted on election day will be votes; excuses will not be counted.