

Montgomery Improvement Association  
530 South Union Street  
Montgomery 4, Alabama  
August 12, 1959

*Lonnie*

PROGRAM FOR CHURCH COMMITTEE ON VOTER REGISTRATION

Dear Fellow Citizens:

Each pastor is urgently requested to appoint a committee on Voter Registration from his church. The number on said committee to be determined by the pastor. The names of the committee members should be given immediately to the registration office, also their addresses and telephone numbers. This information may be called on to the office secretary -- AMherst 5-4188.

Duties of the Church Committee on Registration

1. Call the committee together and divide the units or auxiliaries of the church up as equally as possible among the committee members. Example: Committeeman Jones has deacons and trustees; Committeeman Smith has choir #1 and male usher board, etc. (Lists of all units, etc. should be obtained from pastor or church clerk.)
2. Committeeman contacts a responsible and interested person in each of his units and furnishes he or she with a survey sheet. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of EVERY member of that unit must be on the sheet, together with the other information requested.
3. Committeemen should turn the completed survey sheet over to the registration office to be recorded. Committeeman should then give the sheet back to the unit leader, with instructions for him to work hard on those not qualified to get them qualified.

IMPORTANT

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For Rockaway N.Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis

I am writing you a Bant my paper  
I want to no how must I rate  
Are Con you tell Me any thing about  
them Please. Answer at Once send  
me all information Please write me  
at Once what must I do and how  
must it be done Thank very Much

Yours Truly

Cassie Robinson

1450 Pinson St  
For Rockaway

P.S. I was told to write you from  
up here you are some one

Stinson

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8-11-1964.

P.O. S.R. Box 74

Greenville Ala

Mr Rufus A Lewis.

Dear Sir I am sorrow that  
I cant make it to the  
Banquet Friday night and  
also i dont have anything  
to contribute ~~but~~ i am sorrow  
but i hope you will under-  
stand. as you no i am  
a former and at this  
time of the year it is  
sorter a surge to get  
Buy. or. and to Mr Lewis  
I am not gone to get ~~the~~ to  
make the conviction ether.  
So i hope that you all  
will have a nice time and  
a lovely time. my hart will  
be with you and my prayers.  
truly yours. Julius Porter.



Montgomery, Alabama  
November 22, 1960

*Mr. W. Chappel Gray*

Honorable W. Tom Jones, President  
Montgomery County Board of Revenue  
Court House  
Montgomery, Alabama

*Route 1,*

Dear President Jones:

With great pleasure we take this opportunity to congratulate you upon your election to the 1960-61 term of the Board of Revenue for Montgomery County.

The years 1950-1960 represented a period of great decision for farmers. Changes have come about which have:

- Reduced the number of farmers,
- Reduced the availability of farm labor
- Ushered in a sharp upsurge of farm mechanization
- Reduced farm prices while increasing farm production costs
- Placed controls on cotton and peanuts--our major cash crops,
- and introduced the Soil Bank.

For the most part, Montgomery County Farmers have experienced a fair share of living and livelihood under the above numerated changes, while others are striving to service.

Along with these changes in the farming picture have come new programs new concepts, and new methods. The unit demonstration is an example. This program is designed for our demonstration agents to intensify their efforts with fewer farm families and to utilize the results of these efforts to teach all farmers. To intensify simply means to:

- Devote more time in securing bench mark information, assemble this information in voluminous reports,
- Determine from this information the weaknesses in management of our farms and of our homes, and assist us in finding and offering new combinations of enterprises which may be used in bringing a better balance between our income and our expenses.

Social Security for the farm family is another area where more time must be devoted in working with us on an individual basis. Various other reports are required of farmers in recent years, together with the above which makes it necessary for our county and home agents to spend more time in the field working with the farm families. Consequently, this requires



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To: Mr. W. Tom Jones

office help, equipment, and supplies with which to do the job.

While our agents are devoting more time in the field working with families on the above new programs and projects, many other farmers who come to town seeking the services of the County and Home agents are denied these services. Agents being in the field results in the offices being closed. Furthermore, they cannot be reached by telephone.

The lack of clerical help in the agents' offices creates a multiplicity of problems, difficulties, inconveniences, lag in work, etc. against all concerned--agents and farmers alike. It further requires our agents to spend long periods of time typing various reports, filing subject matter and administrative information, and other office work of a general nature for which they have not been specifically trained. While these time-consuming jobs are being done, the farmers are being denied much needed assistance.

In order for our agents to be more effective in interpreting research information given ~~them~~ (from Auburn University Experimental Station) on changes in agriculture, home economics, and 4-H Club programs, they need to spend less time soliciting teaching equipment and supplies. This is an effect resulting from the lack of demonstration equipment and supplies.

The farm families are the losers when our county and home demonstration agents are burdened with these excessive duties and responsibilities. We are thankful and appreciate ~~the~~ the progress which has been made, however, we are interested in doing our share to improve the situation in farming--which will increase farm income for this great agricultural county.

Attached is a list of the minimum needs which you can see are necessary to alleviate some of the present problems. We are, therefore, asking your immediate consideration for the relief of this situation.

Respectfully yours,

E. L. Madison

I. S. Davis

Jerry Byrd

Sylvester Phillips

C. E. Bell

R. A. Lewis

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3770 Crosby Drive NW  
Atlanta 18, Ga.  
Jan 1, 1962

Dear Rufus,

Enclosed is the letter we discussed. Would you have this duplicated and sent to as many of the business men we talked with, as possible? I will share the cost of postage and stationary. There follows a list of those we contacted, or intended to contact:

Benn Moore Hotel  
Citizens Club  
Blair's Cleaners  
Williams Gulf Gas  
Nell's Beauty Shoppe  
Pilgrim Ins.  
Dean's Drugs  
Evans Cafe  
Glamour Beauty Shoppe  
Washington Park Cleaners

Ross Clayton Funeral  
Al's Alpaca Restaurant  
Durite Cleaners  
Arbuckle and Craig  
Atlanta Life Ins.  
N. C. Mutual Ins.  
Pic Cafe  
College Hill Barber  
Brenda's Cafe

I'll keep you posted as things develop here.

Sincerely yours,

*Jim*



DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

1730 K STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

JOHN M. BAILEY  
CHAIRMAN

March 14, 1962

TELEPHONE  
FEDERAL 3-8750

Mr. Rufus Lewis  
801 Bolivar Street  
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Plans are currently underway here at the Democratic National Committee to launch a stepped-up 1962 Registration and Get-Out the Vote Drive designed to strengthen the Democratic Party's position in the Fall Elections.

The GOP fight against the President's Urban Affairs and Housing Program and Robert Weaver's appointment to the cabinet position makes our task urgent.

Already the first of a series of "know how" meetings has been held in an attempt to give our Democratic leaders the techniques on how to build a campaign on strong Democratic issues and weak Republican ones.

We know that a successful Registration Drive is the best way to insure a Democratic Victory this Fall.

From your past service to our Party and the invaluable experience you have gained from working in your State, I know no one is in a better position to tell me what is being done in your State at this time and in what way you can assist us in this Registration Program.

We need your help. You have willingly come to our assistance in the past and I feel certain we can count on you now.

Time is of the utmost importance and I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Louis E. Martin  
Deputy Chairman

P. S. I have enclosed herewith a subscription blank to the DEMOCRAT published by the National Committee to help keep you informed on the issues and Party activity.

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~~801 Bolivar Street~~  
~~Montgomery 4, Alabama~~  
~~March 19, 1962~~

*Lannie*

Mr. Louis E. Martin  
Deputy Chairman  
Democratic National Committee  
1730 "K" Street, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Martin:

Your letter was received this past Saturday evening. It was gratifying to be recognized as one who has been of service to the National Democratic Party. I stand ready to further my services in any way that I can to help launch a Registration and Get-Out the Vote Drive here in Alabama.

The investigation of discrimination against Negro prospective voters by the Justice Department has brought new hope and served as a great stimulus to many Negroes who have been denied registration. I am not in a position to say what is being done as a whole on a State-wide basis but I do know that in Montgomery and many surrounding counties in Alabama, where I have visited, and where I am working, the enthusiasm is increased and we are organizing in new areas daily. I feel very confident that it will grow. However, in your letter you mentioned a series of "know how" meetings. I would like to receive all available information regarding these meetings. And, if at all possible, I would like to attend such a meeting in order to institute such a program in our area. I am ready to assist in any way that you think will be most profitable to the Party.

Our main program at present consist of weekly voter-registration clinics, where we instruct prospective voters, make surveys of all citizens in a locality in order to find prospective voters, and make new plans to get more qualified voters.

Your promptness in reply will mean that we will be able to get started in new areas sooner.

With every good wish for a greater Democratic Party, I am

Very sincerely,

Rufus A. Lewis

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P. S. I am enclosing payment for the subscription of the DEMOCRAT.



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Lannie  
October 26, 1962

Dear Fellow Citizen:

On November 6, 1962, a General Election will be held. It is most important that each voter cast his or her vote in this election. We do not have the necessary funds to send ballots through the mail as we have done. We must depend wholly upon the supervisors, block-workers and captains whom we have depended on before for your untiring service.

So, captains begin now and complete your precinct with a supervisor for each section; supervisor begin now and complete each block in your area with a good block-worker; block-worker check every voter in your block and be sure that each voter get a ballot and encourage each one to go to the polls on November 6. We will get a sample ballot into your hands in time for you to distribute them.

It appears that the Dixiecrats and the Citizens Councils are trying to defeat the Democrats. They are infuriated over the fact that for once in recent history of a President, the Negro is not a forgotten man. They are encouraging democrats to vote a Republican ticket on November 6. We are encouraging you and other voters to vote an entire Democratic Ticket and Yes on the Amendments.

Your sincere cooperation in this forthcoming election will be deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Rufus A. Lewis*  
Rufus A. Lewis, Chairman  
Registering and Voting

RAL/hg

W. C. PATTON, President  
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

MRS. LAURA McCRAY, Secretary  
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA.

C. W. LEE, Treasurer  
MONTGOMERY, ALA.

**ALABAMA STATE COORDINATING ASSOCIATION  
FOR REGISTRATION AND VOTING**

1630 NORTH FOURTH AVENUE • ROOM 622  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

May 23, 1963

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~~Mr. Rufus Lewis~~  
~~712 Dorsey Street~~  
~~Montgomery, Alabama~~

Dear Sir:

This is a reply to your letter of May 16th.

You did not state the exact dates of the June registration. However, I understand that the first period is June 3 - 14.

Mrs. Johnson will be clearing up her school work during the first week in June so I am making the services of Miss Doris Nelson available for the period beginning June 1 - 7.

Please let me know by return mail if this is satisfactory to the group. There will be no expense to the local group for her services.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours truly,

*W. C. Patton*  
W. C. Patton

WCP/dn



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Lannie 11

Dear:

Are you a REGISTERED VOTER?

We are very much concern as to whether or not, you received your certificate since you applied to the Board of Registrars of Montgomery County ~~registration or election.~~

We believe that many of our people are being denied their Citizenship rights for no other reason than that, they are Negroes.

We are trying to get ample evidence to the Civil Rights COMMISSION who are investigating complaints of denial of voting in the State of Alabama. NOW

Give us the benefit of your experience with the Board of Montgomery County.

Meet with us at 6:05 p.m. Wednesday at the M.I.A. office 530 S. Union Street. We shall expect you.

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Yours truly,

Rufus A. Lewis      Chr. of Registration & Voting  
Committee.

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# SOUTHERN DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE

1630 - 4TH AVENUE, NORTH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

ATTORNEY ORZELL BILLINGSLEY, JR.  
VICE CHAIRMAN OF ALABAMA

TELEPHONE  
324-5723

June 21, 1963

Stinson

Mr. Rufus Lewis  
Box 96  
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Coach Lewis:

Mr. Henry L. Dixon of the Board of Appeals and Review of the Post Office, will arrive in Montgomery on Delta Air Lines Flight 416, Sunday, June 23, 1963 at 2:10 P.M. Please make arrangements to meet Mr. Dixon at the airport. He will stay at the Ben Moore Hotel.

Mr. Dixon is coming to Montgomery to aid in the upgrading of Negro employees in the Montgomery Post Office Department. Please call the hotel and ascertain whether or not he is present, and if not, leave your address and telephone number so that he may contact you.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Attorneys Seay and Gray, because I have also referred Mr. Dixon to them.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Orzell Billingsley, Jr. /c.  
Orzell Billingsley, Jr.

OBJr./c



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Dear Mr. Sather,

On October 5 to the 13 More Than 2,250 persons were registered in Montgomery County Alabama by the Board of Registrars. This Number would necessitate more than 400 person being served in one day.

It was reported ~~by~~ that the forms were given to person in the Community who would take them out into the white Community, get them filled out by prospective voter. These person would be registered without applying to the Bd

If this is true we want to do the same  
Please investigate to see if this is true

yours Truly  
Rufus A. Lewis

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Mattie Mae Watson Hooten  
311 Troy Street  
Montgomery 4, Alabama  
12 - 16 - 1963

Mr. Rufus A. Lewis,

Here I am stating, asking;  
why? that I could not vote. The  
12 - 10 - 1963. My poll tax is paid.  
I went to The Poll, Beat 2, South -  
Cleveland Avenue Fire Station; to vote;  
When I entered. The woman at the table  
ask. Could she help me. I said. that  
I come to vote. She ask; What my  
Name. I said Mattie Mae Watson Hooten.  
Then she said that my name was  
not on the book. and then told me  
to go. to the Court house to the Justice  
apartment. and tell them; and they will  
give me a scrip to Clearie my Name to  
vote. and I; then come back to  
the poll and vote.

But when I entered the Justice  
apartment in the Court house. The  
woman behind the counter ask; Can  
I help you. I said to her. I come to  
get a scrip to Clearie my Name to  
vote. Because the woman said my



name was not on the book at Beat 2,  
South Cleveland Avenue Fire Station; Then  
I showed her my poll tax paper. and  
Then she spoke out; and said; That  
I don't vote this year 1963. That I vote  
next year 1964. and she did not give  
me a scrip. to bring back to  
Beat 2, South Cleveland Avenue Fire Station  
to vote. This is the reason I  
wants to know Why; That I could  
not vote the 12-10-1963.

Sign Mattie Mae Watson Howard

Hinson  
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P. O. S. R. Box 85  
Greenville, Ala.  
January 23, 1964

Dear Mr. Lewis,

We would like for you to come  
down to Greenville, Ala. Sunday  
January 26, 1964 and give us  
"Pep" talk at a <sup>Civic Club</sup> meeting that  
we plan to have at 2:00 o'clock.  
Try to be here by 1:30 if you can  
come.

If you can come, please  
call me, phone no. 382-4530.  
Come to our house.

Very truly yours,  
Fired Bennett



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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

1730 K STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

MRS. MARGARET PRICE  
VICE CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR, WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

TELEPHONE  
FEDERAL 3-8750

March 6, 1964

Mr. Rufus Lewis, Chairman  
Montgomery County Democratic Conference  
801 Bolivar Street  
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Coach:

Much as I would love to, I will be unable to attend your conference on March 15, since I am involved in a huge fund-raising affair which is taking all my energy around that date.

I'm sure that George Booker and Tinsley Spraggins are planning to attend. I will send you some literature and information about the 1964 Campaign Conference for Democratic Women which is coming up, so that you can distribute it.

You know how very much I enjoy being with you whenever the occasion arises, so be sure and include me in on your next affair.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Ethel*  
Ethel L. Payne

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P.O. Box 93  
Brewton, Ala.  
March 18, 1964

Dear Mr. Lewis,

I hope you had a safe trip home.

I enjoyed talking with you the night after your meeting. I seldom get to talk with any body that think and talk as you did. I feel that it would be quite helpful here for more people to talk with you.

I am sending you a list of names of men that I think you may be able to work with you. There are others but I feel that they are already working with Rev. Bell or the group may I say. I hope you will be successful here and in the other Counties you may go in.

your truly,  
Percie H. Black

210 Ship St. 19

(Evergreen, Ala.)

September 18, 1964

Sharon

Dear "Cock".

A two day extra Registration period was held here yesterday and today (Sept 17-18). The late dropped up in me and we did it from about 11 until Thursday morning. He got two Thursday and made some contacts and I know definitely at least 50 persons we got registered in the two day period. We have others ready for the 3rd Monday. If we could get the Registrars to open after working hours as from 4 o'clock to 7 o'clock we could double our number.

And the spirit has hit the community and now in fact the entire country and



I think we will <sup>2</sup>every qualified voter or every person qualified to register before this year is out.

We have registered some people we have been trying to get for five or more years. They are coming in from all parts of the County. The forms are very easy. ~~Q~~

One of my workers has just walked in the office and told me the Registrars were not taking any more this afternoon. He said he gave out of Registration blanks. (It is about 1:00 P.M. Friday)

"We'll be ready for him Monday. I hope he will get a new supply of blanks."  
"Duck"

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Mathews Ala  
R1 Box 37  
May 22 - 64

~~Mr Rufus A Lewis~~

Dear Mrs Lewis

Estell told me to write you and tell you she would like to work with you this summer and she would like to know what the compensation would be. So if you would like to write her this is her address.

1412 34th Avenue Meridian Mississippi  
Estell Weatherly.

P.S. Mrs Lewis ever body passed and was able to vote. those sample ballot you sent was greatly appreciated it was much easier than I thought me and Mrs Smiley was kindly doubting it because it was our first time But it was just and imagination  
Will close for now  
Yours Truly

Mrs Mary M Blakey  
Mrs Rufus A Lewis

Lannie

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Resulting from a City policeman, beating a Negro woman who went to the Mayor's office inquiring about the condition of her husband, who was also beaten by a police for alleged traffic violation, the Negro Citizens of Evergreen, Ala are aroused.

This incident has caused them to organize themselves for increased voter registration.

September 17, 1964 <sup>Thursday</sup> about forty Negroes applied for registration at the Courthouse. Because of the large number, a larger room was used and many were registered and received their registration certificates that day.

September 18, 1964 - Friday, the number of Negroes for registration increased. At noon the Board of Registrars closed the office for dinner and returning, reported that all the application forms were out and no more person could register that day.



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September 21, 1964 Negroes continued to seek registration in large numbers, waiting line were formed but a smaller room was used for registering. Instead of registering several persons at one time as was done Thursday and Friday of the previous week only one person was registered at a time. The Board refused to give person who had completed their registration the Certificate of registration as was done on previous days; but said that you will hear from us through the mail, later.

This change in procedure caused Negroes to wait several hours for registration. Many could not wait.

It is believed that the Board of Registrars are changing their procedure in registering Negroes.

We are asking that these conditions be investigated at once while the evidence is recent and fresh in the minds of the people.

49<sup>th</sup> APSQ Box 2079  
APO New York, 09123  
December 3, 1965

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Hinson

Dear Mr. Lewis,

How have you been? This leaves me,  
well and doing fine, hope the same of you.  
I regret very much for waiting so long to write  
but being a service man, I know you understand.  
How are you doing on your State Registration,  
drive? I think about you and your  
job quite often. I have been doing a lot of  
traveling here lately. I've see almost every  
large city there is to see except Rome, Italy  
and Berlin. I am enjoying myself very much  
you know what I mean. So take life easy  
and when you have time write me a line.

Alexander Green  
~~To~~  
Mr. Rufus A. Lewis

JOHN H. BUCHANAN, JR.  
6TH DISTRICT, ALABAMA

MEMBER:  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

*Adana*

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
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December 6, 1971

Mr. Rufus A. Lewis  
Board Member  
Alabama Democratic Conference  
801 Bolivar Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Dear Mr. Lewis:

This is to acknowledge receipt in the Congressman's office today of your telegram concerning S. 2007, the Economic Opportunity Amendments of 1971.

I know that Mr. Buchanan will appreciate having the benefit of your judgment on this legislation, and you may be assured that your correspondence will be brought to his attention immediately. On his behalf, let me thank you for contacting us about S. 2007.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Nancy B. Dudley*

Nancy B. Dudley,  
Legislative Assistant

*Adana*  
*264-3772*



*Stinson*

~~A. PHILIP RANDOLPH~~  
260 PARK AVENUE SOUTH  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10010

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August 28, 1970

~~Mr. Rufus A. Lewis~~  
~~801 Boliver St.~~  
~~Montgomery, Ala.~~

THE HON. RUFUS A. LEWIS COLLEC-  
TION, TRENHOLM ST. TECHNICAL  
COLLEGE REPOSITORY, DR. GWEN  
PATTON—ARCHIVIST

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am writing in the hope that you will join me in paying tribute to one of the outstanding leaders of the civil rights movement, Bayard Rustin. Bayard recently celebrated his sixtieth birthday -- a milestone in a career that has been entirely devoted to the struggle for social justice.

Throughout his long career Bayard has combined the virtues of astute political analysis and vigorous social activism. He has been a forceful and uncompromising proponent of integration, non-violence and democratic social change. His advocacy of coalition politics has influenced our leading organizations and institutions, while his speeches and essays have had a tremendous impact upon the thinking of Americans of all ages.

His words have not only guided the actions of others. They have been precepts which have shaped his own activist life -- he has been arrested 24 times in the non-violent struggle for civil rights. He has been a brilliant organizer as well. He assisted Dr. Martin Luther King during the Montgomery Bus Protest and drew up the plans for the founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Most notably he was the organizer of the great 1963 March on Washington which brought 250,000 people to our nation's capital to demand justice for black Americans.

He has fought consistently for the rights of all people. He defended the rights of Japanese-Americans during World War II, worked with Ghandi and Nehru during India's freedom struggle, and most recently organized support in the black community for the beleaguered State of Israel.

I know that Bayard would be honored if you agreed to serve as a sponsor of a dinner in his honor on December 14, 1970 in New York City. Please return the enclosed card at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

*A. Philip Randolph*

A. Philip Randolph

# Lannie

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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

Rufus Lewis, General Chairman

Percy Smith, Jr.

Percy Smith, Jr., Coordinator



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Percy Smith, Jr.  
415 West Jeff Davis Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama

November 15, 1971

Mr. Rufus Lewis  
805 Bolivar Street  
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Brother Rufus:

In regard to the Montgomery Improvement Association Mass Meeting to be held at Maggie Street Baptist Church, Monday night at 7:00 o'clock, November 29, 1971, here is the outline of the panel discussion topics:

1. The Political Process -- is it relevant for black people in this day and time. (Mr. Norman W. Walton, panelist)
2. Voter registration -- emphasis on new approaches to:
  - a. The County Board of Registrars
  - b. The black community
  - c. The eighteen year olds (Mr. Rufus Lewis, panelist)
3. Are boycotts and/or demonstrations useful tools in furthering the cause of "freedom" for black people. (Rev. Thomas Jordan, panelist)

You are to take topic number two, Voter Registration.

You know how grateful I am so, I'll just say thank you for now.

Sincere regards,

Percy Smith

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P.S. Following the panel discussion, if you have other things to do, you may feel free to excuse yourself



JACK EDWARDS  
1ST DISTRICT, ALABAMA

137 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
TELEPHONE: 225-4931

DISTRICT OFFICES:  
FIRST FEDERAL TOWER, SUITE 806  
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GROVE HILL, ALABAMA 36451  
TELEPHONE: 275-3344

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

December 6, 1971

COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEES:  
TRANSPORTATION  
TREASURY, POST OFFICE  
AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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Mr. Rufus A. Lewis  
Board Member  
Alabama Democratic Conference  
801 Bolivar Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for your telegram received in my office today requesting my support of S. 2007, a bill to extend the provisions of the Office of Economic Opportunity for two additional years.

Your views are helpful as I give this measure careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Jack Edwards

JE:pb

# Alabama Citizens for McGovern

P. O. BOX 1355

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35201

May 15, 1972

Mr. Rufus Lewis  
801 Bolivar Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Dear Mr. Lewis:

We would like to congratulate you on being elected a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Miami!

Quite frankly, we hope you will cast your vote at the convention for Senator George McGovern. We are sending to you enclosed a copy of "McGovern on the Issues," as well as a statement of McGovern's legislative record, in which you can see for yourself what Senator McGovern has to say about all of the major issues before us today.

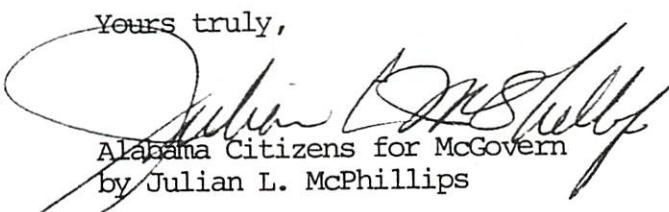
We want you to know about our organization, Alabama Citizens for McGovern. This is an enthusiastic group who is convinced that McGovern is the only candidate who can beat Nixon. This group is dedicated to McGovern as the man who can lead America out of darkness and into the light once again. We will work our hearts out to help make this a reality.

For the immediate future, we would like to invite you to come to Birmingham-Southern College campus, Hill Auditorium, 9:00 p.m., Friday, May 19, where Gloria Steinem and Margaret Sloan will be present to speak in support of Senator McGovern's candidacy for President. This will be a good opportunity to hear from noted and informed speakers about our favored candidate. It will also give you a chance to see how an audience will be reacting to this presentation.

Please consider this a personal invitation. Your attendance would in no way commit you. We simply want you to see and hear what is being said and done. An answer by telephone (871-3667) or a card would be appreciated.

We will be sending you more information on Senator McGovern at a later time. In the meantime, let us know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

  
Alabama Citizens for McGovern  
by Julian L. McPhillips

John

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April 28, 1966

Dear Daddy,

This is just a note to say hello and to let you know that we are definitely on our way. We got our orders for Colorado Springs around the first of this month and today we got our "port call" for the 13<sup>th</sup> June. Dubber is taking the car to port on Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. We don't have authoritative information but it seems to take 45 days for the cars to arrive in the U.S. If that's the case we are going to arrive with no transportation. If that is so, do you think you could possibly come to



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N.Y. to meet us. He will  
~~only~~ be allowed to stay in  
government qtrs for one  
night. All after that we'll  
have to ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> commercial  
housing. It might not  
be necessary for you  
to come but I wanted  
to ask you about it  
in advance just in  
case it's necessary and  
your busy schedule might  
conflict. But he won't  
know for sure until  
next week whether or  
not the car will arrive.  
I'll write again with  
full details if you should  
meet us.

We are all quite anxious  
to get back to the U.S.

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I have a couple of other requests to make also. Please get the T.V. ready for constant use and the washing machine ready for occasional use. We are all excited about seeing television again. Driving in a place with white headlights and no bicycles on the road will really be a thankful thing to see. Some of our adventures and experiences will be rather hard for you to believe.

That's all for now. The kids all send hello and so does Rubber.

Love  
Eleanor

Adana

May 10, 1966

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Dear Granddaddy,

How are you? I'm fine. Don't forget to make the beds. Tell Sybil and Grandmother we are coming to. (Tell her to bake a chocolate and yellow cake to.) Now I'm going to tell you a little about what is going on in France. Yesterday Mom quit being Girl Scout leader. The girl scouts were sad. We are going on a campout on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May if we found another mother who is willing to go. We have one mother already. Her name is Mrs. Germann. She used to be our girl scout asst. girl scout leader. It's time to say good by now. Tell Sybil and everybody hello for me. Okay? (~~Sybil is daddy's sister~~)

Your granddaughter,  
Karen