

CITIZEN'S COORDINATING COMMITTEE
1903 Myles Street
Montgomery, Alabama

November 3, 1955

Dear Fellow Citizens:

We are sure that you are very much aware of the pressing need for a voting Negro Citizenry. Many of the efforts which have been made by Negroes and other interested groups to secure equal opportunities and justice in America, especially in the south, have been in vain due to our inability to exert the necessary political pressure to make these efforts a reality.

We will never become a truly political force in our region unless we secure a representative voting group to help place officials in public office who will look out for the welfare of ALL INDIVIDUALS.

Organized efforts to secure registered Negro voters in large numbers in Montgomery were started as early as 1949 when the local N.A.A.C.P. Branch announced "Operation 2,000". The most recent work on the problem of securing more Negro voters was introduced this year by the Y.A.D.'s with the announcement of "Operation 5,000". The Citizen's Club and other groups are also putting forth various efforts to secure more registered voters.

It is the belief of the Executive Committee of the Citizens Coordinating Committee and of several citizens who have manifested a sincere interest in the problem, that if all of the efforts being employed could be merged into a uniform, coordinated plan and executed by every organized Negro group in the city, "Operation 5,000" or even "10,000" could very easily become a reality.

With this plan in mind, we solicit the full cooperation and support of your organization in helping to secure as many registered voters as possible, especially prior to the next general election. An orientation and organizational meeting has been set for Monday, November 7th, at 8:00 P.M. at the Citizen's Club, 1903 Myles Street. Please see to it that a representative of your group or organization is present.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus A. Lewis
Rufus A. Lewis
Chairman of the Citizen's
Coordinating Committee

Henry A. Spears
Secretary of Steering
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1. The first part of the document is a letter from the President of the United States to the President of the Republic of China, dated January 1, 1955. The letter is signed by Dwight D. Eisenhower and is addressed to Chiang Kai-shek. The letter discusses the relationship between the United States and the Republic of China, and the importance of the Republic of China in the Pacific region.

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