Notes from MLK
Selma Jail
Feb 1-5, 1965
Feb. 2-3, 1965

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Do follow up to get national attention focused on Selma

1. Make a call to Tawana Brawley and urge him to make a personal visit to Selma to talk with city and county authorities concerning espadrile negotiations and more days for registering.

2. Follow through on suggestion of having a congressional delegation to come in for personal investigation. They should also make an appearance at mass meeting.

3. Make personal call to President Johnson urging him to intervene in some way. Send a personal message to him; get Justice Department involved; make phone to Dallas and Alamo officials in press conference.

Chuck Jones

1. Ask lawyers to go to 5th Circuit.

Judge Thomas does not issue an immediate injunction against continued arrest and speeding up registration.
5. Keep some activity alive every day this week.

6. Consider a night march to the city jail protesting every arrest (an arrest march to protest arrest) once again.

7. Stash away points to get thorough through march.

8. Immediately arrest and/or stuff convicts essential to filibuster and keep arrested.

9. Seek to get big name celebrities to come in for moral support.

10. Meet Wyeth with control Gov. Rockefeller and other Republican big wigs to come out with strong statements about civil rights and further.
11. Call C. T. and urge him return from Cal. in case other stuff is put out of circulation.

12. Local Selma editor wants telegraph to President asking for Congressional committee to come and study true situation of Selma. "We should join call for this. By all means don't let them get the offensive. They are trying to give the impression that they are an orderly and good community. Since they integrated public accommodations, we must insist that vote is the issue and show Selma clean and fair hands. Let us clear from on all at the same time."
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project

Pages from the MLK papers project document.

Notes - Feb. 1-3, 1968

The completion of many months of work with the Freedom Committee of the Civil Rights movement, the opening of the southern centers, and the development of a microcosm of the future.

What is happening in Selma is another echo of the same great struggle for human dignity peculiar to the American experience.

Segregation is the invention of a god gone mad.

W.E.B. Du Bois, p. 1914 p. 197

The Civil Rights Movement and the Southern U.S.

To Mrs. Capper

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Dr. King's Handwritten Notes

"Help those who help themselves"

Letter from Dr. King

MLK 1963

211 Elm St

Mrs. Capper

To Dr. King
De following is kept national attention focused on Selma.

1. Make a call to Governor Callaway and urge him to make a personal visit to Selma to talk with city and county authorities concerning hazardous conditions and more steps for rejecting.

Walter Fauntroy (in person)

2. Fallon though on suggestion of having a congressional delegation to come in for personal investigation. They should also make an appearance at mass meeting if they came.

Lee White

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3. Make personal call to President Johnson urging him to intervene in some way. Send a personal message to Selma; get Justice Department involved, send plan to Dallas and other officials in press conference.

Chuck Jones

4.urge lawyers to go to Selma and file suit.

Judge Miles does not issue an immediate injunction against continued arrest and speedy up registration.
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5. Keep some activity alive even by this week.

6. Consider a night march to the city jail protesting any arrest (an arrest which cannot be considered unjust). Some other night a march to court house to sit [black] color from cells.

7. Work every point to getochrome.

8. Immediately alert labor forstaff惩戒 efficacy essential to mobilize and arrest.

9. Seek at get city council to come in for moral support.

10. Get Wyatt to contact Gov. Rockefeller and other Republican big name to come out with strong statement about the arrest, the right to vote and other.

Chuck Jones

Clarence Jones
11. Call C. T. and give him return from Cal. in case other staff is put out of circulation.

12. Local Delta editor wants telegram to President calling for Congressional hearing to come and study true situation of schism.

We should join in calling for this. By all means don't let them get the offensive. They are trying to give the impression that they are an orderly and good community because they integrated public accommodations.

We must insist that until we sit down and do section by section, this is ended and our section ends their demands.

Let me know what is all of the situation now...
1. Ask someone (you or Hosen) to Marion to speak in coast meeting tonight.

2. Call Tommy Davis (though Bily Bovre you get him) and ask him to do the Andy benefit in Atlanta during last of March or April (are you Andy). I feel that all of those fellows should get their chance. If you are an executive or a civic person you should try to get into it. The purpose of the benefit will be to help a great interracial cultural event in Atlanta and raise money for Alabama project.

3. Call Don and tell him to get word to my church secretary that I will speak Sunday morning.

4. Our program for Monday should be as follows:
   (1) Our meeting in the morning and spend most of the evening on registration
   (2) Set up meeting for Layson County (Hayneville) at 6:00 P.M.
   (3) Set meeting for Montgomery at 8:00

   This will give continuity to Alabama drive and demonstrate that we won’t stop just one community, and start three or four.

5. Ask to speakers about giving spirit in Marion the speed-up registration and get Reshomo and ejected persons released. We must let Marian know that we are concerned.
6. Insist on seeing me before there is an official call-off of demonstration here in Selma. Chief Baker will stand if you insist that a settlement cannot be reached without such consultation. Be sure to brief me on all aspects of the pending order from Judge Thomas.
7. If all goes well get me out at 1:00 P.M. tomorrow. We will go directly to Federal building to see Congressman. Set press conference for 2:30. Prepare the kind of statement that I shall read to press on release from jail. When it is definite that we are coming out let the press know the time so they will be on hand at the jail for our release. Get a clergyperson to sign our bond in order to save money. Ask Chief with Baker.
Call folks tonight and let them know that we don't feel that they are moving fast enough. Thomas' restraining order is for June 21. Nothing has been done to get Judge Hare's injunction dissolved. They have been too clear those who were arrested for contempt. They were not questioned by the court or disturbed, just about picking up the injunction and are housed in the court house. So what the events here are too important for Jack not to be here in person.

Also please don't be too soft. We have all offensive. It was a mistake not to much study. In a crisis we must have a sense of shame. Don't let Bobbi control our movement. The movement is in need of action. The movement is in need of action. The movement is in need of action.
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