

February 9, 1968

Dear Friends,

Here is the report of our last meeting. I hope it is a faithful record. In case there are any significant matters which I have ignored or distorted please be certain to be in touch with me.

Now on the important matter of reimbursements. I am sorry for the terrible delay, but things got fouled up in the Woodrow Wilson office, and I am hoping that when Martin Lehfeltdt returns to that scene next Wednesday (February 14), he will have the checks sent immediately.

Also, as soon as I receive some clear go ahead from them, I will work with the Atlanta group and put together a suggested Call to the conference which will be circulated for your revisions before it is sent out. I hope the way will be clear by the end of next week.

Sincerely,

Vincent Harding

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Report of an Ad Hoc Committee

To: Members of the Ad Hoc Planning Committee and other interested parties

Subject: A Conference on "Black Consciousness and Negro Higher Education" (short title)

Session Three: Atlanta, Georgia

Participants: Horace Mann Bond (Research, Atlanta University), Jane Carter (History, A & T), Vincent Harding (History, Spelman), Stephen Henderson (English, Morehouse), Arthur Jackson (Graduate Dean, A & T), Earl Lewis (Political Science, Prairie View), Gerald McWhorter (Sociology, Fisk), Gloria Scott (Assistant to President, A & T), Will Scott (Sociology, A & T), Darwin Turner (Graduate Dean, A & T).

Unable to be present: Flournoy A. Coles, Jr. (Economics, Fisk), Paul Puryear (Political Science, Fisk).

- I. Program: After some preliminary discussion and a review of the last meeting the group immediately picked up the discussion of program and came to these conclusions:
 - A. Date: Thursday evening, May 2 to Saturday evening, May 4, 1968
 - B. Place: Paschal's Motor Hotel, Atlanta
 - C. Schedule:
 1. Thursday Evening, 8:00-10:00 p.m.--Keynote Address: An Historical Overview of the Search for Identity in the Afro-American Community. --Speaker and two discussants
 2. Friday Morning, 9:00-12:00 noon (with a break)--Plenary session on Negro colleges and the Rise of Black Consciousness, Past, Present and Future--2 speakers and a panel of discussants
 3. Friday--Lunch 12:30-1:45
 4. Friday Afternoon 2:15-5:00 p.m.--Smaller group discussions--10 groups discussing one of 5 topics:
 - a. Black Consciousness and Academic Curriculum
 - b. Black Consciousness and Faculty Recruitment, Retentions and Training
 - c. Black Consciousness and Student Social Development
 - d. Black Consciousness and the Larger Communities of the Colleges

e. Black Consciousness and Financial Resources

5. Friday Supper: 5:30-6:45 p.m.
6. Friday Evening: 7:30-9:30 p.m.--Continuation of discussion in afternoon groups
7. Friday Night: 10:00 p.m.--Social Hour
8. Saturday Morning: 9:00-11:30 a.m.--Continuation of discussion in smaller groups, with attempts to shape group reports wherever appropriate
9. Saturday Luncheon and Noon Break: 11:45-2:30--Opportunity for recorders to work on any proposals
10. Saturday Afternoon: 2:45-5:45--Plenary Session: Response to Reports and other Business
11. Saturday Evening: 8:30-10:30 p.m.--Afro-American Cultural Program
12. Sunday Morning: 8:30-12:00 noon--Smaller Continuation Committee Meeting

D. Speakers: The following suggestions were made for speakers, panelists and discussion-group presentation-makers:

1. Thursday evening keynote:
 - a. Kenneth Clark
 - b. C. Eric Lincoln
 - c. Benjamin Payton
2. Thursday evening discussants
 - a. Lerone Bennett
 - b. St. Clair Drake
 - c. James Comer
 - d. Vincent Harding
 - e. Martin Kilson
 - f. Benjamin Payton
3. Friday Morning:
 - a. Main Speakers: Dr. Horace Mann Bond and Dr. Lonnie X. Shabazz
 - b. Possible panelists:
 - Lionel Newsome
 - Bernard Lafayette
 - Dianne Bevel
 - Joyce Ladner
 - Trustee (James Johnson?)
 - Asa Spaulding
 - Mrs. Marsh (Knoxville)