Mississippi Freedom Summer Project Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Mississippi Freedom Summer Project Collection
Dates: 1963-1970
Collection Number: D-579
Creator/Collector: Hargreaves, Robert
Extent: 0.4 linear feet
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Abstract: Collection includes newsletters, memoranda, clippings, and press releases related to the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project.

Language of Material: English

Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Robert Hargreaves.

Biography/Administrative History
In the summer of 1964, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE), joined by civil rights activists from around the United States, organized an effort to push back against Mississippi's vigorously enforced racial segregation. Hundreds of activists, most of them white college students, arrived in Mississippi eager to register voters and encourage community organizing. Prior to this point, black Southerners' struggle for equality against near-overwhelming opposition was little reported on in the national media. The Mississippi Freedom Summer Project succeeded in bringing attention to the disenfranchisement of black Southerners and was a turning point in the fight against institutional racism.


Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
African Americans -- Civil rights -- Mississippi -- History -- 20th century.
Civil rights movements -- Mississippi -- History -- 20th century.
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Inventory of the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project Collection