

Letter from Mike Miller to Cesar Chavez. 1965

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Cesar Chavez  
Farm Workers Association  
102 Albany  
Delano, California

Dear Cesar,

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write this letter to report the results of our recent national staff meeting with regard to the Farm Workers Association.

First, there was a great deal of general interest and excitement about the work of the NFWA. El Malcriado was widely read. Marshall Ganz and I received many questions about the FWA and the work in California.

Second, the following specific actions were taken by our national staff: (1) Marshall Ganz is to be continued on SNCC staff to work under the direction of the NFWA; (2) George Ballis is to be put on SNCC staff to work with NFWA, Friends of SNCC groups in the Valley and in developing research and educational materials about farm labor; (3) SNCC offices throughout the country will work in support of the NFWA; (4) Friends of SNCC groups throughout the country are encouraged to work in support of the NFWA.

Third, I spoke with Lawrence Guyet, Chairman of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, and he is enthusiastic about support for the California farm workers. Since I spoke with him, the State Executive Committee of the MYDF has been polled and is in unanimous support of the NFWA and the boycott of Delano grapes and Schenley products.

Finally, SNCC presented a request for \$5,000 for the NFWA to a recent national meeting on election politics in this country. We asked that a sum of \$5,000 be set aside for the NFWA should it decide to become involved in local elections or Congressional elections. Among those attending the meeting were representatives from AFL-CIO, Teamsters, Massachusetts Political Action for Peace, Texas coalition, MFDF, SNCC, SDS, Californians for Liberal Representation and others.

We are with you all the way. Yours in the struggle,

Mike Miller, field secretary      cc: SNCC, MYDF