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Mrs. Barbara I. Whitaker  
Voter Education Project  
Five Forsyth Street, N. W.  
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

On February 26, 1964 I received a letter from you inquiring about the change in the registration process in counties over Alabama. It is true that new application forms have been approved by the Alabama Supreme Court. I have been advised further that the same form would not be used from time to time, but several varieties would be used to eliminate the possibility of filling out forms by rote memory.

The voucher system is nothing new in the counties of Alabama. This system is used in most all counties in Alabama except Jefferson.

I visited about twenty-five (25) counties organizing voter registration clinics for the Alabama State Coordinating Association For Registration and Voting during the summer of 1963. In all of those counties the voucher system was used.

We are sending Mr. Branton a copy of the new form to be used in the state of Alabama.

Any other authentic information I get on this, I will forward to your office.

Respectfully,

*Bernice C. Johnson*  
(Mrs.) Bernice C. Johnson,  
Coordinator

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*Ala. Registration Data*



Same letter also sent to:

Mr. C. H. Montgomery, 507 Davis Avenue, Mobile, Alabama

*rec'd 3/9* - Mr. Wm. P. Mitchell, Box 467, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

*" 3/3* - Mr. Q. D. Adams, 1907 E. Broad St., Gadsden, Alabama

Mr. Charlie Burgess, 200 Central Ave., Muscle Shoals City, Alabama

Mr. Calvin C. Pryor, 238 Monroe St., Montgomery, Alabama

February 26, 1964

Mrs. Bernice Johnson *- rec'd 3/6/64*  
Jefferson County Voter

Education Project

1630 North Fourth Avenue

Room 622

Birmingham, Alabama

NEP 2-21

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

On February 18, Mr. Branton, Project Director, received a call from James Chism who works with an Anniston, Alabama, daily newspaper. Mr. Chism indicated that the local register (Calhoun County) had received a new set of application forms which had been approved by the Alabama Supreme Court and which would now require that each application for voter registration be vouched for by a qualified voter. He indicated, according to information received, that such a requirement would go into effect immediately in all Alabama counties.

We know this is already the requirement in some counties. Could you furnish us with any additional information which would be enlightening?

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker  
Research Assistant

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TELEPHONE MEMO

February 28, 1964

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On this date I received a telephone call from James Chisum who works with an Anniston, Alabama daily newspaper. He said that the local registrar had received a new set of application forms which had been approved by the Alabama Supreme Court and which would now require that each application for registration be vouched for by a qualified voter and that such a requirement would go into effect immediately in all Alabama counties. He wanted to know my reaction to this. I explained that I could not give any opinion until I had seen a copy of the new registration and had a chance to study it but that in some counties (Mobile, for instance) a voucher by a registered voter is already required.

He asked questions concerning VEP in general and asked that we call him if we subsequently had any statement regarding the new Alabama procedure.

I suggest that Barbara write to ~~XXX~~ some of our people in Alabama to see if they know anything about the new requirements.

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