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Betty Garman Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee files

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Creator History

A founding member of Students for a Democratic Society, Betty Garman joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in March 1964, and as a member of its executive committee, helped plan the Oxford, Ohio orientation for the historic Mississippi Freedom Summer Project of 1964. Assigned to the SNCC headquarters in Greenwood, Mississippi, Garman helped organize the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party's challenge to be seated at the 1964 Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City. As SNCC Northern Coordinator, she initiated Friends of SNCC groups on college campuses, and co-authored, with Marion Barry, "SNCC: A Special Report on Southern School Desegregation" in 1966.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee-related materials created or collected by Betty Garman, beginning in 1961 when she was a Southern Student Freedom Fund activist in New York State and Berkeley, California, and between 1964 and 1966, when she was a member of the executive committee of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Included are minutes of SNCC staff and executive committee meetings; daily compilations of incidents and civil rights violations reported by SNCC staff and volunteers; documents of the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer project and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party; and a 1966 special report on Southern school desegregation co-authored by Betty Garman and Marion Barry. Also included are subject files on SNCC and the civil rights movement, and compilations of SNCC publications and local Mississippi community newsletters.

Key Terms

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African American college students -- Mississippi -- Political activity
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Civil rights movements -- Mississippi
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