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Name James Lewis Henderson

Negro
White Southerner

Position Regional information specialist, Farm Security Adm. Special Field Economics Group
Little Rock, Arkansas

College Mississippi State College, B.S. in Agr., 1928; 1930.
Alabama Polytechnic Institute, summer 1926.

University University of Wisconsin, M.S. in Agr., 1931.

Plan of Work:

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For the completion of a book on the exploiting forces in southern agriculture. Would supplement present voluminous file of source material with additional local studies in worst problem areas.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$2500

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JAMES LEWIS HENDERSON

Regional information specialist
Farm Security Administration
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Economics

Top testimony from top people
 * Certainly a timely topic
 He's a little over our
 of time age, and I'm
 afraid his book may be
 wordy rather than succinct
 His asking - \$5,000 - is fantastic as a fellowship
 (Is there a possibility for our book
 on general area representation
 of the South in Congress, or should
 he stick to agriculture?)

I put a minus after the A, only because
 I doubt the punch of his writing &
 he wants a top salary not a
 fellowship

Name James Lewis Henderson **Field:** Economics

Regional information specialist, Farm Security Administration
314 Ridge Road, Park Hill, North Little Rock, Arkansas

Plan of Work

After several months of further study plans to write a book-length manuscript exposing those forces which exploit the South's common man in agriculture and rob him of the benefits of democratic processes. Would supplement present voluminous file of source material with additional local studies in worst problem areas. Would make strong case against Farm Bureau, National Cotton Council, Christian-American Association, planter groups, poll tax advocates, and illustrate how they operate controls over masses of people. Plans to have book published.

Requests grant for one year beginning April, 1945. Will not return to present position. Expects to continue writing, perhaps affiliating with some progressive movement working for the improvement of conditions in the South.

Personal Data

Born Hattiesburg, Mississippi, July, 1905.
Married, three children, one partial dependent.

Age: 40
Draft Status: 4A

Undergraduate Work

Mississippi State College, B.S., 1928.

Graduate Work

Mississippi State College, 1930, part-time.
Alabama Polytechnic Institute, summer 1926.
University of Wisconsin, M.S., 1931.

Experience

Office assistant, Cotton Oil Press, Memphis, 1928, \$1040; assistant editor, Agriculture Extension Service, State College, Mississippi, 1929-30, \$1500; editorial work, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, 1930-31, \$960 (part-time); partner, Nut Products Company, Madison, Wisconsin, 1931-33, \$2400 (part-time); information agent, Farm Credit Administration, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1933-34, \$2825; editor and publisher, The Weekly Star, Starkville, Mississippi, 1934-35; administrative officer, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 1935-37, \$1800; editor, Mississippi Cooperative Cotton Association, Jackson, Mississippi, 1937-39, \$3000-\$3900; editor and publisher, Scott County Times, Forest, Mississippi, 1939-41; information specialist, Farm Security Administration, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1941- , \$5428.

Research:

Has developed large personal file of evidence on exploitation of Negroes and poor white farmers in the mid-South; has special collection showing background, activities and techniques of Farm Bureau fight against Farm Security Administration during past three years. Most writing has been in form of official and confidential reports, ghost-written press articles, and radio scripts.

References

Scholarship, awarded in 1924 by Delta & Pine Land Company, Scott, Mississippi, \$500, Mississippi State College; assistantship in College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin, 1930-31, \$800.

References:

A. D. Stewart, Mendenhall, Mississippi
James G. Patton, Denver, Colorado
C. B. Baldwin, New York City
Wayne Darrow, Farm Reports, Inc., Washington, D. C.
Tarleton Collier, Louisville Courier-Journal
Aubrey Williams, National Farmers Union, Washington, D. C.
Sent to Committee

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$5,000
From Applicant	-
From Fund	\$5,000

AMOUNT GRANTED

