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LeRoy Chatfield forwarded your inquiry about the first issues of 'THE MOVEMENT'. I'm very glad to hear you're using it as an historical resource.

The mystery is due to the fact that the issues prior to April 1965 both do and do not exist. The very first was a mimeographed newsletter from Bay Area Friends of SNCC in the Fall of 1964 discussing the 64 Mississippi Summer Project. Issue " #2" was a printed newsletter in newspaper format dated November 64 and titled Bay Area Friends of the STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE. Issue "3" (Dec 64), Issue "4" (Jan 65), Issue "5" (Feb 65), Issue "6" (Mar 65) all followed under the same title.

At that point we decided to change it to 'THE MOVEMENT', and in the insouciant (read disorganized) spirit of the times, decided that readers would be confused, so we retroactively postdated it No. 4 to make it a continuation of the Jan, Feb, and Mar newsletter issues. We thought it was clever, but it confused even us. So when LeRoy generously offered to post them, I sent him only the ones titled 'THE MOVEMENT'. I'm not sure I even had copies of the earlier ones.

They are available in the facsimile edition of 'THE MOVEMENT' published in 1993 by Greenwood Press, compiled by the Martin Luther King Jr, Papers Project in association with Stanford and Emory Universities, and edited by Clayborne Carson. I would hope that Emory would have a copy. It is titled 'THE MOVEMENT 1964-1970. ISBN 0-313-28329-X.

Glad to be of help,
Terence Cannon
Editor, 'THE MOVEMENT'