

June 11, 1963
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John O'Neal, Mary Lane, Mathilda O'Bryant, Mac A. Cotton, and I went to Ruleville this evening to carry the people in jail clothings. We first went to the City Hall, it was locked. Then we went to the county jail, and we were told that she had to call the Chief of Police. ~~xxxx~~ The Chief and the jailer came and told us that we could not see them but they would give them the clothes. The Chief and jailer went into a room and had a talk and came back and said we could give them the clothes, but don't talk. As I walked into the ~~skixdaxx~~ hall down by the cells, My Hamer caught me arm, she was crying and she told me to tell the people if she died in jail that those two men, (referring to the jailer and the chief) had two white prisoners beat her. She placed my hand on her body and I felt the places, they were hard and swollen. Euvesta Simpson was outside of her cell when we entered. We saw ~~xi~~ the other people, ~~xx~~ all except James West. Annell Ponder could barely get off the bunk. She said she had not been beaten again. I asked the officers could I give L. Gugot his clothing and he ~~x~~ told me to lay them on something that looked to me like a chopping block. The officers were having a whispering conference and as I turned to go the jailer rushed and opened Gugot's cell. I saw Gugot, he smiled and waved. Gugot seemed to be walking better.

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