

January 27, 1959

MEMORANDUM

To: Director, State Sovereignty Commission

From: Earl J. Van Landingham

SUBJECT: NAACP, Grenada, Mississippi

On January 20, 1959, B. L. Bell, Negro co-ordinator of schools, Cleveland, Mississippi, has furnished information to the effect that a Negro, ~~Earl Thompson~~ had recently been arrested at Grenada, Mississippi, and the car had been found to contain NAACP literature.

On January 22, 1959, I proceeded to Grenada and talked with Chief of Police B. T. Lee who informed that to his knowledge Thompson had not been arrested at Grenada, and he knew of no information regarding NAACP literature found on Thompson. He did state that he understood that about a month ago, Thompson had been arrested in Wince, Mississippi. He did not know the result of this arrest.

Inquiry at the Sheriff's office, Grenada, Mississippi, was negative as to connecting anything with reference to the arrest of Thompson in or around Grenada.

I talked with ~~Mr. Bell~~, head of the Citizens' Council at Grenada, but he was not in his office, and I did not have an opportunity to see him.

*NAACP Grenada*

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