

March 21, 1964

Representative Jamie Whitten
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative Whitten:

I am writing to ask you to investigate the arrest in Ruleville, Mississippi on Friday night, March 20, of two young workers for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

They are George Greene and Julius Samstein. They were halted by police in Ruleville. One policeman jabbed Greene with a pistol. The other hit Greene in his ribs and stomach with a gun.

They were taken to jail but were not told the nature of the charges against them or were they allowed to use a telephone.

On Saturday morning, March 21, they were fingerprinted. Mayor Charles Durrrough of Ruleville told them there had been several burglaries in the area and they were being held on suspicion.

He later told them they were charged with violating the town's curfew law, and that Greene was charged with going through a stop sign.

A \$10.00 fine on each charge was levied against them, which they paid,

Both are active in the campaign of Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer of Ruleville, who will face you in the June 2 Democratic primary.

I am writing to ask you to speak out on the floor of the House against such arrests of political workers and to ask you to request and investigation of their arrest by the United States Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

Horace Julian Bond
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cc to: The United States Department of Justice
The United States Commission on Civil Rights