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Memo: re three bombings in McComb, Miss.
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Three homes of Negro citizens were bombed yesterday in McComb, Mississippi. Nobody was injured.

Officials of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) said that the most serious incident took place at the home of Fred Bates, Pike County chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

A boarder at Mr. Bates' home said she saw a car drive up to the house about 10:20 p.m. last night. A man fumbled in the back seat, and then got out of the car holding a package. He threw the package at the house. The boarder shouted to Mr. Bates and another roomer and told them to get to the back of the house. Then the bomb exploded. George Greene, SNCC field secretary, reported that severe damage was done to the front of the house.

The boarder said the car was a light green, four-door '61 Chevrolet.

The other incidents took place earlier in the day. Dynamite sticks were found at the home of Corline Andrews, but little damage was done to her house. C. C. Bryant, another local Negro citizen, reported that his house had been bombed and that some damage was done.