

NOT FOR RELEASE

Reported by M King to John Dear 6:01 pm 7/1/64

Reported two rumors:

1. From Ed King. Negro woman at Tougaloo was told by her sister-in-law from Vicksburg who was told by her husband who was told by a white man in Vicksburg who belongs to a labor union there, that at the last meeting of the union, (last Thurs or Fri), some of the union members who are also Klan members, were talking about Phila. Some of them said the three had been killed and their bodies had been chained together. The bodies were then dropped in the new Ross Barnett reservoir on the Pearl River, probably on the closed section of the Natchez Trace south of the highway 16 cutoff to Canton in Madison Co.

2. From a white contact in Phila. A Negro woman, the contact in Phila. that the Meridian people were using as their contact to get the Mt Zion church turned into a community center, had a bottle thrown through her window on the night the three disappeared, 6/21, at 6:00 pm, with a note reading, "you are next, nigger."

*Agent Gesic came to see me in Jackson Aug. 12  
about rumor #2. No contact before that;  
said things got fouled up in checking this out.*

Re Vicksburg body:

Dear said they needed more information. The Vicksburg police say the man was having trouble with the husband of a woman he was last seen riding around with. The report is that he had been missing a week; that his body was badly decomposed; but he was last seen riding around with this married woman. Dear said they're open to more info though.