

Original phone call from Vicksburg to WATS line, Jackson COFO office:

Around 15 to 20 shots were fired into a church near here tonight in which a mass meeting was being conducted, it was reported tonight.

Willy Johnson, 23, Negro, SNCC staff member from Vicksburg and COFO project director reported that at approximately 9:10 pm the shots were heard from inside the China Grove Baptist church and some of the church windows would be seen shattering. Approximately ~~50~~ 120 local citizens were in the meeting which discussed voter registration. Among the five COFO WORKERS at the meeting were..... No injuries were reported...

About 20 minutes later Vicksburg called again with a corrected story:

Around five shots were heard (at least they sounded like shots) outside of a church..... Approximately 50 people (or maybe 30) were in the meeting. No windows were shattered...