

Information Concerning the Killing
of Louis Allen in Liberty, Miss.,
Amite County, on January 31, 1964

This report is based on information given by a Negro man who lives in Liberty, Mississippi.

Right after Hubert Lee was killed, Mr. B. said that Louis Allen came to his home in Liberty and told him that Sam Lester Robert carried him to the courthouse in Liberty. When he got there, there was a room full of white men with guns, and they told him when the trial came up they wanted him to say: "Negro Hubert Lee had a tire tube and was going to hit Mr. Hurse and Mr. Hurse had to shoot him to defend himself."

Then he left Amite county and went to Baton Rouge. He came back for trial that Monday. After trial he went to Mr. B.'s house and told him that he was in trouble and wanted to know something to do. Mr. B. said that "he told him to go to McComb and talk with the F.B.I. about what had happened."

One month later a white man came to Allen's house and said that he was going to kill him. His daughter ran in the woods where he was working and told him that a man had come to kill him.

In July, 1962, Deputy Jones and Marshall Laten Bates arrested Louis Allen. As they arrested him they hit him with a flashlight and broke his jaw. He went back to Mr. B. and asked for help again. This time Mr. B. told him to go to Jackson to the hospital and from there to call the F.B.I. and tell them his troubles.

A month later, he was arrested for a bad check. His trial was supposed to have been on March 1st, 1964, in Jackson. However, Allen had already been warned by the jailer at the time of his arrest on the bad check charge to get out of Liberty by the first of January 1964.

Saturday night, January 25, 1964, a week before Louis Allen was killed, Mr. C. noticed Daniel Jones looking closely at Mr. Allen's son's car as it was coming in to Highway 24 in town by the jail. Daniel Jones and a Deputy and one more white man were in their car and they watched the Allen car closely.

January 28, 1964, Mr. C. saw two white men in the court house. They came from upstairs and went into the sheriff's office with a box no larger than a shoe box. They could have been carrying a pistol and they asked if they could deliver it to someone in the back of the office. The man in the office smiled and said, "Yes." There were some more women and men in

the office. One of the women I saw was Mrs. Straden, the editor of the "News Press" in Liberty.

Later that week before he was killed Allen heard a noise on the outside of his house and his dogs were barking and the mules were snorting. He went out to see what was wrong. He had a way of getting out of the house without anyone seeing him. He said later that he saw nothing outside the house.

Thursday before Louis was killed he was talking with Mr. D. (A Negro). Mr. Cocham (a white man) drove up while they were talking and Mr. D. jumped into a ditch to keep Mr. Cocham from seeing him talking to Louis Allen.

On Saturday before Louis Allen was killed Mr. E. saw two cars park in the road to Louis Allen's house about 10:00 a.m. Friday morning just off the Highway. From their actions they could have been mapping out a way to kill Mr. Allen.

On the Saturday night that Louis was killed, there were two cars seen following him from Mr. Lloyd King's to his road to go to his house. One was a cream tan Ford 1961 and two men were in it. The other was a black Ford 1960 with one man in it. After 9:30 that same night the two cars came from the road up above Mr. Allen's home and went to Liberty and parked in front of the Court House.

On February 1, 1964, we received a call from Dr. Aaren Henry saying that Louis Allen had been killed in Liberty. We began calling people in Amite and Pike counties trying to find out if this was true or not. We called Mr. F. in Liberty. He said, "when she was coming from some kind of meeting last night she saw Mr. Allen's truck in front of his house, and they didn't know if he had been killed then or not. But he is dead."

She also said that he had been shot in the head three times and was found under his truck.

Mrs. Allen reported that "she was home with her three-year-old when she heard three shots, but she didn't leave the house. She said she really didn't think anything about it. Later, after about 15 to 30 minutes, cars began to stop along the Highway and around 1:00 o'clock her son came home and that is when she found out about her husband." The police and the sheriff asked her if she knew who killed her husband. "She told them that she didn't know who did the shooting and didn't know anything about it except that she heard three shots and looked out the window and really didn't think anything about it."

Louis Allen had decided to leave Amite County and go where his brother was. He was planning to leave town the morning of February 1, 1964.