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MISSISSIPPI SHERIFF'S TOLD
TO BACK SHERIFF RAINEY

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI-- The new president of the Mississippi Sheriff's Association told the annual meeting of the group, "Sheriff Rainey needs our help".

Sheriff Charlie Capps Jr., of Holmes County, spoke to the lawmen December 9th, one day before Rainey and his deputy Cecil Price were freed by a United States Commissioner.

Capps said, "You know sheriff Rainey has that hearing over in Meridian tomorrow, I'm sure sheriff Rainey would appreciate any of you being over there-- even if it's just to be with him".

Rainey and Price both attended the two day meeting of the Association held here.

The peace officers passed a resolution commending J. Edgar Hoover, FBI Director, and pledged cooperation and assistance to him collectively and individually.

Two agents of the FBI addressed the group. Roy K Moore, special agent in charge of the Jackson Office, spoke in closed session on "The Role of the FBI in Civil Rights Matters in Mississippi", and special agent Roy McDaniels addressed the group on "Psychological Factors in Riot Control".

The Peace Keepers also heard a speech by the new head of the State Sovereignty Commission Earle Johnson, who told them that Mississippians should be commended for the restraint shown in the face of "an unwarranted invasion by outside civil rights groups".