Phoned field report from Bruce Gordon

Wilson Brown of SNCC and Avery Wilson were apprehended by Maple City police Sunday night at 11:00 p.m. Wilson was charged with reckless driving and Avery was charged with vagrancy. They were transferred to Clanton City Jail. They were both released this morning on bond of about $20,000. Wilson put up his car to cover for both bonds. The incident happened as follows: the police followed them and stopped and searched the car. When the police found the SNCC literature and a Selma report that Wilson Brown was working on, they began to use abusive language. Wilson Brown was slapped. The police said such things as: "You damn niggers ought to keep your asses at home and out of trouble. If I had a pair of scissors I'd cut your off one by one."

We should call Brown at 605 M in Clanton. They live at 111 Liberty Street.

Call Gordon back in about an hour, at 1:30 p.m. The two were released at 9:00 a.m. this morning.
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SELMA to North Long

As of 3:45 this afternoon 23 Negroes had been given numbers to register. Most likely 18-20 of those will be processed. About 40 Negroes were in line that did not get numbers. Eight whites arrived at the court house at 6:00 am and the whites held the balance of the 60 numbers.

Yesterday about 25-30 Negroes were processed. Already seven letters have been written by those who waited in line but were not given numbers. More are expected to follow.

Tonight there will be a mass meeting at which Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth will speak.