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Canton, Mississippi (Jackson)- Ed Hollander

Plans for Freedom Day/

People will assemble at 9am at Pleasant Green Church (West Academy and Walnut) and at another church as well, if they can get one. There they will receive instructions and at 10am will walk in large groups to the courthouse. If they are stopped they will return to the church and then try to go back to the courthouse in small groups. If stopped again they will return to kkkk church and try by car, and if stopped again, will return to church kkk to figure out new plans (they haven't made further plans as yet.)

They anticipate having difficulties getting people in from rural areas. If there are roadblocks the people will go back to their towns and not try to resist the roadblocks initially. They will only attempt to break the blocks if there are enough staff people, reporters, etc., to minimize danger.

Tonight there will be a mass meeting and one tomorrow night.

National Guard came into Canton last night (it is not known how many) and it is possible that Jackson police as well as others will be coming in as Gov. Johnson signed the bill yesterday authorizing towns to pool their 'law enforcement facilities' to handle riots or racial demonstrations. It is rumored that the Jackson police will bring their Thompson Tank into Canton.

13-15 ministers from National Council of Churches have arrived in Canton and will be there for Freedom Day. They are from Durham, N.C., Cincinnati, New York City, Elgin, Ill.; Indianapolis, Hayes, Kansas; Wichita, Kansas; Chicago, Chapel Hill, and Westfield, New Jersey. Two more may be coming in from Chicago today.

THERE WILL BE SOMEONE IN THE CANTON OFFICE ALL DAY TOMORROW TO HANDLE INFO.

Hattiesburg: Guyot

Last night Robert Nixon, 22, Hattiesburg, was arrested for being drunk and resisting arrest. The police chased him down Mobile St. and when they caught him he ran away again and they shot him. He is evidently a very good worker and Guyot would like to get him out without a trial if possible (he says that he won't be able to appeal a charge for drunkenness). It will cost \$50 to get him out now.

Moses, Ministers and others (Guyot didn't specify, said "we") have to appear in court on March 4 in connection with the injunction earlier in the month. They have not received a summons as yet, however. Need a lawyer.

Date for Guyot's appeal has not been set yet. Guyot was told that it would be set by the county attorney, James Dukes. When Guyot called him for information concerning Pete Stoner, Dukes said that he would have nothing to do with or say to him.
