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GREENWOOD: From Hunter Morey, Jackson 1:23 am EST

Cars have been circling the office for past couple days.

Dick Frey was followed by a police car to the Freedom House; he was walking.

A threat received at 11:45 pm was worded: "Don't go to sleep you black bastards or you'll never wake up."

Greenwood office called local police at 12:05. Tried to reach Greenwood FBI at 12:01 - no night number however.

From Phil Moore, Greenwood.

Frey had told people in office not to leave. Four there are: William Hodes, NYC; Larry Hansen, Ill.; Phil Moore, Chicago; Jim Miller, Negro, Greenwood. Hollace Watkins came in later.

Notified Memphis FBI first time at 1:18 Memphis time. Agent (?) Bates.
Second time at 2:10 Memphis time.

Phil Moore, 3:11 am. Two more threats received.

1:47 am: "Are you awake? You better stay that way."

2:00 am: "What's that out in front of the office smoking? You better take a look, but not too close, it might blow up on you."

Man's voice, same voice, sounded as if from a distance, roaring sound in background.

Called John Doar on Greenwood, and Columbus arrests at 3:30 am.

Doar said the Itta Bena arrest was made after the U.S. Commissioner in Oxford issued a complaint.

COLUMBUS From Don White about 2:45 am

Eleven persons arrested (see earlier report) Eight (8) now in jail.?

Charge: Distributing leaflets without a permit." More information should be available tomorrow White said. Bomb threat referred to in previous report is "an every day occurrence" White said.

Pamphlet being passed out, in clearly Negro neighborhoods, was on new civil rights bill. Emphasized voting, section on voting first in leaflet. Stated: Call COFO office, address, number, at end of pamphlet. White tried to get permit from both Mayor and Chief of police last November in freedom ballot campaign, and some of the workers tried this afternoon - both times refused.

Two lawyers came up from Jackson to try to see arrestees. They were unable to see them, returned to Jackson.

BELZONI From Emmie Schrader, Jackson 9:00

Reported to Jackson that police were clubbing Negroes - apparently unrelated to movement in terms of specifics. Jackson sent a car of people up to check out situation: Herman Gaites, 19, formerly of Belzoni; Attorney Paul Schevegny, NYC; Mike Smith, 23, L.A. law student; Sherwin Kaplan, 23, Chicago law student. Left Jackson 10:10 pm. No word in Jackson office as of 3:40 Atlanta time.

Guild number in Jackson: (office) 352-7281 Crockett home no. FL3-8379

(There was a gap of six hours between time Atlanta received word of Meridian disappearances and time Jackson received word from Meridian, REMEMBER: CALL JACKSON EVERY TWO HOURS.)