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Balgoni 9:45 Willie Shaw: they need someone up there immediately to fix the radios--  
all three are out of order.

Hattiesburg 9:50 Sandy Leigh: Patrick Cameron 19, former COFO worker, shot and killed  
himself last night. In Hattiesburg. The death was ruled accidental. His mother is  
a block captain, was a delegate to Atlantic City, Mrs. Helen Anderson. Sandy had  
just spoken to him a few minutes before. (Local kid.) Was on his way to college,  
had stopped by to let COFO know he wouldn't be working any more with them. Had not  
been drinking (11:30PM Saturday night), in a parking lot of the High Hat Club, in a  
car. His own gun--he had been flashing it around before, joking, just a few minutes  
before when he talked to Sandy. Probably didn't know it was loaded. He was sober,  
because he doesn't drink. The cop, Kitchen, was sarcastic to the mother. He handed  
her Pat's billfold, and asked her, "what funeral home do you use?" That  
was his way of announcing that Pat was dead. The doctor (white) had not told her--  
wouldn't even look at her. Sandy helped take her home, called Dr. Smith who came.

There was a girl in the car with him when it happened. Sandy will find out who.

5th district staff meeting there today 1:00. Everyone notified--Gulfport, Moss  
Point, Biloxi.

Aberdeens 8:00 Am Warren Galloway: There was an attempt to burn Dabiel Baptist  
Church on route 25 last night. Fire started on the grass under the front porch.  
Not too much damage because the wind must have blown it out. Warren discovered it  
this morning when the neighbors had told him about it, walked over to see.  
(Called on a Watson)

Philadelphia 10:30 Jean Wheeler: have Jerome or Hunter call about press for tomorrow.

Jackson: Incident reported by Mr. Herman Grogan, 3232E 32 Pleasant S.E., Grand Rapids,  
Michigan. Travelling through Jackson with brother, Rayward Grogan, and brother-in-law  
Aldon Campbell. Enroute from Grand Rapids, Mich. to hometown of Iberville, Louisiana,  
for vacation. In Jackson a station wagon with four white men picked them up and followed  
them 45 min.-1 hour. Description: '63 (about) white station wagon, probably a Ford.  
Did not notice plate. During the time they followed them they occasionally passed and  
faded in front. Herman Grogan was travelling in separate car from Rayward Grogan  
and Campbell. At one point, the two Grogan cars pulled off the car to talk about the  
station wagon. The station wagon went on ahead. The three men agreed that the other  
carload was looking for trouble, and decided to park and wait while in order to lose  
them. Then they went ahead, thinking that they had lost the other car. Just a couple  
of blocks down the road, though, they again picked up the station wagon. Not long  
after that, (possible a mile), the station wagon crowded the Campbell and Grogan car off  
the road underneath an overhead bridge. Herman Grogan got caught in a stoplight somewhere  
before the bridge. Then he got caught somehow in traffic and had to circle a couple of  
blocks to get back to the bridge. When he got there, neither of the cars was there.  
He went on down Hwy. 51 looking for them, but didn't see anything. This happened at  
around 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. on Sat. Sept. 12. Herman Grogan drove around town for  
several hours looking for the other car. He was afraid to go on (on Hwy 51) without  
the other car. Late in the evening he saw two policemen parked in front of a cafe.  
He asked them to escort him out of town, but they said they were off-duty, and could  
not escort him anywhere. He did not tell them about his brother and brother-in-law.  
About 11:00 p.m. he contacted a friend who lives in Jackson, Mr. Albert Taylor, 2 3208  
Hollywood. Mr. Taylor figured that the incident happened on Hwy. 51 south of town at  
the intersection of Hwy 80 (under the overhead bridge). Mr. Grogan doesn't know the  
town and doesn't know where any of the other things happened. Mr. Grogan spent the  
night with Mr. Taylor. At 4:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. he called relatives in Iberville, La.  
and asked if the other car had made it home. at 10:00 it still had not. Mr. Grogan

Greenville Muriel: 11:30--Muriel thinks Louie Grant's check should be cut from \$15 to \$9, and give the rest to Greenville COFO. (regular SNCC salary). Muriel also wants a plane ticket to go to Washington DC for a week Wednesday.

Jackson: 12:40. (Lchaffee) Talked again to Mr. Herman Grogan. Home is in Abbeville, not Iberville, La. Contacts there are Willie, Harold or Raymond Grogan. In the meantime, contacted FBI, Highway Patrol and local police along Hwy 51 to McComb. No information anywhere.

Indianola 11:45 Georgianna Kaminsky: Dorothy Jean Hennesen (local) and Georgetown (COFO) were refused service at the Piggly Wiggly (grocery store); the manager finally grudgingly took their money. Yesterday 12:30noon

Clarksdale 1:15 license on SNCC car is EB 2264.

Aberdeens 1:20--Warren Gallows: they need someone there to organize an NSU. Kids can register at anytime at the white school (he says), so some quick organizing would be helpful.

Jackson. 3:15. Mr. Grogan called. Said that the brother, etc. made it all right. The whites had followed them awhile, but they had ducked around and lost them. Then they dropped by some friends out in Hammond and had stayed overnight with them.

Tchula 4:15--~~SHREKING~~

Oxford: Emy Schrader. Picked up on speeding charge \$20. Jesse says pay it. Check then in Tupelo in an hour..... ben

Columbus: Cliff: Stuart Ewin in city jail- improper drivers license. Bail \$200. Will not indicate fine. Police have impounded car, in Jane Wheeler's name. Says they insinuated stolen car charge. They held Cliff (Tupelo prof.), then let him go. Need authorization from Jane Wheeler, or her presence, ; Aronson says get warrant for arrest, try to bail out. Cliff had to break into Columbus office, no one there.

Tupelo..more recent word is that the charge is driving without authorization.

Philadelphia: called Jane Wheeler. She says Ewin has a notarized authorization from her. Cannot go tonight, certainly not alone. Told her to stand by.

Tupelo: Ike Coleman- says charge is improper driv. license. Money (says Cliff in Columbus) coming from home. NB: Ewin just arrived from out of state today, so license is valid. Cliff will spend nite in Columbus. Trying to reach sheriff's office. ben

Aberdeens- Last night the Daniel Baptist Church was burned. ~~xxxxxx~~ The front porch was burned off and some grass in front of the church was burned. The church had no connection with the civil rights movement although they had had a few speakers there. The local people reported it to the police this morning. A comment of a patrolman who surveyed the damage was "Things ~~xxxxxx~~ are going to get a lot worse." Neither the minister or any member of the congregation had been active in the c.r. movement.

Jackson 8:30 Lady called asking for Hunter Morey. Was given Aronson's number. Then she announced that she was sure glad to have that because she was ferom the White Citizen's Council. Hunter was at Aronson's the last we knew. amen

Meridian: 8:45 One of the girls that was arrested a few days ago and charged with disturbing the peace, was arrested again last night.

Greenville: 8:45pm This morning about 8:30 Lewis Grant was driving in Isequeha co. to pick up people to take to the staff meeting in Greenwood. He was coming around a corner and ran into a truck. Not much damage was done to the car. ~~Some~~ One of the lights was busted out, and the fender was bent. The driver had no driver license and the car has no insurance. Larry Brinton.

Greenwood: 8:50 George Green says that we should not give Lewis a sermon about how the accident.

Itta Bena: 9:00 Mrs. McGee Minister reported that office had been broken into this (rust) evening and ransacked. The locks on the door of the GSWO office were broken. This was about 5:00 when the report was made to the McGee's. Everyone else was in OW.

Greenwood: 9:20 Frank Jones has bail bond receipts for Anthony Jones \$50. Lane is mailing blues bond receipt to Jackson. Here on Itta Bena. Mrs. McGee called Deputy Webber. City police Gray was at place when Willie arrived back in IB. Asked for finger prints. denied. Little was left in as they had moved most out day before. Library books pulled off the shelf, paper stolen, FREEDOM REGISTRATION forms torn up and missing. Stockley wants radio tests, stockley wants radio tests. Stockley wants.... Mrs. Jesse Mae Muse was served today to appear in court for lack of payment. Owed store \$7.40 and payed \$7.00 but didn't get receipt. Store was boycotted, so the rest wasn't payed. Trail on the 17 for \$6.45 + costs.

McComb: Mrs. Bishop's home was not bothered except by having cars parked out front and having the police drive by. One car from other incidences was parked out there for 5 minutes. 12 cars were at one place of repote in Summit, apparently waiting to move on Mrs. Bishop.

Wanacumetta OHIO: 10:30 Joe Harrison. Is bringing two cars down but needs money. Will Henry and another are traveling with him, have money, but won't us it unless they can drive on of the cars. Called Greenwood for Stockley. He said to call Harrison and tell Will to forget about coming back into the state unless he forks over. ONLY MUCH MUCH STRONGER. He had terror in his voice. Called Atlanta, to replace callio joe.

GOOD NIGHT AND TAKE YOUR TEDDY BEAR TO BED AND TURN OFF THE LIGHT .. amen