

Sept. 15

1:15 am Tchula Don Hamer reported that the charges against him and Larry Stevens are correct except for vagrancy. Don Hamer had title to the car and Larry Stevens had a 50 dollar money order with him. They were arrested Sun. night on the road between Lexington and Tchula, pulled off highway by State Highway Patrolman #43. The project people raised bail and contacted lawyer, Frank Jones. Hearing postponed to tomorrow morning and will most likely be postponed again. Don Hamer said all people who raised bail will be repaid. Can be contacted at Tchula COFO.

9:00 am Meridian Report on yesterday's attempt at school integration. Mrs. Chaney and four other mothers went back to the elementary school on the first day of classes to attempt to register their children. When they had tried on Sept. 4, they were told transfers from the original school were necessary. Were met at side lot by school officials and told they could not enter and would be notified, even though they had transfers. Local ministers and parents tried to register 5 at the local high school and 2 at the local junior high school. In both cases they were told by the principal that they could not be registered.

4:30pm Aberdeen Warren Galloway. Need some information about voter registration. There is no one at all in the Jackson office who is coordinating voter registration??? The registrar has started making local people take more than one test when they come to apply. Three people - one lady has taken two. What happens is that a person will come to register. Then he'll come back two weeks later and the registrar will tell him to take the test again. Hunter suggested sending complaints to the Justice Department and using the COFO form for requesting the test results in accordance with the civil rights law. Galloway wants: copies of constitution sections (Miss.), copies of the civil rights bill,

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4:55 McComb Malcolm Crabell wants his mail forwarded if there is any here in the Jackson office  
C. Hughes wants to know if the Greenville office has the inc. policy on the house in McComb?

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5:30 Itta Bena There will be a mass meeting in Itta Bena tonight. There is a letter that is being passed out in the white community that is calling all voter reg. attempts communist, etc. and this letter is telling negs. to stay away from the mass meetings. Mrs. McGee will send a copy of this letter to Jackson

6:45 Tchula

The arrest of L. Stephens and Don Hamer

they were arrested two days ago. In the car there was a log of cofo papers these papers had important names and addresses on them  
Hamer has the feeling that these papers were taken by the local law officials  
They were arrested by Moody and charged with vag., driving without a lisc. illeg. use of lisc. and imp head lights

L. Stephens and Don Hamer were arrested two days ago by policeman Moody; five charges were placed against them: vagr., driving without a lisc., illeg., use of lisc, and improper head lights.

When they were arrested they had some important papers in the car. Policeman Moody would not allow them to remove the papers from the car therefore, they are holding Moody responsible. These papers were lists of Contacts in the local communities  
list of contacts in the different counties.

names of the steering committee for the second dist.  
The car was gotten from the storage garage today and the guy there (the foreman) said that there were no papers in the car when he got it.  
The sheriff and the jailer swore that there were no papers in the car and that they had seen no papers.

Batesville:  
Hunter: Perry Patch calling from Batesville DR. Goldberg, white male and nurse Brenda Price, Negro female, their car broke down inbetween Batesville and Clarkdale. They called Jackson, Jackson called Dr. Henry, and Dr. Henry called Batesville. Batesville ~~said~~ sent out someone to look for their car. Their car is a 1964 Green Oldsmobile. Dr. Henry does not answer now and so he may have gone out there looking for them. The highway is # 6.  
We are to call Dr. Henry at ~~both~~ all 3 places.

Greenwood: 8:30 - Mike Kerry left there at 6:00 driving '59 Ford - black - plate number is 26-4881. Left for Milton, said that if he did not call back by 7:30 that something had happened to him. John call.

Toluca: Mr. Onell Mitchell, a local Negro, left his home for Yazoo City at about 5:00 this afternoon with a white man driving a '64 Ford light green - the driver is supposed to be a tractor salesman for Case Tractor Firm in Yazoo - he has not returned yet although he was expected by 6:30. Stessed that it was very unusual for local person to do such a thing. Mike Kerry is at ~~at~~ /Schula, but ~~Mike~~ Hollis Warkken is not accounted for. Called at 8:45.

Greenwood: Frank Jones, Esquire MDW the case of Peter Kaiser in the Greenwood City Police Court. Charges of "interfering with an officer". He had been arrested while accompanying Atty. Jones ~~somehow~~ Tuesday for something which had supposedly done Sunday. He had supposedly held Willie Blue and the camera away from the cops.

Greenwood: Kerry safe. (9:10) Hollis called Toluca ~~at~~ within the last half-hour but the operator would not tell them where he was. Suggested that I call Cleveland.  
Cleveland: don't know anything about Hollis.

Jackson: Hunter got from Medical Committee here that's all well with Dr. Goldberg, etc.  
Toluca: They figure that Hollis is alright. The local man who went to Yazoo is back and is alright. 9:30.

Philadelphia: 10:00: Jim Collier- Local white man just threatened to kill Ralph Feather stone. About 5-7, 155lbs., crew-cut, 30 years old, had pistol in pocket with handle showing but did not draw it. Stood at foot of stairs and spoke with Ralph at top. Turned and walked out. Drove '56 Buick two-tone green sedan, Miss Lic 50E2494. Called sheriff, who says man is in custody. Jim says a federal man was parked down the street. We called FBI in Jackson (Cullen-most uncooperative) and in Meridian- o.k.

Philadelphia : Four men lost jobs in wake of v-r attempt. Two bricklayers, two laborers, from Jack P. Kubanka firm. No others reported. baa

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