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Vicksburg: 1:55 am - Paul Cowan - 10 or 15 minutes went by and a pistol shot shot or a fire cracker. Called police. An Oldsmobile? A tricky day of strange phone calls. Had 6 visitors today curious about our operation. Are at Freedom House. The visitors were white.

Vicksburg: 2:07 am - 5 Plicemen showed up and examined the house. They will stay around the area. Very polite and kind.

Atalnta: 3:10 am - Check call. Gave news on Vicksburg. Nothing new.

Jackson: 3:45 am Call from the bus station. A volunteer named Jaz Mason. Says he is from Oxford, but was delayed by some "chick" along the way. Expected us to be able to meet him immediately at the bus station. .. He said he was due in two days ago. At 3:50 a cab comes to the COFO office saying a cab has been called...4:00 harrassment call. 4:05 again. 4:15 same guy from station says that cab went and left him because he is from Ohio. Then muffles phone etc. as before. I hung up.

Atalnta: 5:00 am - A girl and a boy flew into Atlanta this morning arriving at about 1:00 am. Both are white and the boy says he is a native of Miss. The girl says she left the Miss. project without telling anyone. No names yet...

Atlanta: 5:07 - A call from the two who have left the state: Dede Gordon, who was staff at Oxford (SNCC) and Margaret Reimann, a summer volunteer. She was stationed in Greenwood working with the Federal Project. He says he had to leave the state and that she was with him and came. A "personal" situation. Neither is coming back. Margaret's home address is 124 Layfatte Dr., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. She has notified her parents etc. Wants us to notify Greenwood. She has some baggage there which she will have sent to her. Both are white. They are probably going to Albany, N.Y. Dede is a close friend of Mendy. Wants him to know he left.

Greenwood: Stu Hause - I called to inform them about Peggy Reiman. Greenw thought she went to New Orleans from Greenville. They will take care of details of baggage etc. No news. No news from the Klines. (6:20)

Mornign calls:

CantonL: 7:30 - Routine, guys circling around.

Clakrsdale: Set of affidavits arrived, and notorized papers arrived? The NAACP board is meeting in C. on Wed. eve. Will have people from 14 counties to report on police brutality. Will go to Washington from there. Public accomodations tests seems to be going ahead. Had a mass meeting - Riverton section of Cl. 35 people about. Good meeting. Testimony given by people who had already been. 40 Freedom registration at the meeting. Wrote to Mrs. Thalia Stern in Miami an appeal letter and she mimeograph and sent around. They are hoping for money.

Columbus: 7:40am. no answer.

Greenville: J. Sawyer - Had a mass meeting last night at Friendship Baptist Church. 100 people there. Program for FS outlined. FS will open on Monday. Only have one building for FS at 725 Nelson St. Mass meetings every week on Thursdays.

Greenville (con't) We had wanted 2 Freedom Schools, but the Church on the south side, also Baptist is hesitant to support us. They are "on the line." as to where to support us. Please have Hunter call.

Holly Springs: C. Young - SNCC buttons from Atlanta? Please send. Want a map of Marshall (have one) DeSoto, Tate, Benton, Union, Leigh, Tippah, Lafayette. Please send them or give us a lead as to where can get them. Sheriff is not cooperative so hard to get them here. — At 5:00 Ostitis, John been in US 14 years, he is a Latvian citizens, now 26. Unemployed at the present. Teacher and carpenter by trade painter. He had kept silent of 14 yrs. but after incident of other day, he wanted to speak up. Wants to be on our side. He was intoxicated at the time. Was talked with near the office. He does not want to leave HS, but work with them there. # Gave him the address of Memphis. He was picked up by the police chief. Was picked up at 6:00 last night. Were going to let LeMoyné if could use. Will get details on arrival.

Mass meeting. At least 100 people, mostly young, about 15 adults. Started the F^o yesterday. 50 people in attendance. In Benton County, next Monday will open another. Will be in a church.

Does Mr. Flannery of JD know about the HS case. One of FBI men gave Negroes a hard time. Will get an affidavit.

Canton: G. Raymond - Landy McNair in Jackson. Want a detailed accident report from. Look up Summer street. Need by 11:00.

Clarsdale: Opened their Freedom School yesterday. Bet. 25 and 30. Held in Haven's Methodist Church. Work began on the Community Center. Have a building. Presently just a bare room.

Hattiesburg: 8:25 - S. Leigh: Money. Jimmy has not sent even a hint of a \$489.02. Are trying to raise some of the money locally. But you must come through. Owe \$160.00 Owe typewriter co. \$68.00. Bob Beach is coming in today. So give to Bob who will be in about 10:30.

Terri Shaw: Yest. the minister Bob Beach spoke to the Sheriff about the incident. The Sheriff concerned and willing to take disciplinary action. Wilber Kitchener Sheriff's name. License plate: 1963 red and white Chevy that follows the canvaers. F 8616. On the front has a license with a confederate flag WBHK Radio.

~~Yesterday~~ the Boy thought he saw a white man forcing a man into a car at gun point. Then said men were black. We do not have enough information to give other evidence. Yesterday interviewed his mother. She was threatened to be taken off of welfare.

Have a long telephone interview with Bob Johnson of Jet Magazine. He mentioned names of guys on Ebony. Check him out please. He was calling from Chicago.

A volunteer named Walter Waters who has had a tragedy of a family and does not have enough money to get home. His wife is in Nashville. He may want to come back in two. Working in VR.

Greenwood: 8:05. Tell Mitch Stokely supposed to bring the transformer to Stu Hause. Don't know for sure if he has it. Have Stokely call. They don't know quite what is up.

Meridian: Edna Perkins- 9:50 All os well.

Hattiesburg : Terrie Shaw- 9:55- 575 kids r#### registered in the fs. They range from 8-82 years old. There will be five FS. 1st person to register was the 82 year old man who taught self to read and write and want to learn how to pass the voter registration test. Have 33 teachers, need more. Need Negro History and US Constitution teachers.

Shaw

Want the 3 footlockers addressed to Mr. Reese and 3 carton addressed to Bess Moore to be sent to Hattiesburg by Bob Beech.

Shaw

Mrs. Reese wants to know what happened to language arts kid? Needs another mice view master.

Check on Bruce Maxwell. Supposed to be working on white community project.

Memphis: John Anderson- 10:25--Rev. Glessepy is coming to Jackson with some material. Left about 9:00AM/

Who called Robbin Greer. He arrived from Oxford, England. Said that he had been accepted, but received info about orientation when he was still in England. Name isn't on list Anderson has. What to do. Penny please call back.

Hunter

Columbus: 10:45. Want to know if Joe Harrison is in town. Re- car that was taken from Bruce by the police when he was arrested id still in the hands of the police. The car was signed over to Bernarn Warsow and John Buffington by Joe Harrison, but it wasn't notarized. Accused them of havin g a stolen car. Want Joe to come to Columbus to claim car, or ## do anything else the legal people recommend.

Clarksdale: Yvonne Klein 11:05-- Need more Freedom Registration forms. About 2000. Send them by people who are supposed to be coming up. Are ordering phone today.

NAACP has lifted downtown boycott to test facilities. Two men from Ebony arrived.

Itta Bena: Willie McGee- 11:40--Deputy sheriff of Itta Bena and a city police w#### came around to the new Freedom house there to question Willie and John Paul. Said some one broke in to a house yesterday between 1:00 and 5:00 PM #. The house was in the same area the two were in yesterday, passing out leaflets for a mass meeting that was held last night. The sheriff claims that they were the only ones seen in that area yesterday. He said that a Mrs. Daugh verified this. Sheriff said that he wasn't charging them with anything, only questioning them.

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There was a rumor last night that if the mass meeting was held, the church ### would be bombed. The meeting was held any way.

They need money to turn on the lights and pay the rent on the new freedom house. Stokeley should have this money.

Ruleville: 12:05-- Danny Lyon arrived. Tell Matt Herring.

Clarksdale: Yvonne Klein- 12:40- Allen Goodner left Wednesday night to go to Nashville to see about draft. He was supposed to be back last night or at latest this morning. He isn't back yet. Was travelling by bus. Can't get in contact with him in Nashville.

Greenwood: Betty Garman:

Staughton Lynd, call Betty Garman in Greenwood about FS, call 453-9931.

No word from Paul and Wendy Klein.

Peggy Reiman is not coming to Mississippi

Hattiesburg: don't have address and phone number yet. Will let us go.

send supplies to Hattiesburg.

have 570 kids registered. need teachers.

~~Vicksburg/Tchula~~ Holmes County: Bob Berger: 5989: About five families close together and about 400 yards from the highway. Whiteman's land is between Negroes and road. white man ~~xxx~~ refuses to let company install line across his property.

26, White, of Funks Rd, Lansdale, Pa. student at Eastern Mennonite College

Meridian: Louise Hervey: This afternoon around noon there was an automobile accident - volunteer involved. Car owned by and driven by Walter Hackman. Four people in car. Walter Hackman in jail for running red light.

W, Grad, lege, cepton J. Ronnie DeSousa, two small boys (Ben Chaney Jr, 11, Larry Martin). Were going through green light - station wagon went through red light and VW went right into center of station wagon. VW not going fast so accident slight. Ronnie, Walter not hurt. Larry Martin had arm bandaged. (He is now in Rush Hospital - his father works in hospital there). Ben Chaney has broken arm and scratches - he is in Anderson Informary. He is not being treated because he needs parental permission. Mother is on way to CORE convention in Kansas City. Group going to Laurel to find his father

~~Hunter~~ Hunter will send lawyer to take care of Walter Hackman - \$39 bond. Office can raise it and get him out/ Have witnesses that the light was green that they went through.

Tchula: Stokely ~~is~~ there. Car trouble - something wrong with clutch. Wants us to call Greenwood and tell them he'll get there as soon as possible - maybe in hour.

~~Moss Point:~~ Moss Point: call Gulfport and tell Henry Bailey that Guyot won't be there at four o'clock.

Greenwood: 2 cars without tags have been driving around the office - have informed the police. Message delivered to WATS line by Tom Wahman (~~that have descriptions~~)

~~Tchula~~ Meridian: Walter Hackman bail raised to 122\$ - charged with reckless driving and disregarding a red light.

Batesville: O'Connor, Tranquilliz, Betty Allen there.

Have Vince Tranquilli send Mrs. Tranquilli's car registration.

Holmes: Mike and Steve on way back - if not back by 7, do something.

Greenwood: Stokely there.

Gulfport: want a set of six elementary French textbooks - a lot of kids want to learn French.

Greenwood: call Clarksdale and tell them two Ebony reporters got in. Larry Still from Jet should ~~call~~ let Chicago office know where he's at.

Meridian: couldn't reach Walter Hackman's parents are going to raise money between them - and have Hackman pay them back. trial Monday at two pm. Ben Chaney still has not been treated. gave him a shot of something. Laurel group due back about 5:30 or six.

Clarksdale: have filed complaint with local police dept. about car that has been boen bothering them - last night followed some people over to Dr. Henry. Shone brights into car, yelled at them. (blue and white 55 or 56 Ford. E8953). Police dept said it would take all complaints, they didn't care who from. As long as ~~the~~ we weren't giving them any more trouble than we are, they don't want anyone to bother us.

Meridian: Walter Hackman out of jail. \$112.

Hackman:

Hattiesburg: 4:38 pm. AP: The "Greasy Sponn," a Negro grocery store- snack shop about a mile from here, was hit by a dynamite here early today. Jones County Deputy sheriff, Curtis Bradford, said the blast occurred at 12:12 am. and inflicted "minor damages" Bradford said the store was "more or less a teenage hangout" and its operator, Negro Curtis Crosby, had not been involved in racial activity. He said Crosby did not sell beer, and that he had never been involved in unlawful activities.

"It is a senseless thing,?" the deputy said, referring to the blast. the store is a small building, located approx. a mile northwest of so so. and some 12 miles from laurel.

Walgreens lunch counter is closed. Woolworths is open. Singer movie theater has taken down its signs saying white and colored. Heard that the Mississippi movie owners having an emergency meeting in Jackson to decide what to do.

Ruleville: Shaw needs a code - 754-3751xx
post office box 547 - community center.(COFO).

Shaw: Dennis Flannigan: have community center
Neither John Bradford nor Gwen Gillon are there yet.

~~Nation's largest Sunday newspaper had to drop its report that the Freedom School Party~~

6:15 p.m. Call from Jean Wheeler in Gulfport (UN 3-0131). Guyot, Bennie Jackson, Barry Clemson left Biloxi before noon for Gulfport, may have stopped ~~in~~ route ~~from~~ at Moss Point or Pascagoula. Call from Mr. Jackson's house (ID 2-8183) said police had followed them there, but were not apparent when the car left. Still not heard from in Gulfport (NOTE: WATS line log---above---shows the car planned to stop in Moss Point, would not arrive in Gulfport until after 4 p.m. This information relayed back to Jean Wheeler, who had not received the earlier message from Guyot.) Check Moss Point. (message was relayed to Gulfport, but apparently didn't reach Jean Wheeler). Jean also said Mike Ingram had been picked up in Gulfport this afternoon. She said he had had an accident but had paid the fine.

Holly Springs: teacher is coming Saturday. So he just has to send us one UFT teacher: Barbara Walker.
Cephas Hughes in Holmes County.

Greenwood about Holly Springs: 6:40 - 3 workers picked up in Memphis, Tenn. just after had bought a used car. They are Ralph Fellerstone, Negro; Larry Wright (W), Peter Cummings (W). They were questioned by a local city policeman for 3-4 minutes and warned "not to fall into Pearl River." They were not arrested. Carl Young in Holly Springs notified lawyers in Memphis to be on the alert and the lawyers were given the police tag number and the badge number of the cop. The 3 are now on their way back to HS. Call Carl Young at about 7:25 to see if they are all right.

Greenwood: call from Hollis in Tchula - reported th t a local girl told him that one worker was arrested - white male. Hollis is now checking on it, will call Greenwood and they'll c ll us.

Jackson: 7:45: white chevy, Hinds County tags - AD 7039. - two white guys came by ~~Franklin Street in Rankin~~ and delivered a piece of hate literature.

Columbus: 1212 17th Street North - COE O office. 328-9719.

Moss Point: July 2: first sessions of Freedom Schools, - general session dealing with the purpose of the school - then branched out into discussion of Moss Point from student's point of view. Subjects to be taught: spanish, english, drama, Negro history, Miss. history, creative writing, history of religions, science, math, and history of revolutions.
about 40 students - anticipate possibly 100. A lot of adults want adult classes in the same subjects and others.
a lot of the canvassers were in the school - so about 50 freedom registration forms filled out. local people donating money, supplies and books.

Moss Point cont'd: innumerable rumors about reaction from white community - threat of coming weekend (rumors of threats). 1) local cops visited local club owner . tell cafe owner (Negro) white racists ~~are~~ roaming ar and town carrying gun on his hip, with satchel that is believed to cont in grenade (cops trying to scare people). cafe owner pressured not to serve us - so far he hasn't given in.

know of five cars roaming around town without license plates.

red oldsmobile '69, Ford,

have been around homes, freedom school, office.

one of houses where girls stay received two phone calls: one was about a local leader dying, and he wanted the girls to come over and see him. At night. Second call this morning, are the girls still there? They shouldn't be.

Moss Point taking precautions and not working tomorrow.

July 3 - Moss Point, poorly attended, classes were postponed this afternoon because there was little attendance. Little canvassing work - about 80.

Guyot & Co. still there. Eddie Stevenson arrived from Gulfport.

Clarkdale: Dr. Henry will be at Mrs. Pigeo's house - 5149. (MA 4)

Greenwood: Ryan, Hawkins and Burton went down to courthouse to watch people trying to register and talk to the registrar. They went down - two people had just finished taking the test. ~~xx~~ One wasn't allowed to take test because registrar told her that she had taken the test before and she knew that she couldn't pass it. Sam Block and Mary Lane came down to find out whether they had passed and to take test again. Mary Lane was coming for the tenth time to take the test.

Congressmen introduced themselves to Martha Lamb about registration procedure. She said she couldn't talk, but wanted her representatives to talk - two lawyers - Hardy Lot and Stanley Sanders. They came over few minutes later. Ryan looked at test that Mary Lane had taken and asked what was wrong with it? (her ninth test). Ryan couldn't see what was wrong with it. Ryan argued with the two lawyers.

Ryan told Mary to write him if she failed it again.

lawyer and three congressmen discussed voter registration procedure for about 20 minutes.

During this time Martha Lamb and Co. was much politer than usual - allowed voter registration workers to stay in office, which they hadn't done before. Sam Block took test for fourth time - Ryan thought this one was pretty good too.

Aubry Bell, another Greenwood lawyer, came in - Congressmen said that he said that they were getting as many whites as they could to register - because if too many Negroes registered they would take over. Washington Post reporter was there - saw and heard the whole visit.

Tchula report of arrest was not a volunteer, but a lo local white boy.

Aaron Henry: Jack Jacobs who was supposed to meet him in Jackson on Sunday morning has gone up to the orientation in Memphis early and won't be able to meet him. He got a ride. Will call him and explain when he gets back into the state.

to check out housing.

ClevelandL: Gwen is there and is planning to go somewhere. /If Stokely wants to come along tomorrow he can meet her at Block's house -

Hattiesburg: Scheduled to open cla ses on Monday. They were got off guard by the tremendous response, which was promoted by the voter reigstration workers. There have been rallies every single night. They are so jammed that they are thinking about enrolling people already for the 2nd session four weeks from now. 3 eweek schoo, then week break, then anotykr one.

Oja of co cordiantors - Arthur & Caroline Reese are the two.

VR people passed out application forms to get some kind of idea of how many people were interested. Got 175 back in one day, so realized that couldn't just have one registrqtion center. So they set up 6 different registration centers. One school has 175, one 160. Wereplanning to have 6, but only 25 wanted to attend one of them. For Hattiesburg this was just too small a number, as stalff is liited, so the school was cancelled and the 25 transferred to another school.

There was very close cooperation between the FS and VR people, so VR people could kept the publid informed as they went around. They have developed a double session deal with morning and night session so everyone can attend. The night program will be an expanded ne , including typing. Have rounded up 25 typewriters. Evening classes are oriented towards adults. Many of the subjects will be repeated, but the way of treating them will be geared to adults rather than young pe ople.

Morning: Language a5rts - age 8-12 group. Reading, writing, spelling
8- 11
Negro hisotry and general math for same age group.

Ages 13 and over: Language arts, including creative writing and public speaking.

Related American history - US, Mississippi, and Negro history sort of correlated.

Social studies - study of the Federal and Mississipp i constitution. Some US and Miss geography.

Survey Sciene course and General math course.

Night: Avgea 13 and over: Includes the avove, plus typ ng and Advanced Sience and advanced math. We have found the qualified teachers to teach these 730-930 advanced clzasses.

Midday: discussion periods, about 2 -4; some within the buildings for younger people, in social living in areas selected by the students. Adolescent problems, etc. Entertainment, moving, troubadors.
this is an informal situation with lectures and dialogue.

Each course is given every day, language arts may be taught in communication with other courses. The Freedom School registration has a check list of course preference for the older ones. the 8-12 people take the entire course block. Anyone can take any three course block. They can attend both day and night if they want and thus take more hours.

Hattiesburg continued - Enthusiasm extremely high among local people about the schools people are calling in all the time to get in - they have had to close the lists and say they can't accept any more.

About 70% of registrants want Negro history.

About 60% choice of course on Miss and US constitution

And huge demand for typing, more than can be coped with.

A tremendous response for remedial type work with people who have never been to school before. About 1 third of people enrolled are 35 or above.

They are getting a few local teachers to help teach and also VR staff are volunteering to teach at night. Office staff volunteering too.

Parents of students have offered to help and provided refreshments, etc.

~~Jackson~~ Tougaloo - call from village grill - from Martha Wright (Grace Hawthorne, Hattie Palmer, Mary McGroarty): 10:15 pm.

the four girls had been chased on highway to Tougaloo by two cars - black convertible (oldsmobile?) with two girls inside;; tag: H4379 or 34379; the other, blue Falcon with five white guys inside.

they are now at village grill and plan to stay at Tougaloo tonight - were on way to Car

Clarksdale: congressmen and co. have arrived.

Greenwood: Paul and Wendy Klein are in Memphis - will be in tomorrow to Greenwood.

Ruleville: 10:40 - Dale. G.

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Meridian: 11:10 Do we know anyone who can get ahold of Bob Gore at the CORE in Kansas Coty Miss.

Memphis: 11:10 - Ivanhoe Donaldon left at 8:45 fro Holly Springs on rt. 78 He was in a Vovlo with one other person, Mary Jennings, a white volunteer. He was due to call back to Memphis by 10:45. Has not called.

Holly Springs: Will call at 11:45 if Ivanhoe not in.