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12:25 am Dave Lorenz—wanted to know if Joe Harrison is coming. Hunter gave advice.

1:15 a.m. Holly Springs Ivanhoe arrived safely about two hours ago.

1:10 Memphis The following people arriving today at 3:10 p.m. via Greyhound from Memphis, in Hattiesburg. Teachers; Sandra Addicks, George and Jean Cohen, Barbara Schwartzbaum, Douglas Tuchman, Stanley Zibulsky, Ann Helenius, Irene Paull, William D. Jones, and Ira Landress. Kathreen Clark will also arrive with that group to work in voter registration. Call Hattiesburg to have some one meet them at the station. The following teachers are trying to get a car to drive to Meridian today; Donna Garde, Florence Sayer, Albert Sayer, Stephen and Susan Schrader, Phillip Corner, and Bradley Clark in voter registration. Three people will arrive in Holly Springs at 11:45 a.m. today via Greyhound to work in community centers; Eugene Hunn, Ruth Koenig, and Kathy Dahl. Holly Springs should be called and told to meet these three at the station.

1:50L /Greenwood: July 2, Atlanta. ~~SEVENTEENTH~~ INTEGRATION PROGRESS IN ALBANY GEORGIA: Groups of SNCC workers integrated the following restaurants, theaters etc., immediately after President Johnson signed the civil rights bill. All persons were served without difficulty. The following public facilities were integrated in Albany: Howard Johnsons, Holiday Inn, Crystals, Toddle House, New Albany Hotel, Two Davis Brothers Restaurants, James Rivers Motel, Garganno's Restaurant, Thomasville, Americus: The following facilities in Thomasville were integrated: Plaza Grill, Rose Theater, and (?) a drivin. In Americus, the ~~Martin~~ Martin theater.

Americus: 10:30 pm, July 3, SNCC WORKERS ATTACKED IN AMERICUS, AFTER PEACEFULLY INTEGRATING RESTAURANT. John Perdew, white, Robert Mantz, Negro, Willie Ricks, Negro, Sammy Mahone, Negro, Gram Wiggins, Negro, Robert Sims, Negro, and another unidentified person. After the seven SNCC workers successfully integrated Hasty House in Americus, Ga., about 9:00 pm, a group of 25 whites attacked them, outside the restaurant, as they were ~~leaving~~ leaving. Five of the workers got into the car, leaving Perdew and Sims at the restaurant. The driver panicked, and left both of them there. Perdew was in front of the restaurant; Sims had gone to the restaurant room. Sims has not been heard of since the incident. Perdew ~~had~~ was alternately chased and beaten, as he fled the restaurant, in full view of the police. His glasses were broken. At one point, he was lying in the middle of the highway. He finally persuaded the police, to take him to the police station for protection. The cops casually talked to the mobsters, and told them to stop beating him. Meanwhile, Ricks and the rest in the car, went back to the restaurant, to get Perdew and missed him, because he was being chased. They went to the police station, and he hadn't arrived. They returned to the restaurant. When they got to the police station for the second time, all twenty five men, who had been beating Perdew were standing in front of the police station. The wifes threatened the workers. Ricks tried to get into the station, to get perdew and was told to "get the hell away from here" Perdew finally got to make a call. and ~~some~~ and got someone to pick him up. The others went back to the office. (In the police station, Perdew had asked a policeman if he could use a restroom, to wash the blood from his face. The cop said, "Don't get any of your damn blood off this sink.") The police have names of all the white attackers, and watched most of what happened.

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Greenwood, continued. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~: The decision to release the following will come out of Jackson. <sup>memo</sup> The subject is on a ~~student~~ visa, and his embassy does not know his whereabouts. John Robin Greer, a SNCC summer volunteer, and a (yard) british subject, with a visitors visa, was attacked twenty ~~feet~~ from the entrance ~~to~~ to the SNCC orientation office in Memphis. by three Negroes. The attempt was apparantly to rob the boy, because of the nature of the attack. ~~There~~ There was an attempt to take his money and wrist watch. ( don't know if successful) A minister connected with the SNCC orientation ~~took him~~ tried to take him to a Negro hospital, upon the advise of Eric Weinberger, SNCC staff worker. The police however, took Greer to ~~the~~ the John Gaston Hospital because, this hospital has emergency facilities. This happened between 12:30 and 1:30, closer to 1:30 am. Condition not critical. Apparently he still plans to go ahead with the project., apparently ~~he~~ was headed for SW. apparently he won't be able to work on VR. Gptten from Memphis ~~from~~ through Stu House, from Elaine Weinberger.

Atlanta: 6:25 am: from Judy Richardson in Greenwood. Tifton, Ga. Similar scene John Putnam, nlocal Negro, went to drivin restaurant, counter man motioned hi from side window to the front. After reciev ing order, a white man and a group of motorcyclists beat him. Geo. Best. and John Washington, S<sup>CC</sup> workers, came to help him. The cop told them Putnam could not take out a warrant, unless he knew the assailants' name, and the cop wan not about to give it. In another part of Tifton, a group of several hundered whites gathered, when a Negro placed an order at an eating establishent. ( Don Harris says he tthink s this pattern will be repeated over and o er. Negroes will be serv d, but mobs will get them afterward.)

Clarksdale: 6:35 a.m. A person to person call came in from Clarksdale for Cortland Cox. Called back minute later, on staff fone, ~~paid~~ paid call. Said, Tell Geo. Raymond and Preston Pnnder that he is leaving Clarksdale now for Meridian and to meet him there.

Meridian 6: 40 am. Gave message to Eddie Lee Doss to give to ~~Rxxxx~~ Preston.

~~Atlanta: 6:35 a.m.~~

Morning calls.

Canton: 8:00 meeting at 10:00, stragety meeting atwith madison movement. immediatety following there will be meeting with madison county farmers. No canvassing. Jim Collier gave repprt.

Clarksdale : Truck hasn't arrived from Chi with office supplies yet. Took 4 to the courthouse yesterday. Registrar has developed system of segregated registration rooms, while one of his assts is sick and office is vacant. Still taking only three at a time. No verbal abuse. Some peope feel they have done well, but many are illiterate. The NAACP sent a leter to the chamber of commer ce lifting the boycott, saying they wioll test the ~~store~~ stores, restaurants, etc. on Monday. Hit and runs are planned. Doc Henry is adamant about carrying out p~~l~~ans. Courthouse will be p~~l~~anned closed on Monday, as well as today. Will be canvassing today Numbers of peop~~e~~ going to courthouse has been decreasing. The Rose Seed Co. called its workers together, and a Mr. Bernstein, manager told them if they went to the court house they would automatically lose their jobs, because, he says, he has a large contract with the head of the citizens council, and "he wasn't going to lose thousands of dollars for one of them." Info from Rev. Bayas, who heard it from one of the workers. Affidavit unlikely. Company is big, 50 or 60 employees

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Hattiesburg: Sandy Leigh- 8:45-- No one will be in the office at all today.

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Columbus: Dave Lorine-- Routine

Greenville: Will call back

Gulfport: Cathy will call in later

Hollysprings Karl Young-9AM200 people turned out to mass meeting/ Best turn out last night yet. Lots of rumors-People think that 300 volunteers coming today. Students will not test the CR bill. Mr. Flannery dropped by yesterday. Larry went to Memphis to speak to FBI. 3 People went to see sheriff. Told him what they were there for. Sheriff wanted names and addresses. they didn't give them. 3 volunteers picked up by police-- just questioned. Held for about 2 minutes. Yesterday was second day of the FS. 50-56 people registered. last night about 10:00 volunteers were at drive in across from office. Whites came in and gathered around them. Nothing happened.

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Ruleville: Dale Gronomier- 9:40 Any FS or CC that want books can get them from Ruleville.

9:41 am, Recieved a call on 352-9605. A man asked for John Disher. I asked if this was a local or a long distance call. The man answered that it was long distance from Meridian, I said that John Disher was not here. He said OK and hung up.

Meridian: Preston Ponder- 9:50 wants to make certain that before people are assigned to come to Meridain they first contact him.

Memphis:called to say that Mac Cotton, Kathy Dahl, Gene Hunn, and Ruth Koenig missed their bus and will not arrive in Holly Springs till 2:00 pm. WSL

Holly Springs advised as per above. WSL

Collect call from Gwen Gillon. Accepted with Credit card. Before we talked, Operator said just a minite, and the phone went dead. time, 10:55 am

10: 58 am Wats line dead.

Atlanta : Julian advises thea Gwen called him collect, and call wasn't accepted. Gave him number in Sawh.

He called back and said the lady there wa fairly uncommunicative, but said Gwen was down at the center. Said she would try to get here.

11: 13, I called the Shaw number. The woman told me the same thing. I asked her how far away the center was, she said a block,. So I asked her would she go get Gwen, she said yes. I told her I will call back in fifteen minutes.

11: 16. Greenwood called. Advised of above to Judyl.

11: 31: Called back to Shaw, 754-3751 Talked to Gwen. She is ok. Tell Stokely to meet the volunteers in Ruleville at 1:00 at Mrs. Johnsons on Lee St.

11:37: Greenwood Advised them of message and that Gwen is ok. They will advise at Julian.



1:30 pm.

further report from Greenwood: Matthew and Wilson are severely hurt. Matthew has holes all over his head. Wilson has a deep gash running down his forehead, down his nose. Chuck has cut in back of head not as bad. Forman, Peacock, and Marshall are now at Grady Memorial Hosp. An old Negro, evidently the groundskeeper at the fair grounds, got caught in the crowd and is now the same hosp with a large laceration in his head. Seg. hosp. Lavern called the cops. cop said he knew something had happened but no details until the cops on duty there turned in their report. Maggie Long, SAC was there, told Atlanta; Group walked into the rally, and started to go to the head. to get seats people started murmuring. Before they got to seat, a white man got up and hit Chuck with a newspaper. this probably started the thing she knew of one arrest. Forman is calling CBS and NBC in NYC. Press at hosp., Karen doing tape.

REPORT ON CARTHAGE TRIP

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Bud McCord and and Mendy Samstein :30 p.m. July 4.

We went to Cartjage last night and found a very high degree of excitement in the community about the freedom school, which opened July 2 and has 50 students registered. 20 more expected to enroll later.

~~Exploitation~~the community has been denied access to former Negro high school which was at one time owned by a community board of trustees (and has since been expropriated by the public school system without payment). Upwards of 75 people have spent 2-3 days scrubbing the school and building a library in the old structure.

On Wednesday, when the school opened, the local residents were met by the sheriff and the local superintendent of schools (for the county). The residents were told they could not use the old high school facility. A no trespassing sign was posted.

The superintendent last Tuesday suddenly called for a summer session for Negro high schools in the county. This was clearly an attempt to prevent students from attending the freedom schools. The summer session would be only for Negroes...and would be the first of its kinds in the memory of local residents.

Incidents of harrassment:

1. a cross was burned Thursday night ~~at~~ on the main road through the community (in the Negro community)
2. five to six pounds of large size tacks were poured on roads throughout the Negro community last night.
3. police patrols have come up and down, shining lights in the windows of Negro homes.

Nonetheless, morale of the Negro community remains extremely high. the community ~~has~~ is determined that the freedom school will continue throughout the summer, even if this means ~~ignoring~~ refusing to attend the summer session. Those who do not attend the county session have been warned that they would be set back in school.

All its leaders of the Negro community vowed that they would not be turned back at this point. They are more determined than ever to make the program a success.

Jackson: 1:45: two harrassment calls - one said they were going to send a white woman home in a pine box.

Jackson: FBI Keith called. 2:25 pm. said they are investigating the cross burning in Carthage.

Holly Springs: some white ministers invited some of the white students to church tomorrow.

Laurel: Lester McKinney wants to know if Mendy sent that money to him.

426-9169: pay phone in cafe. address: 214 North Cook, Laurel, Mississippi.

three people coming from Hattiesburg to Laurel should be ready Monday morning about 11 am. Lester will be there to pick thejm up. Tell Sandy Leigh.

Lester McKinney: 426-6540 or 426-8018. in Laurel.

Ruleville: community having big picnic for them.  
check on how to get in touch with Greenwood.

Holly Springs: four in from Memphis: Mac Cotton, Kathy Dahl, Gene Hunn, Ruth Koenig. Except for Mac - community center people.

) want to know whether sncc buttons have arrived - they want some.

Mac will be graveling the northern part of the state until Sunday night. Then going to Memphis. Need to know staff needs, esp. community center.

Greenwood: Hunter tell Larry Warren that lawyers will arrive about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours after they had planned.

Jackson: 5: 40 p.m. Sherwin Kaplan spoke to agents Lupton and Cook of the FBI about a bomb threat received by his parents in Chicago. They promised to do all they could, seemed very friendly. They of course said there was really nothing much they could do.

Ruleville: Where is Matt Herron?

Meridion: People from Memphis arrived at 6:40. 7 people  
Also--Wilson Brown, Matthew Jones, Chuck Neblett--information from Atlanta.  
Wilson not cut badly, bruised badly. Matthew has 7-8" hole in head--bruses  
and cuts. Chuck cut and Bruised slightly. Information from Atlanta.

Half port : Mike Ingram in minor accident - they have affidavit - was given summons  
did appear before JP - was fined \$20. Kathy has more details. Then at 6 police  
stopped him told jim to lock his car that they were going to take him to jail.  
took him to county jail - he asked to talk to the sheriff- they let him- sheriff  
said that it was illegal to drive mississippi license plate without miss. drivers  
license. He said he had sixty days - sheriff conceded. At the jps office there was  
a local negro witness - Roosevelt Copprue or Cooper. Testified for Mike. thi  
evening about 4 a Negro man came up and accused Roosevelt of stealing his car.  
Accusers name is Ed Green. Police arrested Roosevelt and took him to county  
jail- cathy called jail and they said they were holding him for investigation.  
local FBI 863 7611 Arrested at 4pm, in county jail (Harrison) 863-7611.  
Stealing car, and possibly a heroin charge. UN3-0131 is number calling.  
7:15pm  
Green says that the car was stolen in New New Orleans and driven to Gulfport.  
Cooper is crippled, shot in leg, can't drive a car.

Greenwood: 7:30pm Hunter Called in the above. They a e going to contaact New  
Orleans FBI and jail.

Harrison County Jail: 7:35pm Hunter called jail and person asnwering said that  
Cooper was in for investigation of auto theft and could not get out before tomorrow.

Shaw: Judy York 7: 40--want books from Holly Springs. Emmie Schrader.  
Call her.

Laurel: Lester McKinney--<sup>Willie</sup> Gillman came up in the yard yelling--was all  
bloody. Negro guy who lives in Laurel. Hawn't been on project. Whites  
ganged around him and told him Yankee go hom. Thinks they thought he was on  
project. His brother is Willie Roy Gillman, 18, Terry is 16. Willie Roy  
was also attacked. Police refuse to send anyone. Woman at police station  
hung up on Lester. This happened at cafe near office. They've gone to  
hospital. Willie had blood on chest and head. Said he was cut and hit  
with brick on head. Terry said he was cut over eye; Lester saw cuts  
on his face. Might have been blood on body, too. Negro kids want to  
go get the whites. Local adults calmed kids down. Terry didn't know  
Lester, but Lester went out to see what was happending. Report now is that  
there are 75 to 100 boys on street--whites. Gillman said 35-40 boys jumped him.  
Lestef is supposed to go across town to see summer project kids. Lester told  
lady at police station where incident happened and asked for help. She asked  
for name of Lester. He refused to give all of name. Hung up. Is going to  
see sp kids and then to hospital. Gillmans live on East 2nd St. Stepmother  
Mary and fatheer Gillum. Lives with his grandmother. 415 E. 3rd St.--mother's  
address.

Canton: Mary McGrorty's home number: 859-2532. Tell Helen O'Neil that the folk singers should get to Canton tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. instead of 3 pm. Also, the Walkied Talkies should be for 1 - Leake, 1 - Rankin, 2 - Madison counties.

(Margaret Rose)

Columbus: 11:45 - Found the registration forms. There were in the car that had been confiscated. They were filled out.

Memphis: People arriving: Vicksburg - stopping in Canton should be there by 2 pm Harold Ickes, Judy Davies, John McAubiss Jr., David Kielly. Then going onto Vicksburg.

Laurel: 12:00 midnight. Check call. City police and sheriffs guarding the restraint. ~~About 10 or 12 m~~ Lester is OK. Carried him home about 10:30. They were trying to test. They were trying to eat.