

Canton: 7:40 - Want to get in touch with BOB COHEN. Call Tom.

Clarksdale: Gone to the courthouse to register: 110 of whom 5 were not permitted to take the test. Illiterate have been taking the test. Have of record of them. One girl with high school diploma had her slip "lost" by registrar.

Gen local station has agreed to carry announcement of the precinct meeting. The other one will if we pay them. Both quite nice about it.

Bob Newberry left for home in # No. Hollywood California for good. 4 People canvassing. Have 2 new lawyers Gil Bond and another. Working on the registrar. May try the sound truck case. Have new doctors. New minister has not showed yet. CHECK WITH DONA IF SHE RECEIVES FORMS. WOULD LIKE SOMEONE FOR PRECINCT MEETING.

Greenville: This county to courthouse: 300; Issaquena about 30; Sharkey no body. At least 100 have not taken the test for one reason or another. All have taken the test in Issaquena. Are understaffed in Greenville VR work. Have 19 people - 20 12 are in Greenville. Will call back today about the story yesterday of the boy shot at. Charlie is still checking it out: dream or reality??

Columbus: 8:15 - Expect to take 17 today to courthouse. 4 did not show yesterday. 400 Freedom Forms sent in. West Point are working in now. 6 people are going to be left in Columbus. Are spreading out to work new areas. Trying to enlist young people.

~~#####~~ Hattiesburg: Terri not in yet.

Holly Springs: Would like to know about Harry and Wright and when they leave Call from Grenada. Mid-route check. -- Have one person working at the courthouse in Holly Springs: As of July 17, 25 or 30 have gone and taken the test in HS. Don't know about other counties. 1650 Freedom Registration for s sings. 800 in HS itself ~~## #### ##~~ Do not have a listing of all the proect and phone numbers. IVANHOE WOULD LIKE A COPY OF OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS.

Lat night 40 present, at teenagers meeting. Good general discussion. Very successful.

Have a Batesville and Holly Springs have a baseball game. The first one.

Tchula: Baseball game bet. Freedom School in Mileston and Jackson. To be played in Mileston. - At Lexington courthouse about 15 people tried to register. Went off ok. In Holmes people independent and go of own accord. About 40 have gone with GR workers, but more have probably gone.

Staught there yesterday. Very small hamlets. Through red sandy gorges. Trees overhanging all the way. Old school house in PilgrRest that will be a community center. It will be the only thing of its type in the area.

NEED TYPEWRITERS...

Meridian: No answer at 8:50

Moss Point: no answers yet.

Ruleville: Some people just left for Jackson:

Raised the money in Ruleville for the bond. Got them out. Greenwood did not want them out. Forman did not want that. Are all out. As of yesterday noon. Greenwood had assigned to us to raise the bond. We made the mistake - but they did not tell us - of then going and getting the people out. -- Negro girls did not have good conditions the first night. Moorehead County farm really bad. Men were there all the time. Rat and a snake in the Moorehead, male Negro cell.

Jerry Theklin is keeping the fingers on people to courthouse. Will get later.

Removal of case to Federal jurisdiction. Claude Clayton was the judge. Yesterday in Oxford. Order signed there. 17th of July. Ben Smith from New Orleans mainly handled. No date for appearance set yet. The state will probably set a date for remand. Petitions have been filed. Custody changed today. The reduction did not apply to the Drew cases. Clayton did not grant ^{8th} recognizance. U.S. District Court of the northern district of Mississippi. Clayton will take the hearing. (Run down by Mike Starr).

Meridian: 9:15 Louise Hermey is on her way to Jackson. Basically ~~quite~~ quiet. Organizing the King meeting. Babel was there.

Itta Bena: No answer.

Laurel: They are in Jackson!

Vicksburg: Car - Neil Hinman driving. Beverly Moon, Lyn Alexander, Jan Hnadky Bryan Dunlap. Roger Johnson is also coming to Jackson. Paul Coamaw coming to visit.

Gulfport: Cathy Cade not in . Left a couple of messages re-how many people to court house...

Biloxi: Buttons needed. People to the court house. Have only been there 2 weeks. Exact number we have taken down is: 20. Two were illiterate and unable to take the test. Though did request to take it. -- Barry Clemson is the FDP registrar. Have about 300 forms. Just yesterday started to concentrate on Free. Reg. Set 1000 as a goal for the week. Only a few of use but have local people canvassing. Presently setting up precinct meetings. Are going to do 4 out of 8 precincts in Biloxi. - Have 70 kids in Freedom School. Now need more teachers now. Had 12 at first. Then did 2 days of canvassing for FS and got lots more. REALLY NEED ANOTHER FS TEACHER.

Shaw: Judy York sent a letter last week. A package arrived for me? Dennis

Flannigan: Lisa Vogel will probably know and she is in Jackson today.

Bolivar county Freedom Day: 39 went to try and register. 25 from Shaw,

8 from M. Bayou and 6 from Cleveland. 20 got in of the 25 Shaw people.

4 of the M. Bayou, 1 Cleveland. Are going in 2 at a time. Pllice attempted to make a list of the people lined up, but stopped at our request after about 1/2 names down. Rate of processing increased as day went on thought only 2 in courthouse at a time. Apicket line was maintained on steps of courthouse. As many as 35 at a time.

35 to 40 ~~regular~~ police added to regular force. Sheriff present all day.
(16 of July) About 20 local people in the picket line. Most from Shaw.
No harassment. Several persons required to take the entire test though showed the registrar that had good education - some college. Registrar appeared did not appear to know about 1964 Cr act.

Mass meeting. Details later.

→ McComb: 9:50 - Dennis Sweeny Don McCord. Went to the home of a white couple in town that are interested in our acit ivty. They had been threatend the day before. Had dinner . About 9:00 someone called there and asked for Dennis. Had been a long distance call from Ny while Dennis was there and Dennis name had been mentioned over phone. Therefore, phone call was taped. Dennis spoke with woman on the phone and said "How is your cr work going?" She did not say who was. The guy called the FBI and they said woud check out. Then another call. Same white neighborhood where are setting up buzzing system to alert the neighborhood against the Negroes. This family is one of the 2 that refused to go in on. 2nd car was about Our car in front. Neighbors concerned about our car in front. Called FBI again. When left the house there 5 cars in street. All headlights on as left. All follwed. A local white minister who had been at the house followed. Went to down town to Episcopal church. Pulled over. Dennis on the raido and a acar coming from the house. 3 cars pulled away o remianed, but then backed away. Curtis saw the cars as he came up. Chief of Police came by Freedom House. One of white guys had come to ~~Freedom~~ Police Station and told them were escort us out of the area - neighborhood . Escorted out becusse whites riled. The whites visited are warned to lay off civil rights. George Guy. Whitestried to burn a church. Soaked it with gas and tried to light it. Did noit burn.

Have Dr. Coals or Dr. Falk call Dennis.

Columbus: talked with J. Moris

~~xxxx~~Biloxi: Al Hausfather haskeys they need. Bennie Jackson should bring keys on bus to Biloxi. Keys to USO --- FS meeting Sat. night.

Hattiesburg: Sandy says he can't spare any people for McComb. Sandy spoke to Jimmy Bolton.

Batesville people are coming to Hattiesburg and Sandy is having to pay their way back to Batesville. (local volunteers). Tell Batesville people--Tillman McKeller, Billy McDonald--not to come down unless they can bet back.

Sandy can't leave Hattiesburg for Columbus--noone t ere to take over pddject. Also, bills in Sandy 's name and he doesn't want them left unpaid--wants to stay there and take care of t em. Working on fall and winter program and has to stay to develop that.

Terri says vr people haven't given her figures on numbers registers-- 60 taken down, 5 informed --2 passed. She thinks more taken down but she has only 60 name.s

has called 4 stations--can't get spots free--can get one free spot, one 1 minute spot for \$4.00.

An MSU student came to local fs and talked with people for hours. Good for local kids.

Trouble at Palmer's Crossing-- Constable Kitchen followed volunteers onto porch--Martin Mullivan was volunteer, Shellagh O'Conner were kids. Told them they would arrest them for ~~convict~~ cohabiting; also threatened the woman they stay with with arrest.

Need new biographical forms for staff--address them to Terri Shaw. Address everything directly to Terri Shaw or she doesn't get it.

Greenwood: ~~xThax~~ Penny will get registration #'s and call ~~u~~ us back.

Columbus: Bernard Wasow--Casey talked to him about letter to King.

Vicksburg: Coming to Jackson today--one load here--Neil, Bryan, Jan, (Hindman, Dunlap, Handke), Lynn Alexander, and Beverly Moon. Roger Johnson leaving around noon and bringing Elaine Singer, Paul Cowan, Ann Popkin, Lisa Wernert.

Bob B ailey arrived.

Dinner plans underway--no damage done if can't get here.

Jackson: Three freedom league games being held today in Holmes Co.

Greenwood: Records on #'s of people going down are incomplete. Carol Kornfield is in jail and she knows. She found some lists--has 144 on lists. There have been more to go down she thinks--This is # that has actually taken test; others have gone down and waited.

Gulfport --estimate that they have brought down 60 people to register since summer began. There are an unestimable number of local Negroes who are going down on their own to try. Yesterday there were 5 there on their own, day before 4. "This is the general tenor"

Laurel: no answer--12:25 noon

Canton: Holly Springs--Larry Wright and Harry Melm leaving Canton 12:20 for Holly Springs. Holly Springs has brought about 30 to courthouse since first of summer, all of whom took tests.

Ruleville --about 30 brought down to courthouse.

Moss Point: 22~~35~~ dollars needed in Moss Point--wire right away so can pick up today--Ron Ridenauer (Ronald's) ~~name~~--are expecting it today --total 116 32 passed 46 failed 38 couldn't get in--no allowed to take too

Ron--bad day total of 10 to courthouse, 6 allowed to take test 5 taxed;

Batesville: Mike Smith--will have voter reg info between 4:30 and 5

Vicksburg: FDP:

Sound truck: police chief thinks sound truck would be dangerous. Volunteers agree; and they don't really need it anyway.

Meridian: Sue Brown--2 fellows, David Cox and John Else, were picked up in ~~in town~~ ~~Lauderdale~~ Lauderdale for distributing literature. They are sending car out ~~xxx~~ pick the guys up who are still there--who weren't arrested Samuel Johnson and George Smith are still there. The latter two are local. The arrested people are volunteers. People who weren't arrested called in information on arrests. Don't know what jail they are in. Think they are in county jail, which is in Meridian. Don't know who made arrest. Sue will get charges, bond, and date of hearing.

McComb: Ralph and George should bring antennas.

Greenwood-- The truck did arrive.

Columbus--number of rumors that two girls are missing and reported dead. A funeral home owner has been plagued by calls all morning, not a guy sympathetic to movement. Two Negro girls supposedly last seen COFO workers--rumor all over town.

Hattiesburg**Police have made one arrest--apparently someone who beat rabbi and two boys--we should call wire services, Times, and get them to call local authorities. Terry Shar got confirmation from police that arrest had been made in this context.

Meridian--As of yet arrested boys have not reported in--taken to Meridian county jail--\$50 each bond--paid own--out, due in any minute--Su Brown, Jonathan Else, David Kotz, --summer white volunteers--arrested in town of Lauderdale--do not have rest of info--sue got info from sheriff at 2:27--sheriff said were charged with willful trespass, one charged with improper drivers license. At 2:34 FBI given info about Sheriff Mayept--sue asked sheriff about car, and he said still in Lauderdale in front of Sheriff Judge Hatcher office--boys requested car be left there. FBI curious about what trespassing on. Bill Monnie in Meridian--said assigned there as summer volunteer--has not checked into Jackson office. Bill is not in file (our check)--He is from West Virginia--Hunter speaks to Monnie--He said he has been in contact with Margaret Cunningham--Hunter told Bill to come to Jackson, clear up confusion, get oriented. Driving a 54 gray ford--license Pa. K310 32--leaving Meridian office 2:55 for Jackson.

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Holly Springs: People in trouble in Senatobia--Tate County--called at 2:30 to Holly Springs and said crowd of whites outside along with police--police said would give protection up to county line--call made from cafe--two vr volunteers--3 HS staff have gone to meet them at county line--radios there don't work--MacNamar will go to HS tomorrow to get radios working--Hunter suggested contacting Marshall County sheriff (HS is in Marshall)--HS has already called sheriff who said would give full protection--HS staff left to meet car at 2:45--called first at 2:25 to say were going back and had been picked up and questioned by police and released--then called back at 2:30 to say crowd gathered. Elwood Berry and David Kendall are the volunteers. El is Negro, David white--summer volunteers.

Message for Staughton Lynd --Barbara Walker and Pamela Parker do not know if can make it to meeting--were supposed to stay meeting--ask Staughton call Barbara

Highway patrol contacted by Jackson 3:15

Hattiesburg: Man arrestee Kilmer Estes Keys, 31 - Layer is Kerwin, also from Collins--Kervin--arrested on assault and battery according to sheriff--property bond--Sheriff Bud Gray--said had tried to repaint truck but sheriff had mad it so hot for him had turned self in--August 3 Grand Jury ends recess--assault with intent to maim is in connection with rabbi only, not students--don't give out bit about signing confession as Hattiesburg says he pleaded innocent as "heard police were looking for him.) Needs lawyer for when grand jury meets as wants to bring civil suit. Now under state's custody on bail--Jackson said to check FBI to see if fed. action can be brought, and said is good basis for civil action--will try to get lawyer up there.

Meridian--The Faulkners and the Chafees arrived 3:35

Holly Springs--Elwood Berry ok--staff irritated about Highway patrol being called --David Kendall is still in Senatobia. Very annoyed about highway patrol--annoyed that 3 fellow who were to have left for Tupelo and gottent there last night didn't--housing for them lost thereb --Columbus said they left noon today--Holly Springs annoyed don't know where, yet don't what Jackson to check with Columbus. Problem unclear with three voter reg. workers heading for Tupelo.

4 guys going down to Tate County courthouse Monday morning--canvassing at a picnic tonight--expect trouble Monday morning.--highway patrol there very hostile.

batesville--detained 8 people, 1 staff, 2 local, 5 volunteers, detained at station--due in any minute--detained about hour and a half--sheriff and two policemen Luther Buckley local volunteer hit--2 white men about 25 "crddy" one in red shirt, ruddy complexion, about 5' 5" another with green shirt, taller, hit Buckley when canvassing with white vol. Jeffery Cowan--threatening (Kathy Amatnick) threatened by these men for "after dark"--~~one~~ ^{one} women drove up while men talking to Kathy 54D522 license and said "glad to see you hit that nigger" --white buikd (asked for man's name which Kathy didn't hear, so woman knows his name) woman then warned Kathy of danger Kathy was with white minister John Maurer. Then 2 men went over talk to woman in blue station wagon seemed obvious she knew them and vv--license M8716

Reverend went over to police station to see what had happened to those 8 passing out leaflets--police emphasized just detained not arrested--now Claude Weaver-- police said detained to see if was state ordinance against the leaflets--after 45 minutes or an hour about 25 white men outside station reading and passing around the voter reg. pamphlets--police said couldn't find law but that there were a lot of angry people in the square--letting them go but suggested they leave--Buckley was trained in Greenwood, only working with them occasionally now as going into arm 2-3 weeks. Luther and Jeff Tompsin--red shirt had "alligator symbol" stocky black hair and green shirt with brown hair came out of cafe, given pamphlet--he said "don't you think Negroes have a good deal here?" Then Jeff said "we are passing out these leaflets to say they have no trouble registering here." Then started on string of "mother-fucking northerners, " "I'll whup your ass"--Jeff and Luther tried to walk away, were pushed in front of car--Luther hit hard on jaw--walked toward center of town, police station, walked over to where Kathy was standing and men went back to cafe. No police around when Luther hit. Legal Jackson asked for affidavits from both of them. When asked what he was doing, Jeffery said were passing out voter reg. pamphlets.

Jeffery--mentioned to policeman while being detained--policeman very disturbed about incident--said "these type are as bad as anyone else...but you guys are the ones stirring it up." CJeffery is concerned about "political question" of pressing charges. Police escorted Luther and Jeffery back to office. City policeman in station--head of city police--said really couldn't control mob--were free to distribute literature, but really shouldn't as would stir up much trouble--as long as stay in back of Negro community ok, but what white community minds is coming out into streets--after same policeman escorted back to office, asked not to distribute out on streets any more of town--Claude volunteered that--asked not to bring large numbers out--Jeffery feels that excellent progress is being made with freedom reg and building up local leadership so should be political with police.

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Shaw--Community Center--Fred Winn 20, and Morris Rubin, 32, coming out of Shaw post office 3 or 3:30 citizen took photographs of them. Negro fellow came by and asked for map, sat and talked, stayed 10 or 15 minutes--asked "who are you, where you come from" asaid something wrong with his car--drove off in red and white pick-up truck--no prob with truck--no plates--asked about how much money they were ~~working~~ making--at first knew nothing about it, but then said heard about someone being offered 25 dollars to bomb place but took money and drank--the guy who reported the bribe attempt last week lost job today--left to Biloxi, Mississippi--(last Saturday 20 yr old local Negro at 8:45 p.m. July 11--4 white men had offered him 40 dollars)--suspicious Negro guy who came by had big scar on both sides of mouth--not on lips ~~mark~~ but on both sides--guy is known around there as "Choctaw Charlie"--went to high school in Shaw but lives in another part of state--Jackson legal asked to check with local people to see if he works for police, etc.

Columbus--Tupelo people ok--checking on when Jean Wheeler leaving Jackson and when getting in.

Meridian--Sue Brown : Report on Arrest : David Kotz Jonathen Else COFO vol. George Smith and Samuel Johnson, local Meridian volunteers Smith--21 Johnson--16 left Cofo's office at 10 a.m. for Lauderdale city for voter (freedom) registration--driving in 1964 chevrolet belonging to national council of churches. Their report: At 1:30 p.m. we drove up to a Negro cafe--Clark's on Hiway 45--we got 5 people to fill out freedom reg. forms. When we left the cafe we saw a white man in a truck and a number of white men saw us when we were leaving the cafe. We drove a couple of blocks to the barber shop of Robert ^{Richardson} ~~Williams~~ (Negro). We talked with him and got some information about local churches and ministers to contact for precinct meetings. He told us about another cafe where there would be a lot of people--cafe was about a mile from barber shop --when all four of us were leaving the barber shop a white woman approached ~~the~~ us. She asked David Cox what we were doing here since this was a Negro place. David said that we were looking for a cafe and this isn't the right one. She looked several times at our license plates but she did not write it down. ~~Their names~~ They think she came from little 1964 Buick blue, license 1L5285 parked on right side of car ~~they~~ were driving. Woman about 50. Then they proceed up hiway 45, turned right on a blacktop road and went 2 or 3 miles and made a stop at another cafe but no one was there. We then went to a Negro home about 1 1/2 miles north from the center of the city of Lauderdale. We stopped to talk about voter reg and freedom reg. George Smith and John Else went to talk with two women on the porch. Richardson works in barber shop, rented from Bonnie Jean Clark (white) Mosely Murray, ~~owner~~ occupant of home where they were--women were not registered voters, nor with freedom forms which they refused to do. ~~Asking them for information~~ ~~Smith and Else talking to women while Kotz and Johnson were in car; maroon car with long aerial drove up, blocking their car in driveway--constable Gray in car--asked fellows in car what doing there--David said "We are looking for a cafe"--constable said no cafe out here--car of workers had Rankin county tag, but constable said "why didn't you stay in Meridean." Constable told them he knew they had already been to Clark's--neither fellow said anything to~~

this point about voter or freedom reg. Const. Gray then said ("you two white boys Kotz and Else) can consider yourselves under arrest. He told Smith to drive car, Smith said no license-- Finally allowed David to drive car and Else rode with constable-- no contact between constable and two women on porch--women never mentioned anything about trespassing--Else asked constable what charged with--Constable said "That's up to Judge." While Else in car, constable phoned for another unit to go to police office, also called unidentified party and said "mission accomplished." Else again asked charge; Grey then said probably disturbing peace. Else told constable are working on voter reg ~~and freedom reg~~ and teaching. At 1:45 arrived at office of Justice of Peace Henry Hatcher Kotz and Else go in judge's house while other 2 in car--another officer came in, think name was Monk--Kontz and Else asked where from (Cal and NY) and asked who working for--they said "COFO"--judge said CORE--tried to make them say CORE instead of COFO--judge gave long lecture about them being agitators "turning our niggers against us." Barber, Richardson, then brought into ~~const~~ judge's office--officer asked Richardson what Kontz and Else had asked him--Richardson said "they were here about voter reg and wanted to know about churches" Judge Hatcher asked was that voter "restoration." Grey said to Richardson "We take care of our Negroes around here, don't we." Richardson said said. Else and Kontz escorted out of office--Smith and Johnson, still in car, allowed to leave. David locked car and gave keys to judge--Kontz and Else taken to county jail on 5th st., Meridian. All this time freedom reg forms still in car--people going up from Meridian now to get car --forms are filled out. At jail, Kotz and Else had to write out statement that Const. Gray had not assaulted or molested them, had not used abusive language, ~~and~~ Booked for willful trespass, David also on improper drivers license (has onto been here past 30 day license limit)--Released on \$50 each bond. John Else paid from his own traveller's checks. Trial set for 8 a.m. Monday morning--need lawyer.

Lois Chafee--staying all night Mrs. Grace Richards here should be called--on Pascagoula.

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canton: 6:01 pm. Pittman, Bolden, Dora. arrived Canton.
Message to Jewitt: re: Pittman and Bolden.

Meridian: to Clair Bradley NCC from Medical Committee. Will be staying overnight. 355 9091

Greenwood: 6:20 Greenwood case held up until Monday as petition improperly titled saying "State of Mississippi" rather than "Greenwood" v. Stokely Carmichael et.al.--won't let them get through to judge to get ok'd.

Clarksdale: Louis Miller 17 year old kid from Nashville staying with Aunt in Clarks. got the idea of having a one day work camp in which people would paint houses and other ~~xx~~ jobs for people in the community. He ~~wrote~~ wrote letters to people in the North for equipment and they are sending it.

Shaw: 7:35 George Robinson for Dennis Flanagan -- Have name of man who made bomb threat. Name is McDaniels, owner of furniture store. C. W. Thomas, Slim, local Shaw Negro reported Sat. July 11, to the Shaw freedom center that four local men had offered him \$400 to dynamite the center, was fired from job July 18. He told volunteers that when he reported to work today the boss told him he was fired. Thomas said another Negro on job told the boss that he was working with the movement. Thomas came to the freedom center about 10 a.m. today and said he would be in Biloxi until Tues with father. Also: Choctaw Charlie - Charles S.... formerly of Shaw, came by freedom center this a.m. and asked for a match; wondered who we were, asked how much money we had and if we were rich, and babbled about people saying someone been offered bribe to bomb office; also seemed to be asking for information about where we were going at night, and what we did at night and continued in this vein. Followed to see license. Red and white pickup, crumpled left ~~from~~ fender, no license; local student says he might try to pick a fight and he smelled of drink. Is distrusted and truck is not his own. Two summer volunteers photographed as left Shaw postoffice today. Fred Winn and Morris Ruben, photoed by man who came out of building across street. Ruben thinks man earlier drove by center in white station wagon of recent vintage, 3-419 license. Came out of furniture and appliance store. Incident last week involved white men who owned furniture and appliance store (re McDaniels incident). The man came out of the back door and said thank you. Winn said "now you've seen a real one". Both Winn and Ruben feel man was waiting for them. Local uncle tom seen talking to police chief.

Columbus--Police following all workers at West Point--police taking pictures of all workers and all talking to (about 6 workers)--e 3 pairs workers--4 white men in a car--red convertible, 1963 Ford--license 133921--said to two workers "You'll be dead by tomorrow." happened in late afternoon--since got report from West Point everyone "safely tucked away for night" 8:00.

Clarksdale--local student closely connected with them Robert Smith, mother arrested for fighting, Police Chief Collins told her if her son stayed in the movement, he would put a bullet through his eyes, and if he caught him handing out leaflets would pull him in for vagrancy--will get affidavit from her in morning.

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Lawyers in Clarksdale--Gilbert Bond, Herbert Perkel; Medical team is Herman Lobell, driver; Dr. Norman Morris, Mrs. Virginia Wells, nurse.

Extensive canvassing for precinct meeting--will be in every church can get into. Nurse is a Negro, and was told to wait in other waiting room for other doctor, left to sit in car to wait, police watched--left.

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Columbus: 2 boys canvassing and called in and said police were following them. No report since. Cafe manager sent boys to street because he was afraid for his own life. 8:15. First called in at 6:30 and said the white following them. Sent someone to get them at 7:45. After At 8:30 when had not heard from the car sent to get them called the Cafe and the manager had sent them out to the field street.

Names: Ron Bridgeforth and Steve Fraiser, 18 (?) both-white Bridgeforth is Negro about 21; Steve is white is about 18. Both volunteers; LA and Ny respectively.

Neil Ekland white volunteer about 23 went to get them and Joe Maurer white volunteer, 31. Was a white Volvo that went out. Miss. tag. Neil was driving.

Stockville is where it happened. Is about 25 miles away. Joe and Neil should have called. Name of Cafe is Lomax's 323- 3621.

The police said would kill us all. Was the Chief. Will tell the FBI. Did not arrest them. About 30 minutes ago they left the Cafe. Does not know where they are. Dr. Collins Douglas L. Chief of Police of Stockville. With other police, 2.

Dr. Collins in Stockville: 3234806. Phone of police station:

Columbus: A call from them starting to head back. Are being followed. A car with 2 white- people. Had been given a ride by the reverends here.

Meridian: Message for Dona from Louise. Dog is fine .

~~McGOWAN~~ Laurel: Jeff--54 chevie blue bottom white top--license J1703... spotted several times near Freedom School, circling home of one of stay-places all day; just went by his home 3 ~~day~~ times, what county is from? Have been asked to leave church immediately in a just-received letter from pastor--freedom school has been conducted in church 9:30 9:55--FBI can't be reached 62 Pontiac Olds, 2 men in it --when someone went out, they left. City police nonchalant. "Tonight's the night." Gwd called to get FBI as local can't be gotten by Laurel.

Columbus--People in Starksville ok. ^{9:45} Stopped twice on way by hiway patrol. check Don White in Tupelo--was supposed to meet someone in Aberdeen at 6 and didn't show up--~~Starksville~~ Aberdeen: Bob Lavelle--Warren Galloway and self to aberdeen--two policemen stopped while driving--asked who were, who working for, told them lived in Columbus, police

police called Columbus, confirmed that they were "civil rights" workers there and had left for Aberdeen--Chief of Police Dan Adams said had no use for them in Aberdeen, better get out of town, told asst. police to take them to hiway going north and leave them, refused, jailed, did not let make phone call (at 3:15) stayed in jail until about 5:15 and informed had visitor, went downstairs to find James Evans Negro who lives in Aberdeen--had talked to him earlier about where could live in Aberdeen--Evans said city atty. had called him (Evans is an NAACP active who police know as "the Negro to contact") and said preferred not to make charges as none could stick as were just walking when picked up--decided to wait in jail until 6 when project director Don White was to pick them up--didn't show--Evans came back around 6:40 and drove them to Columbus. Never charged with anything or allowed to phone. Evans said on way home that attitude of city attorney was "afraid for their safety." Don White has not been heard from since, was working with Tupelo people.

~~Starksville~~
Steven Fraser--with Ronald Bridgeforth--chief of police Thomas Josey came up in front of Negro Pool Hall and asked two for id's--lectured them and scared people around (about 60 or 70 gathered)--after questioning gave speech about friction, integration, demonstriatin "you are the lowest of the low, scum, trash"--speech geared to surrounding crowd--then went to contact Dr. Conner who said does not want any more contact with movement, too much intimidation--Conner is a Negro--given contact with a Sidney Lomax--went to Lomax cafe--spoke to him about housing--chief drove up again outside and wnet through same speech had given at pool hall--crowd came in from off the streets--Ron, as a Negro, talked back to policeman and "crowd was impressed." By time police chief left, people in cafe riled up, and approached workers and asked to fill out forms--about 9 filled out forms--Ron left cafe to check on housing contact--Steve speaks to people in cafe about COFO program--police chief came back to cafe, furious, speaking directly to people--asked if they were being arrested, chief said no, so ron and steve left--tried to persuade Lomax to ask them to leave--chief said Lomax wanted them to leave, all three went back in cafe and asked lomax if he wanted them to leave and lomax said no. Exit chief. Then used Lomax phone next door to Columbus as had found no place to stay and expected arrest--chief of police called again "fuming," you have no right here, what do you think you're doing--asked Lomax if had actually given permission Lomax said yes. Exit Chief of police. About 7:30 Ron made call to Columbus to pick them up, sat on porch of cafe and sang freedom songs--crowd gathered--two police cars circled--one had chief of police and 2 patrolmen, and other had one patrolman in front driving, and one in back with police dog. Constant circling--singing not loud--chief stopped in front of cafe, spoke to Lomax for 5 minutes, left, continued to circel, About 10 minutes after chief left Lomax came out and said "I'm with you 1000 per cent, but they'll come back tonight and kill me, I'm going to have to ask you to leave the premises. Ron and Steve left, 8 young kids foollowed them for security police also followed. Police began to call local kids over to car (questioned about 6 of them) as Ron and Steve walked up and down in area--police followed them when picked up by Neil Eklund at 9100 and by Joe Maurer--police pulled them over to side after 10 minutes--

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checked Neil's license --and chief began to give same speech again, for 10-15 minutes--then stopped at gas station after chief left to make call to Columbus--as Neil calling hiway patrol pulled into station and sat there, patrol car followed almost all way to Columbus, soon became 3 hiway patrol cars and pulled them over to road, checked license, told about out-of-state license law--called Neil "nigger-lover" , swearing at Ron--spoke to Neil outside of car for about 15 minutes--let them go.

At 4:10 Stu Ewen, Isaac Colman (Negro), Don White^(Negro) in Tupelo--signalled arrived safely using "funny signal--can't vouch it was them." Then Don supposed to pick up Aberdeen boys at 6. Left Columbus at noon. Jackson called before got call from Tupelo as Jackson heard housing had fallen through--Jesse calling Holly Springs now from Jackson (10:55)

Ivanhoe Donaldson--in Holly Springs--no ideas.

Jesse calls Tupelo police--8422421-- not in Aberdeen jail

I call Aberdeen police--369-2511-- referred E. 9-4722-- county jail--not in county jail

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Holly Springs--11:45 Jessie calls them--haven't seen them--called Rev. Morgan, one of 2 people know in Tupelo--he said 6 people came to see him tonight, supposedly civil rights workers--Rev. Frank Morgan, Green Street--asked Morgan to try to find out what names of workers are.

11:50--Jesse makes contact with Stu Ewen --Don White has gone back to Columbus--are in Vaughan motel--no phone there--"Tupelo is going to be rough" for housing--are a few possibilities for an office, one in a vacant theatre

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Columbus--midnight--Marvin Griffin, just noticed, was also with Tupelo people. Told them Stu Ewen had been contacted.

Holly Springs: 12:05 a.m.--Ivanhoe Donaldson--Jesse said ok on Tupelo.

Columbus--12:10-- Don White arrived in Columbus--have place to stay for other 3 volunteers--slow up due to housing fall-through, White spent time should have been going back to Columbus spent looking for housing. Housing report--in poverty stricken areas of Tupelo, find 24 people living in a shack--fed'l govt. provided 2 million dollars for low rent housing--only about 120 units built--didn't pick up Aberdeen people as was still searching for housing.

Vicksburg 1:00 a.m. Hindman, Handke, Alexander, Moon, and Dunlap have all arrived safely in Vicksburg.

Bruce Maxwell in Biloxi: ~~Geleese~~ Caliss Johnson, a local man, black, arrested for trespassing and disturbing the peace. \$125.00 cash bond. Bruce worked at the restaurant at which he was arrested. He is with Joe Johnson, the cook whom Caliss came to see. This restaurant has it in for Caliss and filed disturbing the peace and trespassing charges against him when he came to see Johnson. He didn't even come into the front, just to the kitchen via the back door. It is a restaurant that serves whites. It seems that this trespassing law is in conflict with the CR law, as Maxwell has gone to the kitchen several times to see Joe since he quit working (he was fired when they found out he was CR) and was not arrested. This man is not with the movement, but he had been in office and had registered to vote. (Obviously then, cops considered him to be in movement?) When C. Johnson entered kitchen to see Joe another cat working in the kitchen started to pick a fight with him (Don't know this cat's name, he is new, fresh out of reform school). A police man named Roland who watches the place regularly on the week ends., walked in at the point at which the reform school cat had Caliss against the wall. So had to call in other police officers to make the arrest.