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Cloumbus: Wanted to know ~~about~~ about a car.... 12: 30.....

Batesville:
~~Early morning~~: 1:25 am . The house of Mr. Robert K. Miles in Batesville has just been teargassed. Route two, Box 20. 5633058 phone.
 In the house, Kathie Amatniek, Claude Weaver, Truman Morrison, Tim. Reported by Hunter Morey to Jackson FBI agent Lee.
 Police number: 563-3131

Batesville Police : 1: 30 Hunter calling, Light typing. operator says the police don't answer the phones at night!! 563-7354, sherriffs number tried that number. wife answered . Hunter identified himself, described situation. She said he had gone to see about htis very thing. Mrs. ~~He~~ Hubbard

Batesvill house, 563-~~32~~ 3058 : 1:36 am. CLAUDE. Sheriff is ht there ~~late~~ Picked up grenade. EWith Deputy Brewer. Army type tear gas greanad explode behind house, blew in windows. We t ought ~~xxxxxx~~ house gurning Under control now. sitll choking. call back in 15 minutes.

Grenade was thr own at peak of the house, rolled down beMind house, wind blew gas in windows.

Informed Greenwood. Said they would call Memphis FBI, would call JD in the morning.

1:50 McComb: Bombing. Lee Garrett. Charles Bryant, 's house. Whitestown part of McComb. Occuredd at 1:30 or a little after. Police are there. Our poeple cannot get in the arēa, because Blocked off b y cops. Radho report: Feathers- tone, Hayes, Boy, in car.
 No one hurt , definitely. FBI there .
 call back .

Batesville : 2:00 am. Claude: saw a 62 or 63 Ford, dark color. Mr. Miles saw car. Mr. Miles: Heard car stop, woke me up. Went out to door, heard noise on roof. though t it was brick. Car sped off. Think was late model ford, 61,62. Black. Know there was more than one, because of short time between throwing and speeding off. After car left, began to smell smoke and feel it in our ieyes. I woke up other people. Tried to call sherrif, gave us the city police, Claude did calling. Police arrived after 30 minutes. Sherrif, that is, with deputy. Picked up can, walked all around, called Mr. Miles by first name. didn't cause any truoubel. Claude againg: Well, I called the operayor nd asked for the sherif. The connection was bad . It was about fifteen minutes before the sherif drove up The operator told me tht since the sher r wasn't there and so she said that she would give you the city poice. I am not sure th t is who she gave it to. I am about 1½ mile from town. ~~Wid~~ They walke around with their flashlights. They tried to pick up the grenade but was hot. Attitude of police. not bad. Very wuite. No emotion. I couldn't say if they ard reallyg

****to investigate . Greenwood is to send Batesville some Freedom

Reg forms. Tomorrow Brown Amer. Speaks out of T.V. Memphis. I am going to on a panal discussion on this. Will identify self as SHNCC.WDIP is T.V. is about 4:15. Live show thinks. Notify Stokley.

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Greenwood: Given message about Claude. The show is going to cover the Northæ part of Miss. The only other information about Batesville is that the sherif called Mr. Miles by his first name. Betty in Greenwood. Mr. Miles was the one in the fron and he saww what he think is a 61 or 62 black ford speed away (Hunter is talking to Greewd) He thinks that there is more than one person in the car. Jim Farmer telling people in Greenwd to call people in Holly Sprg. Then Call FBI New Orleans. Then call and get press. Tell Ivanhoe to come on down . Call atlanta. Let Bond make tape.

Mc Comb 2:25. Noone was hurt. Lee Garrett reporting. Wil l give the detail tomorrow Two bombs were thrown one large and one small, sticks of dynamite left on the lwn. Damage was slight. Hard to tell becaasue it is dark. A woman - ~~There~~ There was one passed. nothiig happened at all. Came bak. 51 Balck Chevy The secon time it threw a small bomb. Not much damage, None. The woman heard the first time. She had a shot gun reayd. Whe threw bomb. she shot. after they threw the bomb. She thinks that she hit the driver's positions. The bomb thrown. ~~Em/~~ The third pass by: All I've got is that they shot into ty house. and threw into the house. And on this one the bomb did damage to the house. Don't kkw about damage. Same car.

Tim elapse: fifteej minutes and the law was there. Is there any reason to belief that the wman is in danger. No reason to believe so. We have been use the house for youth meetings. Tomorrow there will be a picnic. on the same lawn. passed leaf1 tto say where i will be. Nme and address were on the leaflets. Mentioned voter reg. Freedom Reg picnic. Mr. Charles Bryants pasture. is where the picnic was to be. Everyone knows where that is and no address was listed.

~~Brother-of-Gurtis-Brown~~ Time the bombs were thrown: 1:30. Trial. Dona Moses on the line this end. Wanted ton kkw about the list of suspicious cars. Police Chief sau that they should be keep . They told police that they were. They are going to check the list fooff this car. .

Batesville
Bombing

Batesville: Forman to Weaver: Sheriff and deputy sitting outside in driveway. Workers waiting outside ~~wait~~ for gas to clear. Workers sitting in cars and trucks. When asked how do they feel they said mostly mad and angry ~~and~~ for themselves for running outside front door because they realize could have been a trap. They looked at the grenade. It was made by the Federal Specialities Company in Pa. They do not recall the name of city but ended in burg. Mr. Brewer, deputy sheriff, first picked up the tear gas bomb. It was hot at first and he left it there then tore off piece of a soap detergent box and picked up the grenade. The grenade was lying directly in back of house.

Moss Point: Catalin~~xxxxxx~~ ~~standing~~ ~~xxxx~~ -- personnel problems.
Forman took.

Batesville: It was right under Jim Morris' car. The burn mark is there under the car. It (the burn mark) has not been disturbed. The gas blew in the house through the back door and windows. Sheriff told Jim Morrison that he could not get fingerprints because Polide prints were all over it. Also burning of grenade would have burned them off. The sheriff told them the sheriff's office had called Mr. Cotton, local fbi. In the house were Tim Morrison, Claude Weaver, Cathy Amatnick, Mr. Robert J. Miles, (sec of Panola Co VL), Mrs. Miles, Robert Miles, Jr., Kevin and Vernon Miles (Mr. Miles' sons) and Tillman McKeller from Hattiesburg.

Greenwood: Checking out McComb. Betty Graman. Got some information in addition to ours which is on press statement.

Greenwood called Memphis fbi on Batesville at 1:50 am and talked with agent Joseph Brewie who informed Garman that he'd already been informed by Jackson office. of fbi. Hunter called Jackson fbi at 1:28. Garman considers this important because it means Jackson and Memphis now coordinating....?

Greenwood 6am Ed Rudd calling Hunter. Light Blue Pontiac, Hinds County registration H42369 (license number). Parked outside of home of Mr. David Howard. Roben Greer and Don Hamer summer vol. live there also. Car found 5:15 burning. Car is 2/3 burned, interior gutted. Stokely had left it there a week and 1/2 ago since it broke down. The fire started in the back, Greer noticed a newspaper by it. That's a scarce item around thereabouts. Hollis Watkins found a gallon jug inside the car. It took 20 minutes to put out the fire.

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MORNING CALLS

Hattiesburg County Convention will be held at the community center at 3:00 pm. Palmer Crossing. Were four precinct meetings. At one there were 55 people. Elected ten delegates and 5 alternates. At another had 100 people and elected 10 delegates. -- A permanent organization spontaneously emerged from one meeting that will continue the type of work that has led to the precinct meetings. Details later.
Greenville: no answer.

Canton: 9:00 - Law student call Martha Wright. Concerning her car.

Clarksdale: Boarded the broken window. Have good press relations with the local paper. Print objective reports. They are cooperative. Managing editor is a segregationist, but the news editor good. Would not take an add for FDP with the registration form. Have printed in news stories 'free announcements.' Did accept legal notice without trouble.

Friar's Point and Jones town. Just started to go out there. A group just went and stood on side walk and people gathered to register. Got 55 forms. Whites did start to drive by and threaten in word. Former = Jones Town; in Friar's Point in 3 days registered 150.

Have used about 15 Freedom School kids work in Clarksdale in Freedom registration. The school meets in the morning and in the afternoon work on canvassing. Teachers are acting as teachers and V^h people.

Have at present over 1500 forms. That is a total. Have sent none in yet.

Biloxi: Ed Hamlet wanted to check on departure of White Community project people for Biloxi and on Margie Henderson in Meridian.

Tchula: 9:235 - Caty Newman spoke with Staughton. -- Inside the jug is brown so they suspect that it was burned - had been gas. About a gallon size. Tired to contact the police and Sheriff Smith. No success. The car was parked in front of the house where the phone is. It was a SNCC car. Lince H42369, Hinds county registration. -- Are getting in touch with JD through Greenwood to see what they want us to do. -- IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE GET OUR RADIOS IFXED. The car radio type that we have are not working. They worked for 2 or 3 days and then broke down.

McComb: 9:50 - Lee is asleep.

Hooly Springs: Have unconfirmed reports of police reaction to our freedom day. Two restaurants, Walker's and Parkers's - where we usually eat - Friday night they caught a local Negro Spiey, Emmett. Fined him \$250 for carrying a concealed weapon and he spent the night in jail. He was released yesterday.

Will check out today the 2 unconfirmed reports of shootings.

There is a curfew after 10:00 after they shake-down restaurant. When shake down = search everybody. LEGAL PLEASE CHECK ON IMPLICATIONS OF THIS. This has set in since the Freedom day along with other signs of reaction by the local forces bent to go on

✓ Jackson was supposed to send \$125 8 days ago - SEND IT TODAY SPECIAL.

Had a county in Benton last night. Eli will give details on later. Ivanhoe concerned that Jackson does not get press to his functions.

✓ Message to McLaurin that William Scott will be coming to Indianola on the 28th of July.

Biloxi: 10:20 Ed had asked that she return tonight or early in the morning. She would return to Meridian on Tuesday for the rest of the summer. Get Bob Gore and tell him about Margie - that she is expected tonight.

Natchez: No answer. We have arranged that they will expect check calls at 10:00 am, 1:pm and 5:00 pm.

MCComb: '55 blue Pontiac, 4 door that was burned in Mileston, Jessie asking who it belonged to... Jessie Harris does not know.

Holly Springs: The kid from Oxford - brough Smoky here - on his way at to Jackson -- should be here by 6:30, John Lonstaff.

✓ George McClain, NCC, ad John Davies ~~and John Lonstaff~~ and Adnrea Barker are leaving the state. All are VR people. Longstaff was just passing through. Betty Garman in Greenwood knows about him becuase he is from Oxford. He should be expected in Jackson.

Canton: Michael Piore went to the white church again. Went in a car. Stopped in front of it. 4 people, one-girl, Bill Monnie, ministerial Methodist student; Dorthy Harris, Mick Piore and Bill Carney; as got out of car the sm same men who turned us away last Sunday came up. Said "We told you last Sunday not ot come back. Why do come here. One of you is a jew and one an atheist? Bill started to speak and the guy said "Shut up , we do not want to hear from you." Started to get into the car. Held the door so that Dorothy could get in back seat (2 door car). As started to get in started to yell ad then shoved us physically into the car. They slammed the door as we got in and busted the side widonw -cracked- slamming it. As drove away down the street were followed by 2 men in a lightblue - two tone blue and white - pick-up truck -- it had a raido -- in right hand seat was Steve Rimmer. He had followed us to the church last Sunday. Hand warned us that if went to the church would be in trouble. He had been at the gas station the first time we passed it; the second time, when beat up, he was no longer there. He had appraoched us the first time, but done nothing because we had walked away. Followed all the way to the Freedom house and stayed until got inside. Were again an all white group.-- Stgye is either the proprietor of Hudson Pharmacy, Rexasall Drug on N. side of Courthouse Square. He has approached the car weh we are parked there. Once had a flat - 2 weeks ago - had to dange the tire in the square. Rimmer and 4 others stood right next to us while we changed it, calling names. Had talked to Employment office for some time and the guy there had not belived what we had told him about harassment. -- Have seen FBI agents interview Rimmer. He is known in the community, Negro. Evertime have talked to the City Attorney and the Empolyment office, the things we have said to them have come back to us - like being a Jew and an agnostic -- Goza, City Attonry or head of Unemployment office must have given the information. Robertson, Head of Unemplomnet - don't mention his name publically or his office in particular becuase want to deal more with him. -- Just as soon we not make a release. We are trying to make White community contacts. On Monday talked with the Minister at Methodist Church. There was a laymen there. Minister spoke little. He said all the churches in town have voted not to admit summer volunteers. Excpet for pPresbyterian Chruch. 3 guys have gotten in each Sunday. Last sunday invited by 4 high school studnets to talk to them ion Wed. night and also asked to dinner this Sunday.-- Wed night when were supposed to met the 3 guys, the minister requested they come see him. He said that it was at his insistence that the Presbyterian church continue to admit the volunteers. The high school kids could not meet in Canotn, but if meeting could be arranged in Jackson would try to do that. The kids were unable to do it in Jackso t at evening. -- the Lady who aksed them to Sunday dinner could not even call to disinvited them. The minister infomred them. The minister himself is going on a 2 week vcation duirn gwhich time he will decide if he can remain in Canton under the cirmstance. -- Can

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Metcalfe
Natchez: 11:05 - Got a bomb threat at the ~~address~~ ^{house of Metclaf} where now are. Received who answered the phone. George ~~Wolfe~~ ^{owns} the house. "Well you all better get out. We are going to blow the place up in 10 minutes." was 1/2 an hour ago. We were out to breakfast. Waiting to see what develops. Apt. House. Have been staying here. Quite a way from the office. 1 1/2 miles. ~~My~~ Metcalf. His name should not appear in press release.

Are still de-bugging the office. Chuck needs some soothing balm for bites!

(Natchez people are staying full time in Natchez. They are at one of two places: where they sleep, home of Mr. Metclaf, 445-5531 or at the office, 442-1298.)

Canton Peter ~~Pratt~~ ^{Braetz} - Went to white Presby. Church. Richard Schwartz, both white. Have been going for 2 and 3 weeks. Had been seated. Today met by three men. Conversation went. "You are Cr workers aren't you?" Yes sir. "You are not welcome." We worshipped here for 3 weeks sir. "Well your time is up you have caused too much dissention within the church." We just came here to worship. "e are sorry we caused ~~dis~~ dissention. Another man came up - Said that was enough conversation. The best thing we can do is to turn around and leave peacefully. This we did. As walked away from the church were followed by 4 white chery. (had gotten a ride with the people live with had planned to walk home). One of the guys standing around hit Peter in the sholder with his sholder. Continued and made way to Negro community. From there found a phone. Called DFO and they sent a car.

~~Rev. Harrison - Peter will come to office~~

Karen Duncan: Tired to go to 2 churches. - Went to the Methodist church. Sandy ~~Watts~~ ^{too her} Karen Duncan - both white - Went in side door. A very nice woman. ~~and when~~ were from California - minister requested to see them after 3 minutes. Rev. Samples asked if with voter registration. She said no. Freedom Schools. You are not welcome. "We are going to ask you to leave." "We would like to worship God in your house." The he said we will not discuss it we just want you to leave. Sandy said, "I really feel sorry for you." Then Karne pointed out that on program that all visitors welcome. "He repeated, not welcome here."

Went 1/2 a block in a car. Passed a cop. Car shook. No air in tire. Office sent someboy. Police car with 3 officers drove by. Police drove by slowly. Looked at the radio. Got of car to do so. Asked if needed license. Said were coming today. What frequency is this on? Then took off. Drove back.

Jim Collier:

Hattiesburg: Sandy Leigh: to Jessie - Most urgent. He asked Sandy to see Mrs. Gray, ~~and~~ ^{Woullard}, He owns the grocery store. Re cooperative. Spoke to him and others. They want to know more details. Would like Jessie to set a date for this guy who wants to start cooperative so that they could meet with him. None of them have committed themselves to anything expect to listen and ask questions. -- Contact made last night at 8:30.

Not able to see ^{Tony} Gray. Will do so tomorrow and get him out (?)

Precinct meetings - very good response. All delegates. All followed through. No white tried to participate. From the 4 precincts should have 80 people at today's county meeting. At 2:00 at Community Center. After county meeting will be ready for the 2nd District. Resolutions adopted - get them from Terri - Photos were taken of the meetings. -- Sandy surprise at the number of people. -- Yesterday morn and afternoon, Sandy collected 130 watermelons. A local farmer who likes idea of one man one vote so said for the workers here one worker, one watermelon. MSU had a dance at community center. Teachers and parents chaperoned. Went off smoothly.

Hattiesburg: Terri - There are 2 reporters there: Ed Rickter and Vick Jameson say they represent a bound of Presbyterian magazines. There is a couple from England named Mr. and Mrs. Daniel ~~Snowman~~ ^{Snowman} say they are doing free lance.

Tom Watts left the project for good. Following people will be away until Tuesd: ~~Terri~~ Shaw, Susan Patterson, Peter Werner, Cornelia Mack, Dick Kelly, Bill Ninde, Joe Ellen, Martin Mulvain, Beth Moore, Madeline McHugh, Joyce Brown will be in charge of communications till Terri gets back.

Hattiesburg: Ann Smith - Annel Call Ann. Wants to know when the citizenship classes being held in Dorchester, Georgia. Call late this evening.

Meridian: What time Louise coming back to Meridian? Have here call Sue Brown. Margie will find out time of bus arrival in Biloxi tonight.

Canton: Talked with Rev. Harbison, Presbyterian, on Wed. - There are several things should keep confidential. - He is a moderate trying his best to do what he can in the white community. He is hindered by the power structure. He has received outside ministers during the year. -- Other members of congregation with whom have talked were against our being there. First Presbyterian Church of Canton = name of church. The Church Council of Canton met and decided that no one would be seated. The meeting took place the first week volunteers got there and tried to go church. The first Sunday groups got into 2 churches.

Mark Lepper and Junior Chinn, local Negro, went ^{today} to white Catholic church and were seated. The first time have gone there. Negroes, it seems have gone to that church before. -- The Negroes go during the week.

Lt. Natchez: 2 policemen came and inquired about the bombed threat. ~~They were~~ ~~#####~~, Robertson, was upset because we had not reported it to him. Wanted to know why we had ~~\$\$\$~~ called other places. He said we should leave if are going to get killed. -- Did not say who had answered the phone. Took, JB, to the police station. He is the guy who answered the phone when others were out to breakfast. -- Natchez had spoken with the FBI in by Atlanta and Greenwood. -- Will call back in an hour. if the guy, JB is not back. -- (Clearly, the FBI had contacted the Natchez police department since the project did not). Dorey said that when the police came, they did not want JB to say that he had answered phone because it would involve him. JB said Dorey had answered the phone, but the police took JB to the station anyway.

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McComb: Infomred them that NBC-TV coming . Mitch and Forman going to "picnic."

Canton: Bob Weil talked.

Holly Springs: Message to Staughton from Ivanhoe re-removal of Harriet Tanzman. She works in Freedom School. Does not relate. Ivanhoe recommends she go home. Cleve Sellers, in charge of personel in HS, has sent her to Jackson.

(Natchez: note on conversatinn with Dorey. None of the Natchez people knew the ~~emergency~~ ^{special} procedures; especially, did not know the Hot Line number. Briefed Dorey and gave her the number).

Vickburg: 1:30 - They would like Paul Cowan to call with the name of the JD man to which 3 copies of an affidavit were given and whom they have not seen since 1½ weeks ago.

Holly Springs - by car with Rev. George McClain, Harriet and Lois are coming to Jackson tonight. Expected by 6:00. Stopping off at Oxford but no where else. Tye car belongs to Rev. George McClain.

Natchez: JB is back. Was just questioned. The police resented the fact that did not tell them we recieved the bomb threat. -- Are chopping the grass etc. around the house down. The guy who ~~made-the~~ got the call thought that the police were the ones who gave the bomb threat. That is why did not call local police first. In the future will call the local police. -- Are getting rid of shrubs around the house so will have an unobstruted view of life about them. (1:45)

Holly Springs: When is Dr. Falk leaving?... etc. Lois Chafee

Milton

Jackson: \$\$\$\$\$\$ - Tom Atkins, of NAACP, George Cooper, Lowell Johnston, Connie McDougle, Peggy Sharp, Ethel Lee Young pulled into the Dog and Suns. Immediately one of the car hops ran next door and called 12 white men. One had a pipe, metal, chian and a bottle which he waved. The girl behind the counter locked th e door to t e restaruant. Two people got out of our car. As the crowd eame forward, got back in car One man kicked the car; another guy raised the chian - did not hit the car. \$ Left. (

Tupelo - Stu - Jessie said he would find out when Don coming with the car... Stu will call back at 7:00. He is going to Columbus tomorrow in a borrowed car to run some leaflets off there.

Holly Springs: Ivanhoe for Staughton

Jackson: A plumber to repain a water heater came. But we have no water heater!

\$\$\$\$\$\$:
\$ Have Hunter call Ivanhoe. Ivanhoe told the lawyers would call today.
\$ 4 dlegates and 4 alternatives; and county executive committee elected, 15. Have a chairman and secretary naand members at large. Chairman of County executive -- Had five precincts. About 200 people.

Holly Springs, (Cont)

Clothes to Greenwood and books to McComb. Need to rent a truck and need the money. Does McComb want the books. They are good books. 1/3 are new. Non-fiction. CHECK WITH MCCOMB AND GREENWOOD AS TO THE NEED FOR THESE ITEMS.

Canton: Dona ~~and~~ be ready when Rudy and George arrived.

Tchula: Gene Nelson wants Eric Morton re-shipment of clothes to Tchula
Andy Rusk

Steve Bingham: 2 white men under 25, just came into Mileston store 2 miles away and asked John Allen where he lived. John volunteers. He waved in the general direction of community center. Then the whites went outside and opened the truck of car and pulled out 2 pistols, one of which is automatic and put them into the belts and came back into the store to ask "What is going on over there?" pointing toward community center. "We are going to find out when we come back." they said as they drove away. The car is '50 blue Ford with red and white on the roof. Plate 27-2696 Humphreys County. From Belzoni. After left turned a complete circle and went toward Tchula. In the car there was a girl. Description of the 2 men: (1) over 6' medium build, wearing a hat and a checkered shirt; (2) 5'8" also medium build wearing a dark shirt. Report came from Steve Bingham. The Sheriff has taken the glass jar from the car that was burned out. He took it without permission. Feel he might be destroying the evidence. On steps of Mileston store they found a gallon jar with mixture of kerosene and gas which was spread out all over the ground and in top of the jar there was brown paper (possibly an attempted wick) and this had been left sometime during the night. ~~There is no possibility that anyone else could have filled it with gas.~~

Teh FBI has not turned up. Greenwood called them about the car burning. Bill will call them again. -- Report it to the police.

McComb: 65 freedom forms in McComb-

The police were at the bombing early this morning 2 to 5 minutes after it happened. -- One person in the Negro community has received 2 threatening phone calls. More on that later.

Natchez: At the Metcalf's number - they are not there. Expected back in an hour or so. 5:00 pm

Tchula: 5:10 - Robin went to the store. Sheriff Smith went to the store also and went after these people and brought them back to the store. Steve: List of people at the store: Highway patrol MHT43, AR Waits was there alone in his car; Sheriff Smith there in his car, unidentified man of about 60 with him, fat, very white hair - he was from the Fire Dept. in Jackson to look at the car; Constable Bobby Love from Mileston and Bill Murray from Tchula, Constable in Tchula; and Deputy Sheriff Moore. All were looking at the car most of the afternoon - around 12:00 to look at car. A little before 4:30 Steve heard told them about the incident at the store. They went almost immediately. They questioned John Allen. Did not question anyone else, it appears. -- In about 10 minutes after the Sheriff went after the Ford, came back with it. Is a very beatup blue '50 Ford. Blue except for knee level running along back side which is white. Red top. Call the 3 people AB and G. A is 6' 2", 20, light medium build, wearing dark green light cotton shirt with shirt sleeves rolled up.

\$\$\$dress.

changing the story when he was confronted by the 2 men.

B The Sheriff told John that he was from Baltimore.

people. Steve has their names.

when actually only B asked questions.

and indicated that john did not know what he was talking about.

car.

hostile. Did not want ay troubel.

They let the white guys go. Steve reminded the sheriff of the FBI.

~~Police~~ Sheriff did say searched the car. Can't really know.

Columbus: for Karen Pate. Re Freedom registration.

✓ McComb: Dennis Sweney- Have Dr. Falk, Dr. Cole or any doctor who's in town to call Dennis about a young boy in McComb who has Cerebral Palsy and no money.
West Point: from David Llorens and Emma Bell (MK) mild
July 23 mass meeting rally attended by 208 - police "extremely ~~serious~~, they even directed traffic at the rally." They have a church for the district rally next Sunday at 4:00 - Jones Chapel about 10 miles out of W.P. They lost the site for the precinct meeting to a week-long revival meeting, are trying to get a hall for Tuesday night (date depends on whether they get hall.)
Wed. July 22 - two people went to courthouse, turned away and armed guards placed there as if expecting large group. Went back and were able to take the test on third try. Two more down on Thurs. No trouble.

Canton: Pete Orris- Norris and ^{radio}~~sound~~ equipment crew will be in Jackson tomorrow and from here will go to the Delta.

Greg Hewlett and Doug Baer arrived from Mattiesburg.
Dona, George and Rudy arrived in Simpson County.

✓ Cynthia Small wants abouts 15 copies of as many of Mrs. Hamer's campaign speeches as we have. She wants them for her classes. Freedom school teacher.

✓ McComb: Ralph Faetherstone wants Staughton or Tom W. to call him.

Shaw: 7:27 John Black-- ~~40~~ White man threatened to do something to the white volunteers in Mount Bayou. John Bradford thinks that there is going to some violence soon. Can the justice department do something to prevent the violence?

Meridian- Dave Katz for Casey

Tchula- Robin Greer for Ilene.

✓ Greenwood: Penny Patch- Willie Mayfield, local person from G'wood is missing. He came down to the Freedom school meeting this weekend here in Jackson and was supposed to be back this morning. Penny thinks that he is a student at the FS in G'wood. Parents are extremely worried. Ask Tom W. about this.

Hollysprings: Karl Young- Staughton arrived in Hollysprings. The students at the freedom school presenting a play at Rust college tonight. ~~Play~~ Plat entitled "Seeds of Freedom". Centered around Meger Evers.

Canton: New number- 859-4161

Ruleville: people from Jackson arrived, Flennigan, Rabbi Levine, etc.

✓ Canton: Jacque Palmer has left the project for good. He is no longer in the state.

✓ Columbus: Wants about 50-100 SNCC buttons. Any kind.

was nine pm. Car is 64 black ford two door hard top. Licesn don't know. Hertz Rented in Jackson. 9:55 now. They wer going Rev Hays. Four miles from Mindonhall. Then they wer to come back. The left Canton at five pm. They were to spend about. A little after seven we know find out through our operator here in Jackson that they are back and did come thr here about seven. All ok

Greenwood: 9:45. Judy Richardson at about 8:45 they received a call from Sials and Jake Mc Gee from the LeFlor e theater, previously all white which they had tried to integrate 4 times before. At 8:50 while Jake was still on the phone talking to the office, the police came into the lobby and talked with Silas who was standing outside the phone booth. The police told him that they could not drive them or walk with them away froj the thaeter for protection. At this time there were about 150-200 whites outside the theater. The officers wouldn't give their names.

At 9:20 2 cars left from the G'wood office to pick up the McGee brothers. Judy Richardson and a local Negro guy was in one of the cars ans Dr. Cornwell and Willie James Earl were in the other. Judy's car arrived there at about 9:30 and pulled up in front of the theater. Judy called to one of the police that she had come to pick up the two fellows if the police wouldgo in there and get them. The cops did this. Two cops escorted them out of the theater and stopped at the curb. The 2 McGees walked from there to the cars. They left in Dr. Cornwell's car. As they reached the car, they began to fumble with the door to get in. The whites began screaming at them. When the two got in the car the white converged on the car. Some guy threw a brick or bottle into the back right hand window of the car. The car then pulled out.

Jake is in the emergency ward of the Leflore County Hospital. No news on his condition.

When the first call was received, the local FBI was called and got Schaum. He said that the FBI couldn't give protection. Judy told him that we didn't want protection. Only wanted the FBI on the scene so that they could tell us when we had a case and they could have an eyewitness account. Schaum finally admitted that he had two men on the scene. G'wood office also called the Memphis FBI. Dottie Zellner called John Doar told him about the incident and Jake's condition. She also complained about the FBI.

Will call back later with info on Jake's condition.

Canton: Rudy and George haven't arrived yet in Canton. Left Jackson office between 7:00-8:00PM. Just left for Canton 10pm.

Doug Baer and Hewlett are staying at Tougalbo tonight.

Greenwood: 11:20 Betty Garman- Willie James Earl and Dr. Cornwell came back to the offiive from the hospital. Wanted the office to call the FBI because a car had been following them, and they felt thet they were in danger. The office sent a second car to the hospital. It contained Judy Richardson, Jane Johnson, Willie James Earl, Ed Henderson and Will Henry Rogers. Enroute to the hospital- route 82 and Main Street- a shot was fired at the car. It didn't hit the car and they continued on to the hospital. At the hospital, groups of whites had begun to gather. Police Commissioner B.A. Hammonds was there and he indicated that they could expect no protection from the police when they got ready to leave the hospital.

Mrs. McGee, the mother of the boys, and an older brothey, in full Army uniform, are now at the hospital. They too have the probabem of getting from the hospital unharmed. Jake and Silas have been treated and are allright.

G'wood con't: Judy and the others refuse to leave the hospital without police protection. They will risk arrest by refusing to leave until they are given protection.

The G'wood office has been in contact with various Senators and Congressmen. The people are still at the hospital.

Stribling

Greenville: Inform the FDP that we have had the precinct meeting in Issaqueena. We elected a 15 man delegation Executive committee for the county and ~~21~~ 8 delegates to the district caucus. Had precic meets befo e and had about 21 precinct delegates exact. There were forty or fifty voting age at the meeting. My kids. Quietly. Tell Casey to call early. Charlie Cobb on the line.

Greenwood: 11:36 pm

We have been on the phone all night and we cannot get any protection Three FBU at the hospital. There is still a car of white outside- three or four. They are not leaving the hosp. because they don't want get int ambulance. Said to Judy Richardson. Jake Mc Gee, Sial McGee, Jake's mother, Jake's brother in full army uniform; cars driving around slowly. Judy R. in hospii June Johnson, Will ie James Darrow, Will Henry Rogers, Ed Henderson. We want to let people know that they have locied the doors. There are no authorities who will offer them protedtion back to the COFO office. We will take care of New Orleans, AP UPI, Have called Edwards (Congressman). There is a crowd of 150-200 in ~~the~~ fron of theater. King had protection. Doris made it clear that there was no Federal protection. Don't quote tis. Want you to know. Thuink you should call Governor. Call the commiss of Public Safety. Law 564 Police academy give authority to move in on own investittion where citizens refuse to protect. Atlanta has this. Get other press cover ge. - (Silas Mc Gee was attace and hit onthe s ide of the head as he was escorted from the theater. Jake and Silas came out with a cop ea. Sia second. He was not protected and was hit repeatedly s he was on the way to the car. Doors are locked. Don't know who the other people in the hospital are. As they got to the car. The cop stepped back and he fumblee. And Jake got in the car. When Silas got in 35 converged on the car and the cops did nothing. Wake up Sitton and all and put them on to the story. Ask if they are going to act under House Bill 564, Hwy Patrol bill. The mcGees will stay in the hospital. Condition of Silas is that he is ok. I'm going to try to get back to the National Press in New Orleans in Atlanta. Bill Light may handle. Don't put out that they are stayi g in the hospital.