

Meridian

4:45 a.m. Bodies positively identified by the FBI as Goodman, Chaney and Shwerner. Within one minute after getting the information a crank call came in. A minute later another crank call. I (Sherwin) told Moore of the FBI about both.

5:05 a.m. Crank call from same person as before....followed by another caller who hung up. All four calls have come in on 9605.

5:10 a.m. Another crank call came in. I said the FBI was on it and he immediately hung up. I think all the calls have been from the same person.

5:15 Another crank call...still from the same person. He made it real quick.

7:40 Tom Harris leaving Canton soon to come to Jackson.

Clarksdale: 8:00 a.m. Going up to Marks again today. Going up for freedom registration. Will call in when they get a phone up there. The lawyer's trial is at 10:00 for obstructing an officer.

Rural Madison: 8:15 Jessie, call Nancy Jervis. If she is not there leave a message for her.

Jackson: Rabbi Nussbaum, Jackson Rabbi, assumes religion of Goodman and Shwerners is Jewish. If they come to town he will be glad to talk with them.. 8:30

Meridian 8:15: Father Clemens has broken his glasses and had told Jackson to send them to Meridian. He will come to Jackson today or tomorrow, and asks Mitch to hold them here.

Bob call Rudy Lumbar.
Tom Wahman call Mark Leevee.

Mound Bayou 8:45: line busy

Greenville 9AM Questions about health clinic for Annell.

Canton 9AM: busy

Mound Bayou 9AM: They have no transportation! They can't come to FDP or the staff meeting. They have a very old auto which SNCC won't insure. Please get a car of sorts to them.

Canton 9:15: Called for information on Freedom School Convention.
Sending about 10 kids to FSConvention by car.

Meridian 9:30: Victor Rabinowitz will be in Jackson at 11AM
482-7924 number for Hunter to call in 30 minutes for Louise. Legal call.
Bob Cohen for Sue: get room for Pete Seeger at Sun and Sand for this afternoon and tonight
Margaret Burnham from Bob Cohen: cancel one Freedom School engagement.
Bob and Pete Seeger will arrive at 12 noon today.

Yazoo 9:35: Will be in field on Freedom Registration and FDP convention work and won't be reachable at Yazoo until 6PM tonight.

Jefferson 9:45: Medical Committee please call..

When calling about staff meeting, differentiate between staff per se and volunteers.

Moss Point 9:55: Barry Satlow will try to remove the petition before the trial.

Indianola 10AM: Important- Tom Wahman call Liz Susco at Indianola 1112

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Jackson 10:30am ~~Hunter~~ Hunter called Jackson FBI Cullen about Meridian being very tense and potentially explosive according to Louise Hermey. Dave Dennis notified.

Meridian : 10:45 Pete will not arrive at 12; about one.

Greewood-- Ed Rudd Statement by Jim Forman.
The discovery of the bodies of the 3 ^{Dead} civil rights workers forcefully point out the need for ~~the~~ changing the system of segregation in Mississippi and further points up the need for ~~continued~~ continued pressure in this state. American must amend that the Federal government work uncessingly to curtail terroristic activities not only against the Negro and white summer volunteers, but against local Negro ~~citizens~~ citizens. People of good will must also insist that the murderers be apprehended. Those of us in the SNCC, and other civil rights groups ~~are~~ are extremely concerned with the transition between summer and fall.

The plead ~~for~~ the federal government to be concerned about life in Mississippi did not start with the disappearance of the 3 workers. For months before the summer we made continuous efforts to get the federal government actively concerned about protection of summer volunteers and the local Negroes. While we mourn the murder of these three young workers, ~~let~~ let us not forget that Negroes have been ~~systematically~~ systematically killed in the state over a period of years. I especially call attention to the death of Herbert Lee and Louis Allen.

We feel that there will be increased violence against local Negroes once the summer is over. We therefore call on President Johnson not to forsake in the heat of the election his responsibility to the disenfranchised Negroes of Mississippi. Our awareness of whatever progress might have been made this summer is tempered by the fact that 3 young people have sacrificed their lives in the cause of justice and freedom.

Five minutes prior to receiving knowledge that 3 unidentified bodies had been found in Neshoba County, I was speaking to a group of 70 summer volunteers in Hattiesburg, reminding them that to my knowledge this was the first interracial lynching in the history of Mississippi and that we could not afford to allow the nation to forget the terrible price that all of, Mississippians included, must pay in order to ~~change~~ change the patterns of segregation in the state.

Marks: Yvonne Kein-- Workers are in Marks today. The town is rather tense. Mayer told worker that if only 2 people went canvassing today he could protect them. He would protect no more than two.

Kassler went to trial this morning. It was held in The Mayor's office. The trial was postponed. Jerry Gutman tried to represent Kassler but 2 Mississippi attorneys objected to him.

Biloxi : Four workers went into Wiggins for the first time today. They are James Black, Beverly Jackson, George McDonald and Sherry Blakely.

Need one car after the convention to transport the delegates back to Biloxi. One of the cars transporting people will be staying here in Jackson.

Vicksburg: Needs speakers for three freedom days Sunday.

Indianola: Two girls arrived safely from Jacks here Doddie Dots and companion and there are now on there way to Greenville

Biloxi: John O'Neal wants to know where is Matt Herron is, he should get to John soon! Also want material like pictures of audience, stages, places they playe. He should sent someone if he doesn't come. John wants proofes of all pictures taken of the show.. They are going Gulfport tommorrow.

Natchez: Every thing is fine. Everybody gone canvassing. (5:00 check)

Canton: Wants to talk to legal. Sandy Watts should tell Canton when they will arrive.

Biloxi: 4:30 Everything is now alright in Ocean Springs. Everyone is safe.

Meridian: Ruth Schein Talked to Louise Hermey.

Yazoo City: Everyone arrived safely. 6:00 P.M.

Tshula; ~~nothing~~ Joel Aber was circled in his car by a plane on Aug.3 at 8:30 in the morning while he was driving on a county road near Bubble Cunningham's plantation. The plane buzzed him once and circled several times but did not release any of the poison that was in his tanks.

Indianola: Liz Fusco wants to talk to legal and federal programs.
Bill Robinson

Shaw : D Flanigan Called in re note for people who are to come ToJackson if leaving before Aug 15. Yes should come sat at 9:00. Also asked about lawyers and the school situation--- told him they will come Fri morning. 7:25 pm.

Natchez : D Ladner .. Mt Pilgram Baptist church was burned last night. Min Rev. Roosevelt Johnson. Finwick Miss.. Just outside Natch.. Found out from people while canvassing. ZOne of the girls in the office verified it through a friend. Haven't talked to the Min yet. -----Two suspicious looking white males came up and were looking at the house ## between 4 and 5PM. driving a 62 white over blue chevy. We are sort of in an alley and have posters up. They drove up to see the posters and get a look at the house. ### One got out of the car and looked at the signs and the house he got back and backed out sothat Jesse Bernard couldn't see the llicense number.

Rachal Brown and whoever went with her are back from wherever they went.
~~03##/##/##~~ crank call 7:45 Man hooted lakean owl . Neshoba county -hoot hoot Philadelphia hoot hoot. and repeated upon request for a larger audience

Greenville: J Sawyer Connie and Dotie are spending the night.

Tchula: Paul Lauper left the message for Andy R to he has My correct itinery. John Herassy call Dr Gorson Henderson 3660772 and ask him to make collect call to Barb H. Westport Conn. (203)227-6382 And tell her I'm fine.

Shaw: Grace Morton -- parents organize to meet with school board (headlines) 35 parents from Shaware organizing a parents assoc. to try to meet with school bd and the teachers of Mc Evans hs in Shaw after a discussion ao W Aug 4 of the problems of enept and oppressive teaching at hte laaal Negro Sch". They agreed to try to open nego's concerning the demands of the boycotting students They also try to take action against the inadequate sch' lunch program as well as working on the prob of the split session and the mechanics of desegregationof the sch' system in Shaw. The next meeting will be Fri Aug 7th at the Shaw Ch of God in Christ.

Ruleville
delegates

Shaw: People in Cleveland were released today at 12:20. The charges were all dropped.

Jackson: 2:1²⁵ -- Definite identification of Schwerner and ~~Chaney~~ Goodman. No comment on Chaney. Statement will probably be made from Washington. Doesn't know when--would not declare race of third body. (Ilene)

Meridian: Somebody needs to organize people coming home---quite a few people will be leaving before Aug 15 and they should all come. This will mean calls to projects. (Betty Garman)

Biloxi: Sojourner motor fleet info needed by the people in WCP. Told them to call Greenwood.

Keller: Henry called for Mitch. He should call McComb when he comes in..

Milestone: Left message for Abe.

Clarksdale: Everyone is back from Mark, s safe and sound.

Biloxi:

Ruleville: Barbara Dane won't come to Jackson today but probably will tomorrow. Florence wants to know about a film that didn't show up when it was supposed to. When ~~the~~ is the health person from Ruleville supposed to come here (Fred Miller)

McComb: Two Negro ^{boys} children 14 and 18 who were attending freedom school, were receiving harrassing phone calls from two white girls.. The negroes were arrested a few days ago. And were yesterday sentenced to a year in jail a piece. Under the new Miss.. phone harrasment law.

Biloxi

Biloxi: There may be an arrest in the next half hour in Ocean Springs. Much harrasment by police chief, force and fireman..

Moss-Point : Valley View: Wanted to speak to Casey Hayden.

Moss Point: Rodger B arnhill and George Tessoro are in jail, contact thier parents or someone for bond. George is now in Moss Point project and so is Rodger.

Four

Ruleville: Eight delegates were chosen from Ruleville ; Fannie Lou Hammer, James Holman, Irene Johnson, Mary Tucker, .. Four form Indianola; William Scott, Oscar Giles, Doris McGee, Wilford Gerald..The alternates are Rebbecã McDonald, Baul Jackson, from Ruleville. From Drew Nora Hays, Golden Davis, Lenora Scott (alternates). From Indianaoia Anna Bell Jones, Willie Wilson, Richard Mack (alternates). Jeff spoke to legal about removing a case to a bigger-court. federal court.

Gulfport: Henry Bailey was due in Gulfport at three P.M. and hasn't come yet.

Vicksburg: Paul Cowan talked to Casey.

Canton: nothing

Bill R
Shawcont

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More news. SHAW INITIATES BOLIVAR COUNTY IMPROVMENT ASSOC JAMES MAYS FED PROJECTS VOL FROM Jaskson spoke at meeting in Shaw 40m from S and Clev tue aug 4 8pm on the possibilities of establishing new indust and urban renewal in Bol county. The initial step was taken by forming an improv assoc named the B COUNT ASSOC The temp pres Mr Perry of Shaw and temp staff was elected. Inviting all local Negroes and county agents to meeting next week.

Canton : for dave Wolf for ride tomorrow

Meridian ; Louise Hermay for Mitch

Hattiesburg; H cant supply Laurek with cars.

Gulfport:

Jackson: Harrassment call. He Was glad they found the people dead.

Morecalls.

Valley View: 10:10--did bill money come in--yes--all ok

Meridian: 10:45 -- Louise Hermay in Meridian. I was in touch with Mrs. Chaney Art Thomas in CC in New York City called the Meridian office tonight and said that the National Council of Churches had a lawyer and a doctor in Jackson to handle arrangements for when the three bodies were released for the families. Thomas wanted to know what arrangements Mrs. Chaney was making. I got intouch with Mrs. Chaney through someone in this office. Mrs. Cheney will let the National Council of doctor and lawyer make arrangements. Mrs. Chaney has never had an attorney but a COFO attorney. She is also in touch with Rev. Bill Hervey, minister in South River, N.J. and she has been in touch with him to what will be done. Thomas is also getting in touch with him. In Jackson, Warren McKennon will give more details.

Greenwood:

The power went dead on the Mississippi WATS Line. Greenwood wants to be called every hour until it is corrected. This message was from Dottie.

Greenwood wants us to call and report their wats line out of orser.

Bill Robinson reported the matter to Bailey Hurley.

Holly Springs: 11:00 Greenwood asked us to call but meanwhile their state wats line came back.

Canton: Bill Monet and the girl got to Valley View OK . Jean Wheeler will stay in Canton tonight. Bob Stoug left valuable papers in Staughtons car have Rudy Lombard bring them tomorrow morning. 11:45pm.

Greenwood 12midnight: Wats still OK.

McComb 12:15AM: Asked for Natchez number for radio installation..

Curtis talked with Bob Moses: we will call Natchez about picking up McComb ~~for the / the / the / the /~~ tomorrow.

Greenwood 1:35: with Carol ~~Cornfield~~ Need lists of delegates from Cornfield

Holmes/Lafayette Canola, Tippah, Tunica, Tallahatchie, Sharpey. Don't have them there.