

Sardis: 12:07 pm. Calling to check on the whereabouts of Chris Williams. The Town Marshall - Taylor - said that he does not have him in jail.
2. Was told to call 229. ~~Answer~~ They don't answer at this number.

Batesville: Kathy says that we should talk to our workers in Sardis 466.
Ask for John Strand.

Sardis: John Strand hasn't seen Chris today.

Parkspalace: Calling to try to get the police department. time is 12:40 pm

Atlantic: Called to get information.

Greenwood: Connie is calling at 12:45 am

Greenwood: 12:50 --Robert Blackham is in jail in W. Helena--Gwd. very unclear--supposedly on a vagrancy charge, but reports that an alleged attempted rape of a white woman by a negro man is going to be pinned on someone from SNCC--also reports of white mobs gathering. Get details later, refer inquiries to Greenwood..

Batesville: The police department says that we would have to get Panola Co. 7403..... 12:50 . The County Sheriff says that he does not have him in jail
We have decided to call the FBI.

Holly Springs 12:55 am. Carl Young.

Jackson: 1 am. They were given all available information. Wants more information the car. FBI He asked that we recall and recheck all of our information.

Batesville: 1:20 am. Information about the car which C. Williams was driving. It is a black 58 Chevy, lic Mississippi 543911. Panola County. Just sent a special delivery letter transferring the car from Truman A. Morrison III to To SNCC Sojourners Mbers ~~FBI~~ Fleet.-----

Gulfport: 1:30 am. Message for Betty Gorman. Carol Rogoff should be in Jackson tomorrow at ten in the morning. Tell Bob Weil that Carol has to talk to him tomorrow. She must. And Carol and her traveling companion would like to talk to Jim Forman.

There was a bomb threat here at about midnight.

Greenwood: Jackson: 1:40 (Ilene)--Rabinowitz here, working on W. Helena case. Greenwood called and ~~he~~ asked him to call County jail in W. Helena--he called several times--operator reported line either out of order or off hook--he called police--they said no way of communicating with county jail--he called Sheriff's home and was told that the sheriff and was told he wasn't home and they didn't know when he would be home--approx. 1:10 a.m.--Greenwood said they were communicating with FBI in Little Rock. Blackham is being held on \$2500 bond in W. Helena jail--was originally reported that he was arrested for vagrancy, but bail seems inconsistent with charge. cf rape rumor. Was working on Arkansas voter reg..

Jackson at 1:40 Victor Rabinowitz called Agent Gehring of the FBI in Little Rock, ARK. He said that earlier in the evening a local FBI agent had spoken to Blackam in jail in West Helena. So far as the FBI knew the charge was vagrancy and Blackam was safe in jail. The local situation was very quiet and to the best of the information of Gehring there was no connection between Blackam's arrest and the charge of rape. He said that he had spoken to a girl from Greenwood and to a Mr. Siegel who was connected with COFO but it was impossible for him to reach his local agent to get an up-to-date report.

Meridian : Leaving from Columbus going to Holy Sprgs. Should arrive at 5 am. The following people Bradley Clark, Peggy Sharp, David Lawrence, and a priest from Wisconsin. Preston Ponder will not meet them in Holly Springs.

Greenwood: 2:05 am Claude Weaver and Pam Jones. Should contact these people on how we can get in touch with these houses. A person whose daughter was with Chris was reached. She said that she had seen him. At a little after ten. ---- 54378 Claude and Pam are sleeping in this car somewhere in Jackson It is a green DeSoto.

Greenwood : Bill Hanson in West Helena confirmed that everything is under control. Would like to get Blackham out of jail as quickly as possible. the bail is extremely steep, want to remove and get bail reduction. (2:30)

Batesville: Spoke to Cathy Amatniek. They think that they might have gotten a call from Williams at the office and they might have somehow muddled the message. Connie McD. spoke to Mrs. Flowers in Crenshaw. She had seen Williams shortly after 10:00 said he was at the place where he is staying which has no phone. Her daughter had been the car with him and she was home asleep. Batesville is satisfied that he is safe. Mrs. Flowers tel. 2392

(Harris)

Jackson: 7:30 --Seven people from Indianola; Liz Fusco, Willie Clay, Eddie Johnson, Charlie Brown, Altee Lott, Ora Doss, and Bobbie Cannon, have arrived here and are proceeding to the Freedom Schools Convention in Meridian.

Jackson: 7:35 -- Walter Kaufmann, apparently a volunteer interested in Freedom Schools and staying at Mrs. Bell's with Arleigh Dodson and James Young, is leaving Jackson at 7:45 with them to go to Meridian for the F.S. Conv. He has tried to talk to Tom Wahman about whether he should go and was unable to reach him - he is going anyway.

also Robert
Ellis

Jackson: 7:45 -- John Stone, a FS teacher at St. Peter's, is waiting to hear whether he should go to the Convention in Meridian.

Jackson: 8:00 -- Rabinowitz called to say he, Joanne Grant, and Ruth Schein are leaving now for Meridian.

Jackson: 8:02 -- Following leaving for Meridian from here in #11111K-159392 red '61 Chevy Biscayne 2-dr. J-347336: Janice M. Grant, Emma Lee Horne, Rondal Snodgrass, Mac H. Adams, Jere L. May (?), all from Meridian.

Jackson: Casey has message for Jesse, Dona, or Guyot.

Canton: 7:50 -- Called about the disappearance of a volunteer who has since been found. Wilfred Ignatius Carney, Jr. reported missing this morning - last seen

1:00 AM this morning by Sharon Anderson at 628 Dinkins St. in Canton. From there he left to walk to the Freedom House alone (FH on other side of town) through colored district. This morning Canton ofc called everyplace they could think of that he might be, including jails; no luck. Then they called here. I called Hunter, then Canton, then FBI, then Canton, then FBI, then Greenwood. As I was talking to Greenwood, Canton called to say he had been found. I talked to Carney, and he said he left the address on Dinkins St. and had walked alone to the Freedom House, after he had tried to get into the place where he normally sleeps. It was locked, and an electric fan was humming loudly inside. The Freedom House was also locked, and he says he did not knowck loudly. As he stood there, a friendly neighbor across the street saw him and asked "Do you need a place to sleep?" He said he did and spent the night next door to the FH. He is a summer volunteer from Providence, R.I.

McComb: Radio people -- they radios in McComb are broken

Hollysprings: Charles Scales is up on a man slaughter charge. The lawyers working on the case ~~###~~ said that unless \$1500 is raise by this afternoon, Scales can get 20 years.

Furtive warrant will be issued this afternoon unless a deal is made with the county. A deal can be made which can have Scales tried on a misdemeanor and can clear up all harrassment cases. If the deal is not made this afternoon, Scales will charged with man slaughter.

McComb: Dave ~~Gerber~~ -- Two local Negroes (names withheld) was abducted ~~###~~ yesterday afternoon about 3:30. The incident took place in Smittown which is about 11 miles from McComb. The people in tyta area began to search for the two and were directed to the COFO office. The office called the FBI and reported the incident. The FBI talked to the poeple in Smittown. Two FBI Byrnes and Ford, and two ~~#~~COFO workers are on the way to Smittown to get affidavits. The COFO workers are Seefus Hugh and Joseph Gross. There is no description of the car the men were put into.

Detroit: There will be a ~~Memorial~~ Memorial Service for Chaney, Goodman and Schwerener a week from Sunday at 7 pm. It will be sponsored by the Detroit Friends of SNCC, the NAACP, CORE and the Northern Student Movement. They want a speaker from Mississippi to come up. NAACP has already contacted Aaron Henry and he can't make it. Will Bob or Ed King be available. If not will Bod designate someone else to come. Traveling expenses will be paid for, plus a collection will be taken up for COFO. Call Mary Anne Conheis in Detroit at TO 9 641 2

Holly Springs: The money for Scales has been gotten.

Mount Bayou: John Bradford-- Rent is due today of the office. Please send the money immediately.

Biloxi: 1:20: Ed Hamlet to Jimmy Bolton: talked to Bob Moses about the check and budget. Bob promised Jimmy would mail a check:
Their address is Box 362, Biloxi
Make check out to: Diane Burrows

Gulfport: 2:30: Guyot call Gulfport for Ellen Lake or Dave Cleverdom

Jesse Morris: If you intend to Ellen Lake's mother wait until the end of the week.

Meridia

Meridian Guild lawyers getting here about 6 instead of 2. (left Meridian late).
Need replacements in Meridian. for: finance, office manager, need a minister.
~~and~~ They need these three right away. They need \$ also. Sue leaves Tues.
She was office administrator and treasurer. Needs replacement.
Barbara Keen No definite plans yet for Tuesday up North.

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Holly Springs: 2:57 : Henry Aronson for Hunter Morey. 4 or 5 matters pending in H.S. are settled. Charles Scales fine is \$900 + 12 months in jail suspended, pleaded guilty on misdemeanor.

Tried in absentia. The jail sentence will be dismissed in six months.

Cleveland Sellers nolo plea, ~~2000~~ 25 bucks to all three charges. Resisting arrest, dist. the peace, assault.

Rubin, reckless driving, \$25, nolo plea, without costs.

Elwood Berry, nolo \$10

Taylor's parking ticket, \$5 plus costs, 10 or 15. We are withdrawing removals.

Karen Haberman is supposed to be helpful in getting the \$. No atty fees.

The 21st, the first matter will come up in court., all the same day.

The deal has been made, it is final.

~~Arsonson~~ Aronson will tell Judge Clayton that there may have been a mistake in the affidavit by three LCDC lawyers.

Has to have that money in hand by Monday morning.....a week from this Monday.

~~Arsonson~~ Should have the money by 20 or 21 August. Cash.

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I am moving to the Travel-logge motel in Memphis.

Jerry Guttman. 120 dollars for plane fare for going to Chicago on the scales case. ~~Ex~~

Call Karen Haberman in G'wood and give her all the details.

Biloxi: Holly-Springs: Matchex: Everyone there O.K. The police came by few minutes after they arrived, but nothing happened. George Green wants the office to check on the 125 dollars that we sent them because they haven't got it. The Western Union said they know nothing about it. We should call Western Union here.

Ruleville: Lynn Edwards called for Sherwin. Five people to register on Wednesday, but not the first since reconstruction. Justice Dept. said they will move on it. But they will not work through COFO. The ~~four~~ people of the five were from the same family.

Dhaw: One cross burning which was called in this morning and happened night before last. Another cross burned that same night on the property of Fred Hardy of Choctaw. He is not involved in the movement but his neighbor Gus Lawson has been coming to the mass meeting in Shaw, and he feels that the Cross was meant to be burned on his property.

Tallahachie County: Lyn Edwards-- Yesterday while driving along in car four young Negro men (workers for COFO in Tallahachie County) accidentally broke the car windshield of another car they were passing. The wheel of their car spat out a rock and it broke the wind shield . The people in the other car said that this was what had happened at first. Now they are going to swear out affidavits for the arrest of the ~~###~~ four guys. They are in the process of doing this now. The charges will be dropped if they guys pay for the wind shield. This will cost about 76 dollars. The guys are poor farm boys and they can't raise that amount of money. They will probably be put in jail. The lawyers will fight the case.

Clarksdale: Yvonne Klein-- Rev. Raiford, NAACP worker, has pastored a church on the plantation of ~~#~~ John Allen for 20 years. The church is ~~###~~ Allen Chapel in Quitman. He had a revival last night and only 15-20 people attended and usually 200-300 people attend. Rev. Raiford was told that the owner of the plantation had told the people that if Raiford started anything he would end up in the river. He also told the people not to have anything to do with Raiford

Raiford thinks that this happened because of the incident in Marks.

Shaw: Wally Roberts-- There was a cross burning the night of August 6 on the farm of Mr. Mack Carter, 6 miles from Shaw. Mr. Carter is the brother-in-law of Ernestine Bryant, one of the 13 civil right workers who was arrested on August 4 for distributing leaflets without a permit. The police of Shaw told Carter's son that they knew all about ~~#~~ Ernestine's activities and that there wasn't anything that she did they didn't know about. He also said that when the white volunteers leave there will be no telling what will happen to Ernestine.

McComb: Seephus Hugh-- 1:05-- The two men who were reported missing have been found. The two COFO workers who were investigating couldn't get any information, but the FBI came up with some. The two guys had been ~~###~~ picked up by the sheriff of Pike County for the investigation of a church burning in Waltham County, the adjoining county. 15 Minutes ago the office was informed that they were just being held for investigation and will be released shortly.

Belzoni: Willie Shaw-- New number for the office-- 1445

Tallahachie; Tud. Aug 4 ^{trying to register} Four were from one family, got home at night one of the members of family did not get to register; two truckloads of white showed up 3 times that night (6, 10, 3) with guns; concer. Where is that black---bigger: the people have been back several times; man afraid to go and work in the fields; this area is rough, 70 per cent Negroes; first family to stand up and meet this situation; must twll justice dept. and fbi. Call father--Len Edwards to get pressure on feds. to act. Call J. Dumar to inform of situation, very dangerous to these people in this area.

Shaw Conit. 3:35 More facts on the first cross burning. George Robbins, summer volunteer, reports that his informers ~~told him~~ confirmed the report of the cross burning on Carters property. Carter is a wealthy negro farmer, his children get picked up often on trumped up traffic charges by the police.. Jenkins (who is a local policeman) referred to Carter as a smart Martin Luther King and said that he would get Carter in jail. He said he would do this by traffic charges. Only one of the cross burnings has been reported to the local police.

Meridian: Staughton Lynd will talk to us later.

Rabbi

Hattiesburg: Two people who were charged with beating of ~~three~~ volunteers, Larry Spears, David Owen, Rabbi Arther Lelyveld,. The beating was July 10, 1964.. The men waived the arraignment and paid their fine, Clifftin A. Keys (51) and his nephew Kilmere Estus Keys from Collins (31) entered pleas of nolo contendere and paid 500 dollars. Their 90 days in jail was suspended on good behavior. They were originally charged with assault and battery and attempt to maim.. District Attorney James Finch changed the charge to simple assault and battery. The judge was William Haralson.

Volunteer The FBI came around asking questions about project. They are interviewing all local people who try to register.

A local woman at Palmers Crossings has had her fence torn down and people throwing stones into it. She is very active in the movement. This was reported to the Sheriff Gray. Tell Betty Garmond that Dr. Fried is bringing a file of hers to Jackson. Betha Jackson arrived there. Two people left project.. Stanley Zibulsky and Maria Ashe.

Indianola: For Miriam Cohen

~~Biloxi~~

~~Jacksonville~~

Biloxi 4:50: Looking for Neshoba volunteers? Talked to Mitch.

Greenwood 5: John Handy, Negro from Greenwood just arrested at Slim Henderson's grocery store. Not at jail yet so don't know details

Greenwood 5: Hayward Burns arriving by bus at 10:15Pm. Must be met at Greyhound.

Meridian 5:10: Tom Wahman wants someone to call Mrs. Hamer and ask if she is still coming to Meridian tomorrow for the convention.

~~Enterprise~~

Ruleville 5:30: Called Mrs. Hamer about going to Meridian. Not.

Meridian 5:30: Conveyed message about Mrs. Hamer.

Cleveland 5:35: Should have gotten a check three days ago and still not there.

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Meridian 6:30: Dave Prince, Mizelle soural and another should have arrived from Meridian by now.

Natchez 6:35: ok

Shaw 6:35: ok

Hattiesburg 6:40 : busy

Meridian 6:45: A. P. Randolph and party are en route to Jackson. Paul lauter, and party just leaving. Janis Grant, and party too. (Snodgrass, Jerald May)

Meridian 6:50: Two cars on way to Jackson: One: Parish, Randolph, Wahman
Other: Shine, Lauter

Convention opened at 10AM Joyce Brown, Chairman , and she described program of day. Program: resolutions divided into eith groups into 4 groups: Foreign Relations, Mediaal Care, Education, Public Accomodations.

Remarks by Staughton: Freedom School in Neshoba in a week (Washington Post may print this since had reporter there today).

First Session of 4 workshops.

Lunch.

Reports of 4 workshops completed.

Afternoon general session: Jim Forman spoke about need for good education but for students to stay and use it in Mississippi; 4 workshops reported, discussed and all reports accdpted. A.P. Randolph talked about the need for revolution in jobs to solve problems of automation.

Tonight: 2 plays: Seeds of Freedom, Holly Springs FS presentation; IN White America. Eormer is a story of the life and death of Medgar Evars.

That's it. The only paper there was the Washington Post.

Hattiesburg 7:20: Terri Shaw: Call Meridian and tell Sandy Leigh to leabe right away.

Meridian 7:21: busy.

Biloxi 7:25: busy

Greenville 7:26: call was on arrival.

~~Biloxi 7:30:~~

~~Meridian 7:50:~~

Jackson 8:30: Jesse ^{Harris} ~~Harris~~ hasn't returned since

Meridian 8:30

Meridian Freedm School was the site. 150 attended. 1/2 hour devotional beginning, 4 workshops; housing, employment opportunity, voter reg. and federal aide. General Session in afternoon for final report and program addoption.

Hopefully Bob Moses.

Bob Moses is expected at Three Tomorrow unless he phones otherwise.

Jackson : re: Jesse Harris.

8:40, Light called City police, talked to seargants desk, and detective Harrel. Both said they didn't have Jesse.

8:43, Light called sheriff's office, talked to A. D. Jones. Said he didnt have him

8:50, called Rankin county sheriff, 825-2238, and got no answer.

8:55, called ~~Rankin county~~ Brandon city jail, 825-~~505~~ 5021, got a guy who said he was the fire dept. Said the police had same number, but if they hadn't answered they weren't there. I said what I wanted, he said I would have to call the judge. Asked him what the judges name or number, ~~wh~~ he said he didn't know either, then he hung up.

Jesse was driving a 1964 Blue Cataline, licence no. T 8030. Last seen by Rob Osman at about 3:00 pm today. Said he would be back in an hour. Miriam Cohan says he was going around Jackson to recruit people to go to McComb.

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Jackson 9: Parish, Randolph, Wahman, ~~Shinn~~ and Lauter, Snodgrass arrived from Meridian.

Jackson : re Jesse Harris. Alvin Packer said he had just seen him in Valerie's all is O.k.

Biloxi: Their phones are out of order. Steve tried 4 pay phones in their area which were out of order too some talk about laying cables. they have been told they will have phones by 11:00 am tomorrow. right now there is no number at which we can get them. (Steve Blum calling from pay phone in Tel. Co.) when I tried to call back the number was busy several times although the phone was out of use.

Biloxi: ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Amos Dickey about a block from office is affiliated with COFO Tel. 432-1634 they can be reached there.

Hollendale: Sherwin- Benaris havent heard anything about Earl.

Jackson

Hollendale 11:05: Reports of mob forming in Hollendale.

Jackson 11:10: Michael Waddell going to Vicksburg and returning immediately.

Jackson 11:10: Checked out Hollendale rumors.

Meridian 11:15pm. Incident happenning about 5 pm. in Meridian. Joe Morse, vol. person involved. At about 5 pm. he went by the COFO office to let some people off at the office. He stopped to let them off when a car went by with 5 young white boys inside. They starred and jeered at Joe in the car, then proceeded slowly down 5th. Street. Joe was then going to the Freedom School so he drove off down 5th. The car with the white boys was going slowly and Joe caught up th them at about 5th. St. and 31 st. Ave. At that corner, they pulled over and Joe turned on 31st. to go on to the school. He passed them and they then pulled up behind Joe very fast. At 31st. and 8th. St. Joe stopped for a red light and they stopped behind him. Four of the boys got out of the car--Joe had locked his door and rolled up his windows. One of the boys had a 7 up bottle in his hand. He approached the door by Joe and tried to open it--he found it locked and began banging on the door window with the bottle. Joe thought the window would break--the banging was hard. Several people at the intersection were wathhing the scene but did nothing. Joe did not drive off because 8th. Str. is a very busy road and cars were passing continuously. Wehn the light changed Joe took off, leaving the boys standing there. At 31st. and 12th St. the white boys again caught up with Joe, one leaned out the car window and threw the 7 up bottle in the rear window of the car--the window shattered. They turned the

Meridian cont. corner fast and drove off down 12th. Street. Joe continued to the freedom school and reported the incident to the police. The police were very courteous and said they would try to find the car. Joe did not get the tag no. of the car which was a 58 Ford--light green and yellow.--with the right front fender of the car smashed in from what might have been a previous accident. The five boys in the car were all white, about 14 to 16 years old. The only person in the car which belongs to COFO (via Bradley Clarke) was Joe Morse. The car is not insured.

Jackson 11:35:

Sherwin called FBI about Hollendale. . FBI had called sheriff and chief of police and talked with his wife. Neither had heard anything.

Hollendale : Agent Long of the FBI personally checked out area and is very quiet. 11:50

Greenville 11:55: Earl thought to be in hiding. Searching for him.

Hattiesburg: 12 midnight Doug Bear and Bill Nind coming in on the midnight bus and should call when arrive.

Aberdeen midnight: About 11:30, Warren Galloway and Bob Lubale talking with local people in office. Gas bomb was set near window but they didn't see or hear anyone. There has been a bomb scare every night this week.

Jackson: Ninde and Baer have arrived from Hattiesburg. 12:30 am.

Columbus: Higson- Gas bomb attack IN ABERdeen . Aberdeen office reported that a gas bomb had been thrown at the COFO house in Aberdeen at 11:30 this evening. It was thrown from a car (we haven't the license tag) but it didn't hit the house this incident has been reported to the Aberdeen police and Mr. Savard FBI agent in Columbus. Aberdeen said that they had had threatening phone calls almost every night, over the past two weeks. That's all he knows.

Greenwood: M Heard from Greenville that Earl Harris is safe, spending the night out of town to avoid the police. The police are still circling the office in Hollendale, still claim they are looking for corn whiskey.

Greenwood: 1:00 (Ilene) At 12:15 am in Mileston a bomb was thrown from a red and white 1964 Pontiac with two whites in it. The car has an oil miss sticker on the back window. Tags not discernible, i.e., couldn't even tell if car had tags. The bomb was thrown in the road, 10 yards from the house of Mrs. Ethel Smith whose home is located 30 yards from the new Freedom Center. No remaining debris from the bomb--- it is thought to have been a dynamite bomb. Hole in the road a foot deep and 5 or 6 feet wide. No one injured.

Greenville: 1:16 John Sawyer. Charlie called from H'dale, has found Earl, everything is O.K. Charlie and others are with him and are probably coming back tonight.. WSL
Informed G'wood.

G'wood: 1:42: Ed Rudd, Forman says tallahatchie story should be sent to press with great dispatch . Can't find out what talahatchie story is. Calling Greenwood back.

They will call back shortly with the story. They will handle press..

WSL