

Columbus: 12:10AM: Columbus wants us to call Aberdeen to see if Ron Bridgeforth is there since he is based in Starkville and was expected back there tonight. Then call Starkville and speak to Steve Fraser to let him know where Ron is. Then Call columbus back. Call back to Mike Higson.

Meridian: 12:15AM: Joe Morris wants to know how many people have been convicted for murder of a Negro, and if convicted, how many have paid the penalty. Ask the legal department and have them call Meridian back by noon today, if possible It is for a news story for a London publication.

Aberdeen: 12:20AM: Warren Galloway speaks: Ron Bridgeforth is there.

Starkville: 12:23AM: Steve Fraser speaks. We tell him Ron is in Aberdeen.

Columbus: 12:25AM: Mike Higson speaks: We tell him we made his calls and Ron is in Aberdeen. OK

Aberdeen: 12:30 AM: Ron called me to see what*s all this jazz.

Meridian: 12:50AM: Treston Ponder called to see if the four were staying over in Canton. Jesse, from here, says they are.

Vicksburg: 12:54AM: Paul ~~Johnson says~~ Cowan reports Harold/and Barbara Dane are safe in N. O.,
Ikeys

Breaker

Canton:

~~#####~~ Jim Olms-- Mount Pleasant Church in Gluckstadt was burned last night.
~~#####~~ Canton had been using the building as a freedom school. The church is half built.

When Jim Olms ~~was~~ drove by the church to investigate the burning, the local counstale was there. Olms drove on. When he got back to town, two ~~point~~ police offices stopped him and gave him a ticket for reckless driving. Trial is at 2pm today. Three witnesses in the car can say that he was not driving recklessly.

building that was burned that belonged to church.
The ~~#####~~/really wasn't a church, it was sort of a meeting hall. The church is on the other side of the street. The freedom school was held ~~on~~ in the part that was burned.

Cleveland: John Black-- Mr. montgomery, worker on the Smith plantation--60 years old. Shot twice in the front in the heart. Was shot by the gas station att~~enda~~nt. Seems that the man was a little crazy. There will be a public hearing today. There are still no details. Will give a report after the hearing.

✓ Laurel: Gwen Robindon for Leslie McLemore-- The three volunteers you asked her about don't want to go home early because they got down here late..

✓ Shaw: Staughton call Wally Roberts.

Natchez: 10:15 ~~W~~ OK

Canton: Building was burned to the ground. Burned after 10 last night. Discovered it after 8:30 this morning. (COFO workers). Haven't uncovered anything.

Jackson: 10:54-- The Attorney General of Mississippi, Griffin, called and asked for a Miss Pate or a Miss Moses. He talked to Karen Pate. He wanted a list of delegates and alternates of the Freedom Democratic Party. He also wants the members of the State Executive Committee. Call FL 59561 ext 291 and give him the information.

Hattiesburg: Terrie Shaw-- Florence Howe arrived.

~~Meridian: For the~~

~~Meridian~~

Vicksburg:--The new minister, Bob Bowie, is there. What time will Moses be arriving there. Will he need housing. Call back and let Paul Cowan know.

1pm

Biloxi:/ Mary McGroaty call and let them know about the Neshoba project.

For the person who called for information on the health programs in the Negro Elementary schools..... ~~There~~ No dental treatments are given and no vision or hearing test in the elementary schools.

Next week send someone is coming here from Biloxi to pick up the books from this office for Biloxi.

~~Meridian~~

summer volunteer

Aberdeen: ^{1:30} Joel Bernard-- Was canvassing in Aberdeen between 12-12:30 and walked on Long St. Negro parked in car with another guy. Went over to talk with him. White man drove up in truck. White guy was talking with the Negro Guys who were with Bernard. Guy asked Bernard what he was doing and where he came from. Bernard told him. Guy put his hand on Bernard and hit him in the cheek. Bernard ~~tried to duck the blows and he ran down the street.~~ tried to duck the blows and he ran down the street. The man started running after him, but then stopped. Bernard went around the corner trying to find a phone. Evidently the local workers who were with Bernard called the police. The police came up (believed it was the chief of police). In a truck behind the police car was the man who had hit Bernard. The police asked what was going on. Bernard told him and asked that he protect him from this man. The police told him to get into the car, and he took him to the jail. At the police station, he was told that he could swear out a warrant for the arrest of the guy. Bernard said that he didn't want to do anything until he saw a lawyer. At the station one of the guys asked his name, he told him. the guy then looked into a file and took out a picture of Bernard with his name on the back. Bernard had been arrested previously in Cleveland.

Two workers came in the station and were told to get out. Bernard ask to use a phone to call the office and was refused. He then asked if they would take him back to the office because he didn't want to walk the street by himself. They told him that they weren't running a taxi service.

Lawyers are going up from Columbus and a warrant will be issued for the arrest of the guy.

McComb: 1:44/ Mengy -- Will Jesse or Guyot try to get volunteers or staff in the fifth district who might stay through September 1, to come to McComb from the 20th of August to the 1st of September. They can use up to 20 people.

Canton: Margaree-- Wanted to check and see if Jim Ohls has lawyers for this afternoon.

Bolly Springs-- The folk singers arrived in ~~there~~ there.

Aberdeen: 2:26: 2:34: ~~Just~~ Warren Galloway. Call FBI about worker beaten up. Tell the layers to ~~get the~~ to get the hell up there. The registrar is sick there and they won't take any people today. Are they supposed to have a deputy regixtra? People are pretty angry about it.

Joel Bernard: Wants to know about writing the section over again on question 19 on the registration form. Let West Point know.

Meridian: 2:40: John Else: Could he get a ride out of Jackson to Californian (northern) in next few days

Columbus: 2:42: Mike Higson Wanted legal. Incident at Aberdeen. Joel Bernard a summer volunteer, was beaten by a white in Aberdeen this morning at about 12:30.p.m. while canvassing in North Vine street, Bernard was struck in the face and punched by a man later identified as an Aberdeen welder. John C. Barney. Barney drove up in a truck as Bernard was getting a freedom registration form filled by a Negro. There were several COFO helpers with Bernard and Barnery asked them what they were doing. They said they were canvassing. Barnery after asking Bernard if he was doing the same thing and where he was from, said, " You had better get the hell out of here". He then struck Bernard to the ground and punched him several times. Bernard managed to get away and was looking for a telephone when a police car passed him. Bernard flagged the car down. Barney, who had followed him in his truck, also stopped. As Bernard was describing the incident to the police, Barney walked over and began cursing him, calling him, among other things, "A dirty Jew." From remarks passed between the cops and Barney, it seemed that they knew each other. Bernard was taken to the police station and questioned further about the incident. He was refused permission to telephone on the grounds that the telephone was only for emergency use. He was told he would telephone down the street, but when Bernard asked for some kind of escort-- protection, the chief pp police said he would have to go on his own. Bernard did not accept the offer. He was eventually picked up and taken back to the Aberdeen freedom house, by Warren Galloway. Bernard sustained bruises, a grazed arm.

Greenville: 2:53: wanted to talk to Ros Zinn.

Ruleville: Mrs. Hamer. 2:55. Ten ~~minutes~~ minutes ago, a red pickup truck passed by her house. The man inside was the same man who pulled her dress up in Winona. The man pointed Mrs. Hamer out to the other man in the truck, and gazed at her for some time. She feels the man is up to something drastic. Earlier this morning, the same truck had stopped and a different man had asked Mrs. Hamer about some prisoner who has escaped. She is at her house with her husband and several other men....

Laurel: 3:15-- Jimmy Garrett, ~~##~~ Negro, asst project director and Paul Bradley, white summer volunteer are believed to be missing. They left Laurel at 10:30 this morning going to Hattiesburg to a Body shop to pick up a car. The shop is owned by George Jackson--JU 29923. They were traveling in a 54 Chevy. Green with a cream top. Miss plate Jones County--K17707. Were supposed to driving back in a blue 56 1/2 Buick.

Hattiesburg: Garrett and Bradley left the body shop five minutes ago.

Gulfport: There is a ride for anyone going to New York next week. Call Barry Goldstein in Gulfport.

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McComb: Staff that's/Jesse Harris, Dennis Swenney (Presently Volunteer) Mendy Samstein, Marshall Gantz. Popele staying through/ convention Curtis Hayes, Bob/Osman, Joe Knock, Seefhas, Hugh, Lee Garrettt Dave Gerder Helen O'Neal, Ben Brown.

Two new people-- Bryant Peterson and Carl Jaboloski. Ralph Featherstone leaving for another project.

Moss Point-- call Hattiesburg and find out if Tilman McKeller is in jail.

Hattiesburg: No, Tillman McKeller is not in jail. He just hasn't been in the office.

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Canton: Bob Watkins-- More info on the church burning-- Highway patrol was there at the site of the church burning making an investigation. Have the FBI been informed of this.

Cleveland: 4:45 Dave Goldstick-- On the morning of August 10th at 7Am, Neimiah Montgomery was shot and killed by police officer Leonard Yarrowborrow of the Marigold police force. The incident took place at a service station.

The ~~##~~ preliminary hearing was held this morning for the killing.

From the testimonies of the witnesses it seems that Montgomery went berserk soon after he had driven into the station/ when the attendant came up to him and asked to be paid. Montgomery ran across the highway to a trailer and got a hammer. He then ran back onto the highway and jumped on a car. He told a woman that he was going to ~~##~~ kill her.

He then returned to the service station and got into the car. The car wouldn't start. The service station came out of the place with an ax handle. He and Montgomery began struggling for the ax.

Evidently the police had been call, because Yarrowborrow, the police officer, came up. He got out of the car with his pistol drawn. The put the pistol back into the hostel. and tried to subdue Montgomery.

Some of the witnesses say that Montgomery had the ax handle when he was struggling with the police, and others say that he didn't have the handle. The officer shot Yarrowborrow once, but it didn't stop his advances. He then fired a second shot. Both bullets entered below the nipples both going into the heart.

The outcome of the hearing was that it was ~~#####~~ justifiable homicide while acting in the line of duty.

Tumelo: Steve Smith-- ~~Right now Joe Smith~~ 5:15 Jeel Bernard went to file charges against the man who beat him at about 3pm and haven't returned. Willie Earl Ervin went with him to file the charges. Left the court house to put money in the meter. When he went out side there different person took pictures of him. At 4:34 a Mississippi Hwy patrol car came by the fh in license 273. Two guys in car. Hwy patrolman and other guy in civilian clothing. The fellow in civilian clothes took pictures of the house and the people around it. Had a moving camera. Emma Bell went down to the court house to see what was holding up Maurel, she could see that Maurel's car was still there. Hwy patrol car was parked in front of the court house. Fellow in civilian clothes jumped out and took her picture with the moving camera. He got into another car-- 64 gray Pontiac. Tag-23085.

Clarksdale: Fred Harris wants to know if There will be NCC personell at each community center during the winter....

Vicksburg: Paul Cowan should be notified when we know when Bob Moses will be going to vicksburg (tomorrow)..

Mount Bayou: Mt. Bayou in Boliver is planning to test the public accomodations in that area. Bill R told them to hold off till thur and contacted M Wright who said she would send an LCDC atty there tomorrow.

Shaw: 7:55 the telephone in Shaw is out of order. The people can be contacted at 754-5141.

Columbus: Call back in 5 Minutes.

Greenville: John Sawyer--6:35-- Bob Wright and Lou Grant, both SNCC staff, were picked up by the sheriff in Anquilla. They were there leafleting. They were picked up about 6.10. George Rowe, who made the report, ~~thinks~~ thinks that they are being taken to the Rolling Fork jail. George was with them leafleting, but wasn't with them at the time they were arrested.

Waddell

~~Natchez~~ Natchez: 6:50PM: Janet Jemott says Geo. Greene has arrived. Can you sent about 200 copies of Miss. Free Press next time someone goes to Natchez?

George wants Clint Hopson to get in touch with him tonight about coming over to do some work in Natchez.

Shaw: 7:00PM: Dennis Flannigan ---We'll call Back.

Rolling Fork: 7:05PM: EMERGENCY: Rowell, calling in regard to two men who are picked --Bob Wright, Louis Grant: Were picked up about quarter of 6: Are in jail in Rolling Fork--Sheriff won't let them talk to the boys who are in jail. They are COFO, Negroes. Can't find out anything on charges. They were having a Freedom Day in Sequena. George Rowell, SNCC staff out of Issaquena (as were Wright and Grant) went to jail at about 6:45 to try to see them and get charges. Unable to see them, there was no law enforcement man around. George spoke to a Negro inmate at the jail window who called into the jail and confirmed they were there. They had been picked up at about 5:45 while passing out leaflets calling for a Freedom Day in Sharkey County tomorrow in Anquilla. Now being held in county jail at Rolling Fork. Rowell can be reached at 625, Rolling Fork. Morey called FBI, having Greenwood call JD. Rowell believes the sheriff who arrested them was the county sheriff, not deputy. He called jailer's house, jailer expected to be there about 8. Name: Perkins, 559R phone. mk

~~Memphis~~ 7:20PM: Cleveland: John Black calls for Hunter Morey. Details on legal procedure.

Holly Springs: 7:30PM: About several Freedom Days we're having and about Freedom Singers: Carl Young is speaking: Freedom Day tomorrow in Holly Springs--A Freedom Day Friday in Desoto County, Frdm. Day Friday in Aberdeen; Would like to find out Definately when the Freedom Singers will be in Miss. and when in Holly Springs ? New person in Holly Springs--Caroline White.

Meridian: 7:40PM: busy

Tchula: 7:40PM: Edie Black speaking for Mount Olive Frdm. Sch.--message for Tom Warman, making plans for next summer. Static on the Wats line, maybe jamming? Weil talks to Hollis in Mileston (via Tchula radio) . Serious Jamming of the Wats line now.

Anguilla Arrests by Hunter. at about 5:30pm Lou Grant (SNCC) and Bob Wright (SNCC) were arrested ~~by police~~ in Anguilla (Sharkey County) while they were passing out leaflets for voter registration, especially for the Freedom Day tomorrow in the county seat of Sharkey County in Rolling Fork. George Rowell (SNCC) knows a girl in Rolling Fork who witnessed the ~~arrest~~ arrest. He didn't but was also passing out the leafletts. At 6:45 Rowell went up to the jail and found it locked (in Rolling Fork). The Sheriff Johnnie M. Copper (home 446; office 31) was rude to him and said to call the jailer Mr. Perkins. However, Perkins won't be home till 8pm. I called the County Attorney J. R. Christenberry (262 home; 460 office) and he denied any knowledge of the matter and wasn't interested in doing anything about it. I could not get the Deputy Sheriff D. K. Stevens (home 220J), but the Greenville SNCC iffice did and he denied any knowledge also. I called Greenwood and they called Atlanta.

Canton: 8:00PM: Mary McGroarty speaks. Wants Mat Heron to call Jerome Smith in Canton when Mat gets in.

Meridian: 8:00PM: busy

Moss Point: *8:00PM: Rita Koplowitz speaks, and asks for Rachel Brown.

Jackson: 7:20PM: David Griffiths and friend, name of whom I didn't catch will leave Memphis tomorrow morning at nine o'clock, for Jackson.

Columbus: 8:10PM: Mike Higson speaks to us but the communicant is out--they'll call later.

Gulfport: 8:12PM: The communicant wasn't there either. They'll call later

McComb: 8:15PM: Ben Brown takes the message from us that Stauton Lynn, Ralph Featherstone and Webber are back here safely.

Holly Springs: 8:17PM: call for Tom Harris--not in--will try later tonight.

Meridian: 8:22PM: busy on 482-6103, still.

Greenville: 8:25PM: Gulfport: Ellen Lake: 8:30PM: Is Jesse Morris there? (this is a Watson call)--ph. 8644902. Note will be left.

Greenville: ~~8:40PM~~ 8:50PM:

Meridian: 8:40PM: John Elson of Meridian doesn't need a ride to California.

Canton: 8:55PM: Rudy Lombard ~~informed~~ got a message to call Jim Collier in Meridian. Canton relayed this message to him.

Jackson: 9:00PM: Rudy calls here to confirm Canton's message ~~to~~ to him.

NOTICE Carthage telephone number is reported OUT OF ORDER.

Greenville: 9:15PM: Leslie McClemore is in Greenville at 334-9296, the Frdm House.
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Called above - Leslie not there.

Meridian - Peggy Sharp staying in Meridian until can catch a ride back (probably with Fred Devan).

Sardis - Kathy Amatnick - Ranger Base listening in on Data Mobile 1 and can hear someone giving them false instructions by pretending to be Ranger. Ranger Mobile Unit 4 hears more often but won't say what they are saying to Ranger Base. It was a male voice making instruction - like noises, but couldn't understand content. On Route 3 coming into Batesville - about half hour ago - called into Ranger to say they were coming in. Didn't say when coming in, but route 3 intersection 21 miles from Batesville.

Waddell

Biloxi: 10:05PM: Steve Blum speaking: They still want to know about the status of their volunteers for the Neshoba Co. project. We are to call Canton.

~~Ph. No. 3699076~~ Greenville: 11:20PM: A Norton Thomas is supposed to be on his way to Jackson office by bus with a change at Indianola. We should call G*ville as soon as he checks in.

Ph. No. 3699076--Aberdeen COFO: 11:25PM: Steve Smith speaks: wants affidavits sent up here from here in Jackson. CONTINUATION OF 5:00PM REPORT: COFO office got a phone call that blocked their line for half hour; at 5:40 they went to the WMPA radio sta. to try to get them to play ML King's FDP tape and the fellow named Tolling refused to play the tape. He said "We were only trying to stir up trouble and that was what we thrive on." He wouldn't play it for our benefit because he wanted us to get out of the state "with our skins in one piece." Also said, "M. L. King is not a member of the FDP of Miss." He said he wasn't afraid of the FCC--that he's been working with them for 25 years, and that if COFO wanted to get a local citizen, etc. to do the tape, he would run it, but not the King tape. One the identification made by Emma Bell on the highway patrol car that this fellow was taking photos from: she positively identified the license no. of the car as MHP 273. At 5:50 the same car again went by the COFO Frdm House, again with a plainclothesman taking movies of those around the Frdm. House and of 3 COFO workers, Guel Bernard, Willie Erwin, and Lester Guinn. After a mass meeting one of the workers Leon Smith was given a ticket for reckless driving. Trial Thurs at 7:30PM in Aberdeen. Aberd. Police arrest--They said they were going to give him a ticket Sunday but they couldn't catch him. They apparently didn't tell him what he had done to be picked up tonight for the ticket (10:20PM) Corner of Brian and Franklin. Goca and Jones arresting officers

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