McComb: David Gerber 6pm
Yesterday, summer volunteer Percy McGhee, Gary, Indiana, was arrested for loitering while he was drinking a coke in the courthouse. His bond was set at $55.55. When another worker went to the jail to bond him out, jailor, Ray Pound waved a gun at him, so he left. The FBI was called, and when the jail was called back, the brother of the jailor denied the incident had happened and said that if they came down, they could get McGee out without difficulty. McGhee was bonded out late in the afternoon.

Also last night, cafe owner Van Brock was arrested for possession of illegal liquor. His bond was set at $300, and he was bonded out during the evening. Brock was arrested earlier in the summer and was beaten by police in his cafe. Summer volunteers in McComb believe he was arrested last night because voter registration workers frequent his cafe.

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Among those in McComb now are Cephas Hughes, Negro, Baltimore, temporary project director; David Gerber, fed programs; Lee Garrett communications, Percy McGhee, several other volunteers, and two doctors from the medical committee, Tom Levin, and Dr. Long.

Greenwood: Jesse Harrison
A mass meeting is planned for tomorrow night in Greenwood to lead up to a Freedom Day on Tuesday.

Durham: Barbara Simon 4:20pm
Barbara Simon called from Durham to say that she and a group of six others from Madison and Neshoba counties had been told by police to leave Durham. Their VW bus had broken down outside of Durham as they were driving to Atlantic City. They were waiting in the bus station for some money to be wired to them so they could proceed by bus to Atlantic City when police came to the group and told them they would have to leave town (they were an integrated group). When Barbara called Atlanta a Negro cab driver had come and was helping the group to take their things to a hotel, so she did not anticipate any more trouble. I gave her John Salters number in Durham if they did need assistance however, and told her to call back if there were any more difficulties. She did not call back.

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Albany: Joyce Barrett 8:45pm
The funeral for Wilbur Jones was held this afternoon. About 4-500 attended. They did not hold the planned march after the funeral however, because of rain. Police chief Laurie Prichard was across from the church during the funeral.

They are trying to get people to come to Rev. Wells' hearing tomorrow. They have been leafleting and will continue tomorrow. Don Harris has not yet been picked up though there is still a warrant out for his arrest.
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Tupelo: from Bill Light in Jackson about 9:30am
Bernard Smith called from Tupelo at about 3am this morning to say that there was a fire in the office at 1132 Hilda Drive. Cliff Trice is in charge of the office and normally sleeps there, but when Smith arrived at about 7:30am he was not there. A copying machine, a typewriter and a file cabinet are missing from the office and a neighbor named Ezell Miller says that he saw the police taking the items after the fire had been put out by the fire department. Damage to the office: the attic is gutted, most of the windows in the back have been broken (it appears that they were broken from outside), the back door is burned, water is on the floor (the place looks like it has been swept out).

When Smith arrived at the office this morning two city detectives were there questioning local bystanders and looking around the place at notices on the wall (e.g. WATS and emergency procedure sheets). The detectives are looking for Trice at his local address.

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Tupelo: Bill Light noon
The burning of the office was a case of arson. A local man said that he saw three white men and a woman drive by the office and throw something at it just before the fire started. After he spoke with the police he denied his story to the same story.

Re equipment taken from the office: the fire department, not the police took the office equipment. They said they had taken it in order to 'protect' it. Trice, not the Fire Department, had the files, but the department did take five filled out Freedom Registration forms. Bill Light is checking with them, and feels that we will be able to get everything back without any difficulty.

Trice has been located. He had gone to another location in Tupelo after the fire.

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Albany, Ga.: Joyce Barrett
This afternoon at 2:00pm the funeral for Wilbur Jones, shot by a policeman last Sat. will be held at the Mt. Zion Church. After the funeral there will be a march to the cemetery and then downtown.

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Montgomery; Wednesday August 19: Selma Times Journal yesterday
The conviction of the 10 Freedom Walkers from last May was overturned in Montgomery by the Alabama Court of Appeals. The ten had been convicted of breach of the peace when they attempted to finish the walk of William Moore, the postman who was slain during his walk in Alabama. Among The ten who participated in the walk were: Bill Hansen, Bob Zellner, Sam Shirah, Jesse Harris, and Chico Neblett of SNCC, and Eric Weinberger, Richard Haley, Winston Henry Lockett, Zev Aelony, and Bob Gore of CORE.

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Natchez (from Janet Jamot in Greenwood)
A large kludge meeting has been announced by Robert Shelton for the meeting will be held in.