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INCIDENT SUMMARY
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- Dec. 12 - Greenwood, Miss. Unknown persons distribute mimeographed booklet with names and addresses of 960 Leflore Co. Negroes who have tried to register to vote during the period from July 15, 1963 to April 23, 1964. Several of the people on the list have had trouble getting new houses.
- Benton County, Miss. Three Negro farmers who won positions on the ASC (see I.S. Dec. 1-9) Committee in Community B attempted to run an ad in the county paper and were refused. The ad read as follows:
- To all citizens of Community B in Benton Co.:
- This is to inform you of our intentions as your committeemen. We do not intend to serve our race exclusively. We do not intend to cast stone for stone. We intend to carry out our function with justice and equity. We regard this as an opportunity to serve all citizens of Community B, regardless of race, as good, true and honest committeemen.
- Pine Bluff, Ark. A number of Negroes who had requested absentee ballots for the Nov. 3 election never received them.
- Dec. 13 - Holly Springs, Miss. Local youth active in the movement was fired from the job. His boss told him, "I warned you once not to mess around with the people on the corner (COFO) or they'd get you in trouble."
- Dec. 14 - Holmes County, Miss. Tenant farmer who recently won as chairman of the ASC committee in his community has been harrassed since the election. The sheriff has been joking about putting him in jail; the rent on his land has been doubled; and his truck has been repossessed.
- Valley View, Miss. Cotton Gin owned by a white man burned to the ground. Owner had refused to stop ginning cotton for a Negro active in the movement.
- Dec. 15 - Natchez, Miss. Eugene Rouse and George Bess were shot at and followed by cars full of whites while walking along the road between Fayette and Natchez.
- Dec. 16 - Laurel, Miss. John Foster, Ulysses Everett, Charles Hardfield, Pat McGaukey, Moses Jackson and Oliver Hardaway arrested while attempting to be served at the Travel Inn coffee shop. Arrested on charges of breach of peace and resisting arrest. Everett, Hardaway, Foster and McGaukey were dragged up two flights of stairs in the police station and Hardfield was punched by a policeman. There was continual interference on the COFO telephone for two hours after the arrests.
- Dec. 19 - Natchez, Miss. Six persons arrested for public drunkenness. Young Negro girl active in the movement also picked up and held for half an hour.
- Dec. 21 - Selma, Ala. John Love, Selma project director, was ejected from the courtroom after complaining to bailiff about segregated seating. A Justice Department suit against Dallas County sheriff Jim Clark is being heard in Selma.

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- Dec. 22 - Cleveland, Miss. Bob Analavage arrested for improper license plates. Analavage was taken to the town hall, where the deputy sheriff telephoned the judge, who over the phone declared Bob guilty. Deputy sheriff Coleman later went back to see the man with whom Analavage had been talking when the arrest was made, verbally abused him, threatened him, and told him that he would end up in the river if he became involved in the movement.
- Dec. 23 - Laurel, Miss. Twenty persons (15 local people and five staff) were arrested in three separate groups as they tried to obtain service at a coffee shop attached to the Travel Inn. They entered the shop, were asked to leave, refused, and were arrested on charges of breach of peace.
- Dec. 25 - McComb, Miss. Home of local Negro woman dynamited early in the evening. Slight damage. The incident occurred in Summit, a small town near McComb.
- Laurel, Miss. Twelve civil rights workers chased from the city jail after they sang Christmas carols and freedom songs to the twenty workers inside. Moses Jackson, one of those present was kicked by a deputy sheriff. Another deputy tore a tape recorder from Chicago newsman Lou House, yelled, "What you got there, boy?", kicked the machine and then threw it ten feet. When House went to retrieve it, the deputy yelled, "get out of here; the Klan is coming."
- Dec. 26 - Hattiesburg, Miss. Group of Negroes refused service at white theater.
- Dec. 28 - Columbus, Miss. Dove Green, Dennis Gaston and Jan Hillegas jailed on charges of vagrancy while assisting in a Freedom day here.
- Hattiesburg, Miss. Joseph Schwartz was punched in the stomach by a policeman after being arrested on a traffic violation. The officer asked, "are you one of them who think that white and Negro should mix?", then attacked Schwartz while another policeman stood by and watched.
- Dec. 31 - Hattiesburg, Miss. A city electrical inspector condemned the wiring at the newly remodeled Deway St. community Center. Volunteers from the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC), who had spent two weeks remodeling the center, were given four hours to repair the wiring.