

WATS Report

July 10, 1964 early am

GREENWOOD, MISS.- About 12 SNCCs were at a local restaurant when a report came from the office of a beating at Carrollton St. They left the restaurant and milled around deciding who would return to office, etc. Frey found some local people who would take himself and Monroe Sharp to Carrollton. They started into that car, others started into car going to office. City police car pulled up. Monroe said, "We got to get some damn organization about us." Cop car stopped, cops (2) both got out. Pulled Fred Mangrum (Negro, NYC) out and said, "Who's doing all this cussing?" Fred said it wa not he. Monroe answered, in reply to second time police asked, saying it was he. Police said no, threatened Fred, poking billy club. Police shook club at him, Fred raised his hands as cop started to search him. Police handcuffed him, put him in police car, placed him under arrest. Frey asked charge. Cop ~~xxx~~ said, "for cussing." Half of group returned to office, called jail. They were told by cop on desk the charge was violation of a city ordinance, profanity. Bail \$15. No further details at 2:00 Miss. time. (from Garman to King) #

By 2:25 Miss. Time Mangrum was out of jail. #

Example of need for accurate information, and ample information, when taking reports from field:

When the story on Rev. Wells was filed with the wires here, a newsman told me he would have moved a story from Atlanta right away except that one fact was missing - the restaurant's name. He said he would have to leave the story w ith the day desk now and couldn't send it out until they got the man's name. Too bad because had he moved the story tonight, he would have had to quote a "SNCC spokesman." Tomorrow's story will quote the police.

ASK QUESTIONS! ASK QUESTIONS! ASK QUESTIONS! ASK QUESTIONS! #

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI: via Ed Rudd/Karen; 5:00 am, July 10

Freddy Mangrum, SNCC staff member, was arrested at approximately 3:00 pm (Atlanta time) as he left the Bullin Restaurant in Greenwood. He was in a group made up of 12 other SNCC people. The police arrested him on the charge of public profanity. Bond was set at \$15 and was paid soon after he was taken into custody. The hearing is July 10.

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