

GREENWOOD, MISS. From Garman 11:30 pm BOMBING EXPECTED

Local person overheard a conversation that the Greenwood office would be bombed or burned out and that the local fire department should not put the fire out. There has been a suspicious looking car around, Carroll Co tags license no. 8-2098 blue 1961 chevy. Two other car seen last night N6812 dark blue buick or olds 63 or 64 sitting down Broad Street on 7/10 at 11pm with 6 white men; other NB 2486, light brown or beige rambler, 10:40pm July 10, drove by office. Stu House struck by occupant of car. The local person heard fireman told that office would be burned. Gwood office talked with individual and they think threat is reliable. They have asked the Jackson office to call every half hour after midnight to check, and Atlanat to call occasionally. They called John Doar and the Memphis FBI; Doar is supposed to be contacting local FBI who is supposed to check out story with local person. Local police also called. Stokeley, Coumbland, Stu House and Ed Rudd.

JACKSON, MISS. From Bob Beyers 11:30 pm

Radio reports about 8pm relayed by CBS and Meridian, NYTimes, etc. that a body was found near Tallulah, La. by a fisherman named James Bowls or Bolls: half (lower) of body dressed in blue jeans and tennis shoes, leather belt, buckle with letter M and gold watch (Bulova), chain with 2 keys, part of a pack of cigarettes, piece of paper with handwritten referance with Alcorn A&M. Meridian was hit with radios before Jackson got report and initial reaction was that it checked out with Schwerner. There was an NBC report that said civil rights workers said he had a gold watch which was a hearsay report in Meridian, Bob Gore got it back to NBC that we were checking it out. Greenwood was trying to protect Rita from press phone calls. FBI said nothing except that they were investigating. On top of that came the bomb threat in Gwood. 8:10 J. got another call from Meridian on sneakers he might have been wearing. Meridian also said he was planning to take some freedom registration forms to Alcorn ~~fixings~~ and had been making arrangements before disappearance. They also had a rumor yesterday that if bodies were found they would be mutilated, and scattered in different states. Gwood's initial reaction to J. office was to protect Rita and check out description of dress through others. Meridian reports were piling up and said he had received a gold watch and that the Alcorn message checked out. New York (Kunstler) produced information that the watch was silver, that he didn't have belt buckle initialled M, and that his tennis shoes were still in his apartment. Bob Moses discounted report of tennis shoes at first and Jesse Morris said he usually wore overalls. Jackson is not saying anything to press now except "no comment." Jackson is assuming Gwood will do FBI, etc. contact.

AP Atlanta 7pm From Dinky - Body taken to local funeral home until feds arrive.

James - there is a short statement from Betty on probability of office bombing on tape. -MK