

WATS REPORT: July 2, 1964
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unofficial report

Jackson : 3:45^{am} from Hunter Morey (he received info. from Scott Smith, Canton)
~~Smith~~ Smith called in to Jackson first at 2:00am and then again at 2:20am. He reported that a city police car was circling the office playing loud music over a loud speaker. They also had the siren going. The noise was aimed at the COFO office in Canton. Talked to Smith again at 2:40am and said that they now had only the blue light flashing. Smith recognized both officers in the car as people he had seen before on the night shift. He only knew one by name and that was officer Allen. ~~Smith~~ Jackson reported that it had called the local (Jackson) FBI and gotten no answer. They then called agent Helgeson who said that he would check into the report. All attempts to reach local law enforcement people in Canton were fruitless. The highway patrol was also called and they could not reach any of the local law enforcement people on their radios. When we talked to Smith at 2:45 the harassment had stopped.

During the day certain cars pass~~ed~~ by the Canton office and most of the cars had some type of tall ~~air~~ aerial. The cars developed ~~some~~ a pattern each day and the Canton office has the license numbers of most of the cars. The list is in Jackson. The cars belong to known White ~~Citizens Council~~ Citizens Council members in the area. The feeling is that since cars with aerials have been sighted in other parts of the state the WCC may have a whole network of radio/ contacts and can call throughout the state.

~~Smith also reported that he had seen tap wires on the phone junction boxes outside of town. He feels that this is why they will not let any other Negroes have phones (i.e. it will make problems when they have to change taps). He says that when they get harassment calls they come so close together that a person wouldn't have time to dial so he thinks they have some way to make the phone ring. He also said that another worker lost 3 dimes in the phone and when he mentioned it over the phone later that he was going to report it to the FBI that his dimes returned. Smith also said that he passed the local Gun Club and saw the same WCC people testing their walkie talkies. When they saw him they tried to hide them.~~

Meridian: 3:45am (Atlanta time)

Bob Gore of CORE reported that after a mass meeting there a white girl threw a bottle at a Negro girl ~~which~~ which cut her leg. The Negro girl ~~was~~ is Laia Waterhouse of Meridian. The trial of the white girl is tomorrow. Hunter Morey sent a lawyer to the trial to protect David Katz, COFO worker, who was a witness. The lawyer is from the LCDC. ✓ Jackson received the report at 12:10 their time).

Jackson: 11:50am

Holly Springs:

Larry Rubin 22, of 5300 W. Eoxford, Philadelphia, Pa., yesterday filed a complaint with the Justice of the Peace Sam Coopwood, ~~for~~ for assault and battery against Robert Walker, 30, a Marshall County ~~plumber~~ plumber. Walker has been freed on \$1000 bond. The case will go to the grand jury in August. In Rubin's complaint Rubin alleges that Walker rabbed him on the shoulders near the throat shook, cursed, yelled at threatened to shoot both him and his office with a E2 guage shot gun and also threatened twice to throw a bottle at the group with which Rubin was walking. The incident happened at 8pm on Tues. June 30 at a Texaco station adjoining the SNCC office at 100 Rust Ave., Holly Springs. It was witnessed by several summer volunteers and Rust College students. Rubin is scheduled to talk with FBI men today. He was walking from a restaurant to the office when the incident occurred. He has been working in voter registration activities.

They want us to call the Philadelphia papers and make sure they have the story.

Justice of the Peace in Holly Springs is also the Mayor.
John Herbers will be in Holly Springs to talk with people/