

BATESVILLE 1:25 am (M. Sayer/N.Grogan)
 Kathy Amatniak called. The house of W. Robert W. Miles, Rt 2, Box 20, tale no 563-3058, has just been tear-gassed. In the house were Kathy Amatniak, Claude Weaver, and Truman Morrison (Tim). At 1:28, Hunter called Jackson FBI Agent, Lee. At 1:30 he attempted to call Batesville police and the operator told them they didn't answer phone at night. At 1:35, Jackson called Sheriff of Panola County 563-7354, they got his wife, Mrs. Hubbard, who said the sheriff had already gone out on this incident. At 1:36, H.W. called back to Batesville house. Claude answered. At that time the sheriff was there with a deputy named W. Brevie (Joseph). The sheriff has picked up an army type gas grenade which apparently had been thrown at the peak of the house and apparently rolled into the back yard and the wind blew the gas into the house. Claude says that everything is under control there. He was forced to leave the house because the gas was so dense. Before he left the house, he said he heard a car pulling away just before the gas drifted into the house.

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McCOMB (1:50 am) via Greenwood (Sayer/Grogan)
 McComb called the Jackson office at 1:50 am. Charles Bryant's house was bombed about 1:30 am or shortly thereafter. It is in Whitestown which is part of McComb. McComb dispatched a radio car to the scene and the report by radio is that police and FBI are swarming all over the place and they couldn't get to the area because it is blocked off by cops. It looks as though noone is seriously hurt. Those in investigating car were Featherstone, Hayes, and Rev. Boy-. More information is being collected.

Atlanta is to begin calling press. Greenwood will call New Orleans AP) The above information is incorrect.

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BATESVILLE (Weaver/Grogan) 4:00 am, July 26
 Claude Weaver was called for a tape and further bits of information were garnered: The car from which the tear gas grenade was thrown is a dark blue late model Ford. The Panola C. sheriff arrived on the scene 20-30 minutes after Claude called him. He examined the grenade which was marked Federal Specialties Company, Harrisburg, Penn. He remained on the scene about 45 minutes. The occupants of the house included two children, ages 5,6. Noone was seriously injured though the tear gas irritated eyes and exposed skin areas.

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McCOMB (Garman/Grogan) Sunday, July 26, 4:45 am
 Regarding the bombing: The New Orleans FBI was called at 2:30 am. They had already been informed and were working on it.

The house of Charles Bryant, scene of voter registration meetings, was twice bombed around 1:30 am, July 26. A 1951 Black Chevrolet passed by one time and then returned and threw a small dynamite bomb which did no damage. Mrs. Bryant defended her house by returning the attack with a shotgun blast. The Chevrolet returned a third time and threw a larger dynamite bomb which did damage the house. Leaflets announcing a freedom registration picnic had been passed out during the previous day, Saturday, indicating the lawn of Mr. Bryant's house as the location of the picnic. The picnic will still be held.

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Bryant is the brother of C.C. Bryant whose property was bombed on June 21.

The house has also been used for youth meetings. The leaflets indicated that the picnic was a voter registration picnic. McComb has a list of suspicious cars and is checking it for the black Chevrolet.

This is the fifth bombing in McComb since the night of June 21 when three houses were bombed. There have also been 2 church burning, in which the churches were burned to the ground, since June 21.

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BATESVILLE REGARDING THE TEARGASSING- Weaver/Forman via Garman/Grogan
The sheriff and his deputy were outside the house while Weaver was talking to Forman. The workers who had been in the house were outside waiting in cars and trucks for the gas to clear. When asked how they felt, the workers replied that they were mostly angry at themselves for running outside as they realized that it could have been a trap. Deputy Brewer first picked up the tear gas bomb but, as it was hot, he left it there. Tearing off some cardboard from a soap detergent box to use as a shield, he again picked up the tear gas bomb. It was lying directly in back of the house under Tim Morrison's car. The burned spot where it fell is not being disturbed. The gas blew into the house through the back windows and door. The sheriff told Tim that they could get no fingerprints from the bomb as it had police fingerprints on it and other fingerprints would be burned off. The sheriff said he had called the local FBI and Mr. Cotton (apparently the FBI agent in McComb).

Those in the house at the time of the bombing were: Truman (Tim) Morrison, Claude Weaver, Kathy Amatniak, Robert J. Miles (secretary of Panola County Voter's League), Mrs. Miles, and their three sons: Robert J. Miles, Jr., Kevin Miles, Bernon Miles; also, Tilman McKeller from Hattiesburg.

Betty Garman called the Memphis FBI at 1:50 am. She talked to Joseph Brewie, agent, who said they had received the report from the Jackson FBI. This is significant because Hunter Morey had called Jackson FBI at 1:28 am. Jackson FBI always says when called that they have no authority but this time they took the initiative and called Memphis within 22 minutes to report the incident.

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