WATS REPORT: JULY 26, 1964 Helena, Arkansas: Larry Seigal

20 cars and two motorcycles driven by whites kik drove by the freedom house repeatedly last night. They were not able to kakk get any license numbers, but

one of the cars was a '62 red Bodge station wagon.

The FBI in Little Rock was called and they said they could not do anything, but they did call the Helena police and told them of the situation. Today the chief of police of West Helena came to the house. He said that parents of some of the students we'vw e worked with and American Legion people have complained about SNCC workers and their influence on the local students (the H ut is run by the American Legion- Negro). The chief threatened to charge SNCC workers with contributing kk to the delinquency of minors.

Tomorrow the FBI will come by the house to discuss the testing that has been done, and kkkk Wkkkk Joe Wright, Larry Seigel, etc. will talk with them about

the incident last night.

When the chief of police came by today he asked them (what did you call the FBI for?"--he seemed to be very disturbed that they had been called, and wanted to avoid any publicized incident.

MORE FROM GREENWOOD FROM DOTTY ZELLNER AT 2:08 ATLANTA TIME At 12:58, Greenwood time, Judy called to say that Sheriff Smith of Leflore County was to escort them from the hospital. They arrived back at the SNCC office at 1:10 (approx.) Greenwood time.

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Selma: John Love Sheriff Clark has closed the Elks Club today claiming that John Love and some others had met with a northern minister in an 'unauthorized meeting' - (one which would break the injunction. In fact, Selma leaders did meet with Ekk. with the minister on Saturday, but not at the Elks Club. The minister is also working developing white contacts in Selma and seems to be having some success.

Testing of public accomodations in Selma by pairs of airforce men from Craig Airforce Base was to have begun today, but it was not, as far as we know. 传统经验

Pine Bluff: Jim Jones Jim's trial on the reckless driving charge was held today. Wheke The arresting officer D.W. Jarnette claimed that Jim had been driving 70mph and had skidded condiderably when he had stopped for a light so that Jarnette had to step on the gas to avoid being hit by Jim's car. He also added other falle details about Jone's alleged reckless driving. In fact, when Jim was stopped by Jarnette he had just turned onto a very badly paved road and was practically at a standstill! because there was a dip in the road. Jim's fine was \$51 plus court costs. Claude King was convicted on the concealed weapon charge. Jarmette claimed that he had been in the club they were near earlier, had gotten into a fight and had gone for his gun to kill the man he fought with. He claimed (and had the police ready to back up) that the city police were looking for him. King was fined \$50 plus costs.

Neither was able to give his story, but only had the opportunity to plead not guilty. Throughout the prosecutor reminded the Judge that Jones was a civil rights

The convictions will be appealed.

Helena:: Jones

Last night cars of whites again circled and parked in front of the Freedom House. There was no violence however. There has been considerable intimidation of any local people who come in contact with SNCC workers and fear is great. The attempts of officials to turn the Negro community against the workers is partially successful Interested students akk have difficulty with there parents. There will be a mass meeting in Helena on July 31 at methodist church of Rev. Lyles. Should help matters

Silas and Jake McGhee went to Leflore Theatre tonight. They were inside and called back to SNCC office and said mob was gathering outside. The police were there, they said, and refused to protect them. They wanted a car to come get them, because they couldn't get a cab. SNCC office tried to get cab, all refused/ SNCC sent two cars, one belonging to Dr. Cornwall, a local man, and one belonging to Penny Patch!s parents, rented, with Florida plates. Cornwall and Willie James Earl were in one car; Judy Richardson and a local youth were in the other. They arrived at theatre, and police escorted Silas and Jake fr from the lobby. As they were about to get into the car, police jumped back and the whites began surging forward. Silas and Jake got into Cornwall's car and locked the doors. Whites started jumping on the car and a white youth through a cake bottle through a rear right window, at which point the car was able to drive away, taking the youths to the Leflore County Hospital for treatment of glass cuts. Cornwall and Willie James Earl left them at the emergency room and returned to the office because they were not allowed to make a phone call. They asked SNCC to call FBI because they were being followed. (SNCC was in touch with FBI in Greenwood and Memphis, the JD and several congressmen) Another car went to hospital - the Florida car - which was shot at at the intersection of Route # 82 and Main Street. No damage done. At the hospital, Judy Richardson, June Johnson, Willie James Earl, Will Henry Rogers and Ed Henderson, called SNCC and reported the shooting and as well informed SNCC that police Commissioner Biff Hammond had informed them he could offer no protection whatever. Meanwhile, whites were gathering outside the hospital. In the meantime, the McGhe mother ans their older brother, in Army uniform, arrived at the hospital. At this point (12:32 Atlanta time) all are still at the hospital. The older brother in determined to leave anyway they can. Judy and others will stay there and risk arrest, if needed, until they believe they can leave with protection. (McGhee's home was shot into a few nights ago. Silas was involved in first arrest under the '64 rights act. FBI is in front of the office, sweeping the glass from the floor of Cornwall's car. As far as they know, there are no agents there.) There are 3 car-loads of whites outside hospital. Two pulled away, and people think they pulled down the street to wait. We have just received word that Schwaum, FBI agent, is at the hsopital.

Now (12:40 Atlanta) hospital doors are locked. SNCCs are inside. Ther are 3 FBIs are hospital, Murphy, Peatherly, and probably Schwaum, and highway patrols are back and forth in front.

THE ELDER MCGHEE, CLARENCE, AND A FRIEND, WENT OUTSIDE AND WERE LOCKED OUT. THEY SAW THREE CARS OF WHITES (22S AND 38S) FIVE GUNS AN ALL. ALSO, 2 FELLOWS WHO WENT WITH MCGHEE, OTIS AND JAMES BARRY, WENT OUT LATER TO GO HOME. THEY WALKED TOWARD THEIR CAR, TWO WHITES WITH BOTTLES AND STICKS, THREATENED THEM, SAMING, YOU'D BETTER GO BACK INSIDE. NOW (L:24 ATLANTA) THERE ARE FOUR FBIS AND THE SHERIFF. JUDY TOLD AN AGENT THEY WOULD NOT LEAVE UNLESS THEY WERE GUARANTEED PROTECTION. INDEXEMINATIONS THE SAID THE SNCC HAD ASKED FOR PROTECTION. FBI SAID GO OUT AROUND THE BACK AND YOU CAN ASK HIM IN PERSON FOR PROTECTION. TO DO THAT, SHE WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE PARKING' LOT AND THE WHITES. SHE ASKED THE FBI TO SHOW HIS CREDENTIALS, AND HE REFUSED. JUDY THINKS THEY ARE NERVOUS, AND WOULD GIVE PROTECTION.