

Americus: Sammy Mahone July 7, 1964 3:15 pm Taken by John Perdeu

Situation is still tense. Groups of Negroes have met on the theme of self-defense after the shooting last night and the continued refusal of police to provide protection. Police blame the friction on Negroes, outsiders, say that we are going too fast. Small groups of whites are wandering around downtown. Sheriff Chappell has harrassed Negroes today downtown, telling them to move on, disperse. At the King & Queen drive-in restaurant this morning, a Negro trying to get service was chased by a group of whites. Got a ride from two white women (didn't know where to). Mahone doesn't know whether Negroes are testing public accommodations today. Some Negroes have said they were afraid to do so because of shootings, mobs in the last three days. A telephone operator in Americus told SNCC worker Willie Ricks she wouldn't let him make any more long distance calls. Another operator asked SNCC worker Robert Mants Sunday night why he wasn't downtown where all the excitement was. People at the SNCC office there believe more violence will occur tonight.

Atlanta: John Perdeu July 7, 1964 2:30pm

REPORT TO JUSTICE DEPT. Talked with agent John Doar, who said that Robert Mants had already reported to him last night. I gave him information from above dispatch. He said JD was collecting evidence of intimidation of Negroes by whites over last few days, would see if JD could take action to insure that local law enforcement agents would do their duty of protecting people.

Atlanta: Zev Aelony July 7, 1964 7:30 p.m.

Call from Marv Rich, New York; had contacted Gov. Sanders. Said would do what's necessary in Americus. Wouldn't be specific, but sounded like he'd do something.

Call from Rev. Holmes (Georgia Council on Human Rights). Was called by a Lt. Colonel in Geo. State Patrol. Said they are not allowed to intervene in local situations unless asked, but that they are aware of the Americus situation and that "if a fire starts we'll be prepared to put it out." Said he had empowered the Captain of the Americus post to have a man in Americus at all times to watch the situation. This was done this morning. #

Jackson ~~xxxxxxx~~ Clarion Ledger July 6, 1964

piece on FBI search for missing men, byline: Mary Ann Pardue. Quotes a "spokesman" for the FBI as saying:

"We have 55 field offices throughout the country manned by 6,000 special agents, and can get one of our men to any point in the United States within an hour."

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