

Dear FSNCC (1)

Here I sit in

Smith Grocery Store poll-
watching for the Freedom Vote.

Old Miss. is something else-
everything is upside down in

this state. Last week they
released 4 white men who had
confessed to bombing homes &

churches & 2 days later they
arrested 14 COFO workers for
running a "food handling"
establishment without a permit.

This charge ~~is~~ was based on
the fact that all the workers
~~ate~~ together & rotated cooking &
serving in a restaurant, according
to the McComb Sheriff. About

1:30 on the night ~~that~~ they were
arrested the Jackson office got
a call from the Stanbery Daily
reporting that they had called
the jail & the jailer said that

Dennis Sweeney (a white worker)
had broken jail. We called the
jail to verify story & they
said it was true & that they
had the blood-hounds after
them. Because we know Dennis
we knew he wouldn't have
broken jail and we were afraid

they were trying to set him
up. - that is shoot him ~~up~~ ⁽²⁾
~~say he was~~ while he was
escaping. We began calling
FBI, Justice Dept, Burke Marshall
& John Doar at home & every
northern Congress man & official
we knew. About 3:30
John Doar called back & said
the escape story was untrue
& the jailer had perhaps felt
harassed by people calling
in about Dennis. Can you
beat that, the sheriff
arrests people, jails them
& then feels "harassed" if you
call to find out about the
arrest - but that's Miss.

Its very strange to be
in a state ~~where~~ in which there
is no one you can call if you're
in trouble. Once they know
you're with the movement
you can't step across the
street without looking 10
times. The other evening 2
friends, both white were in a
cafe, one drinking beer the
other coffee (the coffee drink
doesn't drink at all). Two
white cops walked in & arrested
them for public drunkenness.

One of the 2 teachers physics
at Tougaloo College + also ⁽³⁾
~~we~~ set up the short-wave
radios here. It was a little
difficult but luckily we
were able to get him out
before his 8:00 class -

Well must say so-long
now + return to "getting
out the vote" write
soon + let me know what
up in Wise. Also let
me know which groups are
supporting SNCC workers - I
maybe able to write to some
personally + help from here

Freedom

Theresa

P.S. Messages

- Austin: I need the
\$30.00
- Trena: hi - and send
my maroon wool shirt
- FSNCC

FREEDOM