Tuesday morning we went to Hattiesburg, were there all day. Having returned from Hattiesburg about 6 p.m., the whole group returned to Moss point and went to an NAACP meet at the Masonic Temple. About 30 there. The major topic was the summer program and what we planned to do and what we wanted from the community. It was a very warm and open reception. We went from the meeting to Jackson Park and the five COFO workers had a conference to map plans for the coming days.

Upon leaving this conference, Ridemour went to the Gatlin's cafe between three and four p.m., and called Sandy Lee (?), the project director there, and told him the COFO groups had returned safely from Hattiesburg. Ridemour also told them about two incidents:

1. Two negro teen-agers had been picked out of a crowd of ball players and spectators, and taken to jail for allegedly having insulted a white woman. The speculative motivation for this action, in Ridemour's judgment, was the fact that the people at the ball park had been at an earlier ball game (two days earlier) where COFO workers were present.

2. Four people independently had told Ridemour about two young negro boys had been poisoned by candy. (This was later proved only rumor) Sandy said he would call Jackson immediately and relay a message back to Ridemour within an hour. Ridemour then learned from a community person that Kirschenbaum had left the cafe and was in the process of being picked up by the police constable. This was around 11:15 p.m.
Never then talked with the sheriff and the county attorney, told
them that Kirschenbaum was staying, and asked that he stay there until
his father arrived. The local law officials were then very pleasant
(they were getting what they wanted). Ron Hidenour left with the lawyers,
who return to the Moss Point cafe together at about 1:15 p.m. met the remaining three COFO workers assigned to Moss Point (Charles
Glenn, Fred Mealey, and Harniann McKay). They advised that the story
about the child poisonings simply wasn't so. Mary Pearlman and one
of the COFO workers examined the K.P. Park building, which had only
been about six feet underneath...charred...burning was about six feet along side of human building.

INSERT ABOVE: Before leaving sheriff's office, Lents talked with
sheriff about the Negro teen-agers. Sheriff told Lents one was out on bond,
the other was getting out. At Moss Point, however, this was not
confirmed...both boys apparently were still in jail. At this point,
two FBI agents arrived out of the New Orleans office. They said they
had come following the reports, with request to teletype answer to
Washington on all incidents Wednesday afternoon (6/4). They interviewed
Glenn, Hidenour, and heard Pearlman report on what he'd found at building.
They said they planned to talk with the sheriff at the court house about
the situation (including the Negroes), but had no apparent basis for
action beyond this.

The COFO attorneys then decided to return to Pascagoula to see about the
Negroes, since the sheriff's report had misinformed them about the Negroes.
Pearlman and Never went to see the district attorney (Gambest?) about 3:15,
told then sheriff's report not confirmed. In the presence of
the COFO attorneys, the DA was told that a Dr. Morris (Negro) was then in
the process of posting bond for one of the teen-agers. The DA then told
the COFO attorneys that Dr. Morris could afford to post bond for both
the Negroes ("he makes more money than I do," was the tenor of the
DA's remarks. The lawyers immediately went downstairs, met the mother
of one of the boys and D1. Morris. The names of the Negroes Ron Gladney
and James Petan, both 16. Nevase made arrangements for the family to
request D1. Morris to post bond for the second Negro, which was done.

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Nevase asked Morris whether the boys would need legal assistance. Morris
said the juvenile judge (a man named Matta) was a nice guy, "a fair judge"
and advised therefore he did not anticipate problems. Nevase gave him the
COFO (LCDO) address and phone he, in Jackson and asked him to call
at any time if help was needed. The group then returned to 3104
Point, picked up Ridicous, and returned to Jackson without
incident, arriving about 8:30.

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General impressions of Nevase: there was no problem about out-of-state attorne-
ys discussing legal matters with the local law enforcement officers and
prosecuting attorneys. Very polite approach, even though not 300 completely
honest. Lots of small talk. Never any disparaging remarks about COFO
or attorneys approach

10 P.M. AP in Mobile advices K still
at jail - AP phons following story. 

General impression of Law Bob Lente: Hix County DA's main concern was the
safety of the summer workers. DA pointed out the danger of having people
work in Negro neighborhood at night...seemed genuine on this part...no
apparent objection to daytime activities...DA felt Jackson County was
one of the better counties of Mississippi in its treatment of Negroes, point-
ing out that Negroes had never had difficulties from a discriminative
standpoint in registering to vote....He added none of his white friends
were too ignorant to vote. The COFO people confirmed that discrimina-
tion in registration was not bad. Personally feel it's a mistake
to let parents come down for their youngsters when a
responsible person present and can make appropriate arrangements.
(Kirschelaum in jail for 10 hours longer than necessary). Also
it gets more publicity for pull-out. Also we need more communication
with local COFO offices about getting counsel when they need it.....