

June 24, 1964

Memorandum: Report from Moss Point, taken 3:45 a.m.

Howard Kirschenbaum and Ronald Ridenour arrested in Moss Point, Miss.

Kirschenbaum was outside a cafeteria with Charles Glenn, Staff worker, and with whom he was staying, and the police pulled up and arrested Kirschenbaum, and took him to jail.

Ridenour was standing in front of the Freedom House; the police came up and asked him ~~xx~~ what he was doing. He replied, "Nothing." The police took him off to jail. Next day, deputy sheriff admitted they were being held for "investigation."

Glenn called to find out the charges, and the sheriff told him to come to the jail and find out. As Glenn was reporting this to Atlanta he said he could see the place where the mass meeting had been held, the K.P. Park, burning to the ground. The hall holds about 300 people. The total damage is not known.

UNCONFIRMED:

Reported that some white ~~xxx~~ people drove through the Negro neighborhood and threw some candy out their window. Some kids picked it up. One child is reported to have died, and the other is reported dying. Still not confirmed at noon.

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Two teenagers were picked up, supposedly on rape charges. It was reported that they were then beaten in jail. No one is allowed to see. Apparently, the two boys had only whistled at a white woman.