

4th District Office
Daily Log -Oct. 9, 1965

Not too much accomplished today as we were on the phone most of the day, thanks to, we assume, Deputy Jenkins et al. Did get the letter to staff and FDP officers written and the first page run off, also the personnel report forms. Besides the following calls, we called the FBI to tell them we'd been threatened, also Jackson and Atlanta. Jon Steinberg in Atlanta offered to send the Deacons over, but Wally rejected the idea. Rims Barber and Greg Finger came over around 7 and we took turns on the calls -- they also let us get some sleep. Many silent calls and "who is this" type calls. The conversational ones were:

- 1) Call for the undertaker. Me: Wrong number. Him (George): He's on his way, tell him to call 9744.
- 2) Pat Jerks in Harmony. Wants to join our organization. Asked Wally to meet him at White Gables to talk. Wally refused on grounds he wasn't eager to get his head bashed in. Pat refused to meet anywhere else.
- 3) Johnny Smith. "What are you doing tonight." Me: We're going to be busy. What are you doing tonight. J: Oh, we've got plans for tonite. Me: What are those? J: You'll find out.
- 4) (Nasty voice) We all know you're there. Just don't be there tonight. (something about them coming over. Me: What time. Wouldn't tell me. S said FBI would also be here tonight as we'd been in contact with them. Nasty: Hmmm.
- 5) Dovie Hudson (name of Negro lady in Harmony). Called twice. First time asked "who is this?" Wally: It's rude to call someone and ask who is this. You're supposed to identify yourself. She hung up, then called back and apologized, gave that name. Said she wants to come see us. Was told to call next week. Was given this number to call today.
- 6) Operator called - complaint about phone not working right. Told phone was fine, could hear her children sounded fine too.
- 10) Malcolm X calling for Malcolm X. Left a message for him "Go to hell."
- 11) Mrs. "Collier" -- what do you have to offer Me: Freedom. Said she has freedom. Would never admit other didn't. Said they wouldn't get beat up, if they didn't make trouble, should build their own places. Races won't mix, Bible says races should be separate. Me: Love thy neighbor as thyself. Turned her over to Rims with whom she discussed his ministerial qualifications.
- 12) Wow! Wally got a response from one of the silents. Damn near converted him with a lecture on Miss. economics, love, peace, non-violence. Guy said he cared about both white and Negroes, that he thought Negro should vote. Agreed we shouldn't be in Vietnam. Really dug the talk on human understanding and that it was good he and Wally talked to each other. Is going to tell people we're not so bad and that they can call and not intelligent with us and have reasonable conversation.
- 13) Man told Rims to go out front into some clump of trees to see a "special light." Took a peek, no light visible from the road, sure ain't going into any clump of trees.
- 14) A number of calls asked when we were leaving, when we were going to bed, and then they started asking when do we get up in the morning.
- 15) Wally got asked for a date. Said he's particular about who he goes out with, has to know someone.
- 16) Director of Operations for the Peace Corps, Elvira Jones, called from Washington to find out how we were doing. (Do they feel Miss. is an underdeveloped country).
- 17) Leroy Lewis called. Rims spoke of love, God etc. Leroy swore. Prognosis: Incurable.

Had told sheriff's office about threats this afternoon. Sheriff did drive by a few times. Also, a green pickup truck with no plates kept driving by. No trouble however. A.J. says white folks around here are chicken. Also, Wally went to P.O. Said town very hot -- everyone started muttering things, was followed by white Chevy, 64 or 65. Lost him.