

Fouth District Office
Daily Log

Oct. 13, 1965

Spent most of day culling files for a fund-raising list (out-of-state). Sent off letters to two personal contacts calling on them to organize fund-raising and material-raising groups.

Phone company (they said) called. Asked if phone was okay -- said people had reported trying to call and not getting anything. (It's frustrating them when I take the phone off the hook to sleep.) Stayed at office alone -- felt OK except for rats scratching around. Hope they're mice.

Oct. 14, 1965

Typed and ran off letter calling for district meeting on the 21st. Prepared mailing with memo on office function, personnel reports, car authorization, and meeting notice for each project and FDP chairman.

Went down to ASC office with Green and Wilders. Man not in -- third time they tried. Andrew thinks they're getting run-around...Gave a small typing lesson to a local young man...calls slacking off, only a couple today. News from Jackson: Cox handed down a temporary suspension order saying kids who are out of school because of tuition law can go back free of charge till case decided. Higson thinks we'll win case.

Mailings sent out to projects.

Wally had long talk with the racist from Columbia U. (who had called the 12th). Made no progress either...I was invited to a Klan meeting at the White Gables tonight by Mr. Simonet.

Oct. 15, 1965

ASC information sent to Clarke. Letter to Donna Allen asking for Vietnam booklets. A little excitement in the evening. About 10:45, someone set this house on fire. (See statements in this file.) Police and Fire dept. came about 5 minutes after we called them, tho by that time Wally had fire out. The cardboard over the side window was completely burned and the boards around window and in the rafters were charred. Also map on inside of window. We think arsonist must have been Negro, because we heard no car and he must therefore have used back path. Might have been the cop, Marvine, whom Wally had a not-too-friendly conversation with today. (Marvine insisted he call Wally "sir", while Wally insisted he call him "Wally"). The fire occasioned at least 20 phone calls. This included me calling FBI (they said someone would come over on the 16th), Jackson calling FBI and the President's Comm. and the Pres.'s Comm. calling the FBI. Obviously sick of being called, the FBI called us and said they'd send someone up right away. Mr. Harold Fabrice (who had dropped by to see us in the afternoon -- the police having told him we're here) showed up about 2:30 A.M., checked the site, took pictures, said rag was doused with benzene, took information on us and statements about what happened. Left about 4:30. Also, Mr. Sellers and Willie Ricks ran up from Jackson "to collect the ashes" of which there were none. Also George and Sears sped over from Canton in about 15 minutes, finding it faster than calling by phone. Wally has decided life in Carthage is getting more interesting and he will not leave to organize Texas, Nevada and Arizona.