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On July 23, 1964, I was in downtown Holly Springs visiting various government offices in search of information on Federal Programs. I stopped in the Welfare Office on Ghoulson St. to inquire about the type of programs administered from that office and the criteria used in determining the size of the payments. The secretary showed me into the office of a Mr. James B. Buchanan who seemed to be in charge. I began to ask him what I wanted to know but he interrupted me before I could finish and said that first I would have to answer some of his questions. So he asked me my name and I gave it to him. Then he asked for my age and I said, 21, and then he asked for my home address and I gave that to him. Finally he asked for my parents' names. I argued with him for a while about the necessity of that but I finally gave that to him thinking perhaps that my cooperation would bring something in return. ~~But~~ It didn't, he just wrote the information down and then gave me the name and address of the head of the Jackson Welfare Office. He said that his office was not established for the purpose of giving out information. I had earlier tried to explain my reasons for wanting that information. He said he knew why I was there. So then I left.

m On July 30 ~~him~~ I received a letter from my parents dated July 28 reporting that they had just received a mailing from a Jim B. Buchanan of Holly Springs with some clipping from the Memphis Commercial Appeal about the supposed ~~com-unist~~ connections of Summer Project workers. He had marked it, "Thought you might be intrested in your sons activities and associats, i.e., Eugene Humn." (illiterate spelling is quoted.) I suggested to my parents that they write him back.

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