

July 28, 1960

My name is Jim Taylor, Madison, Miss. Rt. 1 Box 160.

The Friday nite before the 4th of July they poisoned the water in the pond, it killed the fish, and I took some of it up here to the Court House and ~~they~~ ^{someone} told me to take it to the welfare and they told me to take it to Mr. Machie but I never took it to him because it rained and washed the water out and it didn't seem to hurt nothing. But it sure killed the fish.

The welfare

Last Wednesday, ^{July 22} the barn got caught a fire and I went out there to see it. The hallway was burning, just the dirt, and the blaze was about waist high but up in the left part where I had ~~some~~ ^{some} hay, and there was a big blaze up there. When I throwed the water on the ground, the blaze went weish just like it was gasoline. The barn burnt all the way down to the ground. I lost 150 of bussels of corn in the crib and the hay in the left.

After the barn burnt and we went to the house, there was a car sitting down the road and it backed up to the house. He asked who barn was that burn down. They told him was Jim Taylor's barn and he laughed and went on down the road in his car. He was a white man but I sure didn't know who it was. *There were also 3 shots heard by my neighbor + my daughter*

I haven't been working with the Movement but I sure has gone down to the court house to register. *I have been to some of the meetings held*

at the Churches

My friend, a white man told me they thought I was holding meetings at my house and that's why I think they burned the barn and poisoned the pond,

X Jim Taylor
(His Mark RSW)