

AFFIDAVIT - July 16, 1964

My name is Robert Campbell, Jr. I live at 655 N. Market St., Pascagoula, Mississippi. I am 15 years old.

I work on the street department for the city of Pascagoula, and have worked for them for 6 weeks. On July 15 at 1pm a meeting, under the charge of Mr. Charleston of the City Commission, was called of all the Negroes who work for the city and their former ~~MANAGERIAL~~ (Some of them are Negroes.)

The chairman started the meeting by talking about voting, saying that Negroes had been voting since 1890 and had never had any trouble with it. He said he wanted everyone to cooperate with him. He said that this NAACP and COFO stuff is junk and that these people are here only for a short while and we are here to live. He said "We want you to work here, but some of the former, especially, have been going to the mass meetings and if you continue we will let you go." "We need you and you need us." and then gave examples about how good the relations are between whites and Negroes. "We're just not going to have this kind of trouble here. We can't stop you from going to the meetings, but if you do go, we will have to fire you." He said we wouldn't lose our jobs unless he found out about our going.

The meeting lasted about 30 minutes; there were about 35 people there.

Signed

R. Campbell Jr.

Witness:

[Signature]

Marianne C. McKay