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~~XXXXXXXX~~ OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE; JAMES T. HARRIS; FRANK J. HERNDON; TOMMY A. HORNE; JAMES E. JORDAN;  
~~XXXXXXXX~~ EDGAR RAY KILLEN; [REDACTED] BILLY WAYNE POSEY; CECIL RAY PRICE, DEPUTY SHERIFF, NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINY, SHERIFF, NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS; JERRY MC GREW SHARPE; JIMMY SNOWDEN; JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND; HERMAN TUCKER; OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR; - - JAMES EARL CHANEY; MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER; ANDREW GOODMAN - VICTIMS <sup>b7c</sup>

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P R O S E C U T I V E S U M M A R Y

NARRATIVE OF OFFENSE

Victims JAMES EARL CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN and MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) workers, left Meridian, Mississippi around 11:00 AM, Sunday, June 21, 1964, en route to the Mount Zion Community east of Philadelphia, Mississippi where they visited the former site of the Mount Zion Methodist Church which burned to the ground on the evening of June 16, 1964. After viewing the charred remains of the Mount Zion Methodist Church, the victims visited with several Negro families before driving toward Philadelphia, Mississippi en route to Meridian, Mississippi.

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While driving their 1963 Ford Fairlane Ranch Wagon, bearing 1964 Mississippi License H25503, to Philadelphia, Mississippi, they were arrested by Deputy Sheriff CECIL RAY PRICE, Neshoba County, Mississippi, at approximately 3:30 PM, June 21, 1964, allegedly for speeding within the city limits of Philadelphia, Mississippi. At the request of Deputy Sheriff PRICE, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolmen HARRY J. WIGGS and E. R. POE assisted PRICE in transporting the victims to the Neshoba County Jail where CHANEY was incarcerated for speeding and GOODMAN and SCHWERNER were incarcerated "for investigation". b7c

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] booked CHANEY for speeding and GOODMAN and SCHWERNER for investigation. [REDACTED] victims were held in the Neshoba County Jail until Justice of Peace LEONARD WARREN was available to set bond for CHANEY. After 10:00 PM, Justice of Peace WARREN was contacted at which time he set CHANEY's bond at \$20. After the bond was paid, the three victims were released from the Neshoba County Jail at approximately 10:30 PM, June 21, 1964. b7c, b7D

Victims departed from the Neshoba County Jail in the ranch wagon and were followed until they approached the Philadelphia city limits by Deputy Sheriff PRICE and RICHARD A. WILLIS, a Philadelphia, Mississippi patrolman.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] observed the victims traveling on Highway 19 toward Meridian, Mississippi. b7C, b7D

On June 23, 1964, near the Bogue Chitto Creek on Highway 21, approximately thirteen miles northeast of Philadelphia, Mississippi, the 1963 Ford Fairlane Ranch Wagon, which was last seen in the possession of the three civil rights workers, was located in a completely burned condition. Examination of the ranch wagon indicated that the interior and exterior of the car, with the exception of the left front fender and door along with a portion of the hood and bumper, had been affected by flames and intense heat of fire. A meticulous examination by Special Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory revealed that no human remains were in the debris which contained a wristwatch, automobile keys and tools. A resident of the area, T. HUDSON, stated he had traveled by the place where the car was burned shortly after 1:00 AM, June 22, 1964, and observed what apparently was the burning car. Flames ten to twelve feet high were noted, even burning the bushes.

[REDACTED] b7C, b7D  
On August 4, 1964, a search warrant signed by U. S. Commissioner VERTA LEE SWETMAN, Biloxi, Mississippi, ordering a search of the OLEN BURRAGE farm in Neshoba County, was served on OLEN BURRAGE at Philadelphia, Mississippi. Excavation was conducted on the farm dam and the bodies of the three civil rights workers, CHANEY, GOODMAN and SCHWERNER, were located and exhumed. The bodies were transported to the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi, where Dr. WILLIAM P. FEATHERSTON, a local pathologist, conducted an autopsy and pronounced the cause of death to be gunshot wounds.

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Positive identification of the three bodies as JAMES EARL CHANEY, MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER and ANDREW GOODMAN was established by the FBI Identification Division through fingerprints of the victims.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] construction of the earthen dam was started around June 14, 1964 and that work on the dam was going on during the week end of June 20-22, 1964.

[REDACTED] construction was in progress on Sunday, June 21, 1964, and again on Monday, June 22, 1964, beginning early in the morning. [REDACTED] did not observe any evidence of tampering or irregularities at the dam site. b7c, b7D

JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, a white male from Meridian, Mississippi, an admitted participant in the abduction and murder of the three civil rights workers, stated that on June 21, 1964, EDGAR RAY KILLEN, JERRY SHARPE and a person whom he believed to be JIMMY TOWNSEND, all residents of Philadelphia, Mississippi, traveled to the Longhorn Drive-In, Meridian, Mississippi, where KILLEN informed JAMES T. "PETE" HARRIS, FRANK HERNDON, and JORDAN that three civil rights workers were incarcerated at the Neshoba County Jail in Philadelphia, Mississippi on minor charges. He indicated these men could not be held long and he wanted Lauderdale County Ku Klux Klan members to join a Neshoba County group in "whipping" these men. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JORDAN related that six pairs of cloth gloves were obtained from OLIVER RICHARD "DICK" WARNER, JR.'s store in Meridian before leaving the city en route to Philadelphia. b7c, b7D

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HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE, another witness who admitted being a participant in the abduction and murder of CHANEY, GOODMAN and SCHWERNER, related that on the evening of June 21, 1964 [redacted] telephonically advised [redacted] and him "the Klan had a job". DOYLE and [redacted] met [redacted] JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, [redacted] whose last name BARNETTE later learned was [redacted] at [redacted] in Meridian, Mississippi. [redacted]

[redacted] DOYLE and [redacted] and JAMES EDWARD JORDAN proceeded to Philadelphia where they met [redacted] informed them the three civil rights workers were being released from jail and he stated, "we have a place to bury them and a man to run the dozer to cover them up." b7c

The three civil rights workers, JAMES EARL CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN and MICHAEL SCHWERNER, were released from the Neshoba County Jail at approximately 10:30 PM, June 21, 1964, and by prearranged plans, [redacted] informed the participants, the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) would intercept the civil rights workers' car as it proceeded down Highway 19. The car, however, was not stopped by the MHSP. [redacted]

[redacted] actually stopped the car south of House, Mississippi on Highway 492. He placed the three civil rights workers in the back seat of his car and drove them down a nearby country road where they b7c

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were shot by the group that had followed [REDACTED] from Philadelphia. b7c

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE stated that SCHWERNER and GOODMAN were shot by [REDACTED] and JAMES CHANEY was killed by a volley of shots in the presence of [REDACTED] JIM JORDAN and himself. The bodies were taken to the OLEN BURRAGE dam near Philadelphia, Mississippi where a bulldozer operator performed the interment. Afterwards, the group congregated at [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] provided a jug of gasoline to burn the three civil rights workers' 1963 Ford ranch wagon. [REDACTED] informed the group that the victims' station wagon was to be taken by [REDACTED] to Alabama where it would be burned." b7c

After leaving [REDACTED] JORDAN, [REDACTED] and BARNETTE were stopped by [REDACTED] in Philadelphia, and [REDACTED] admonished the group against disclosing the crime by stating, "I'll kill anyone who talks, if it was my own brother." b7c

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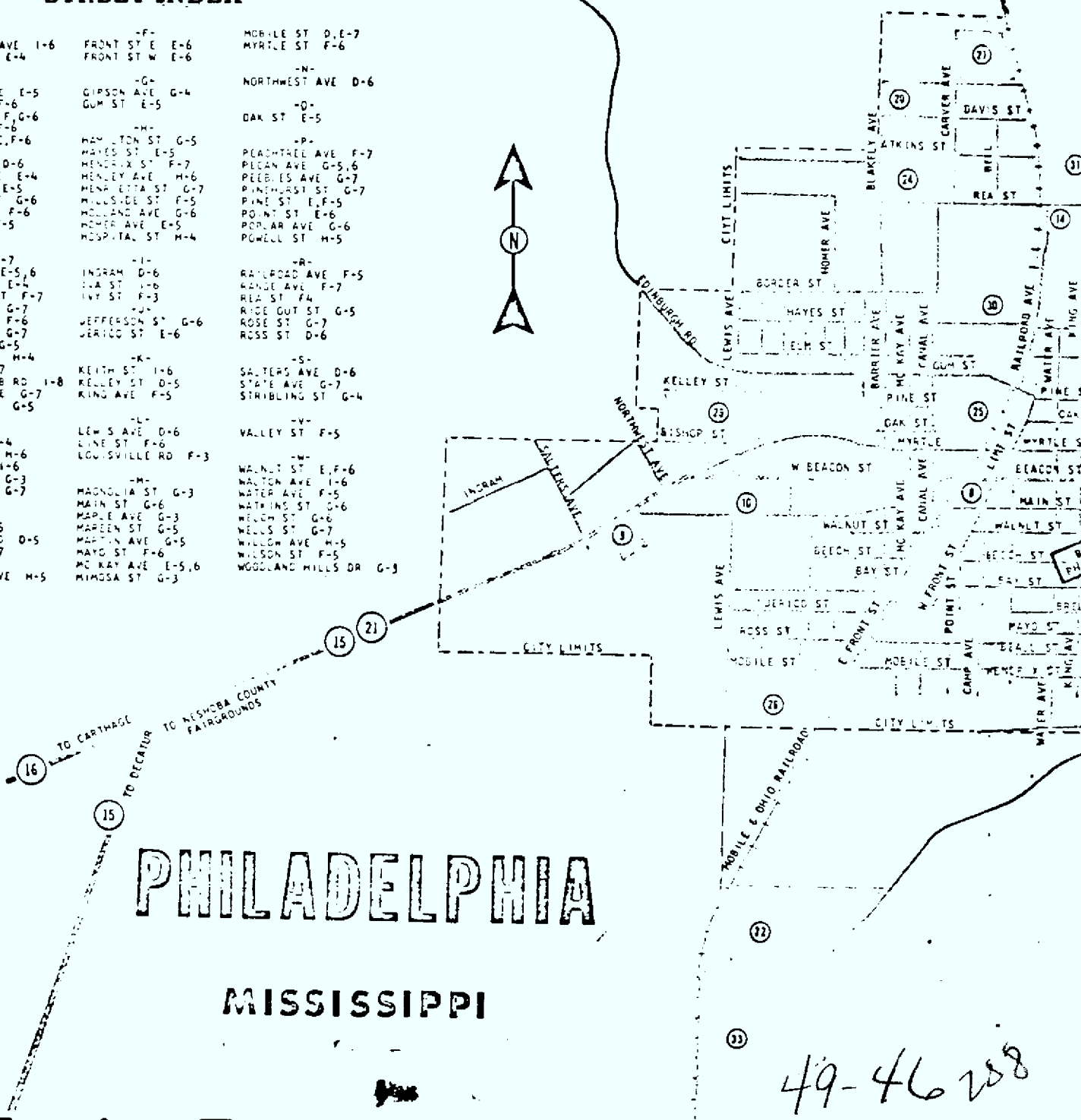
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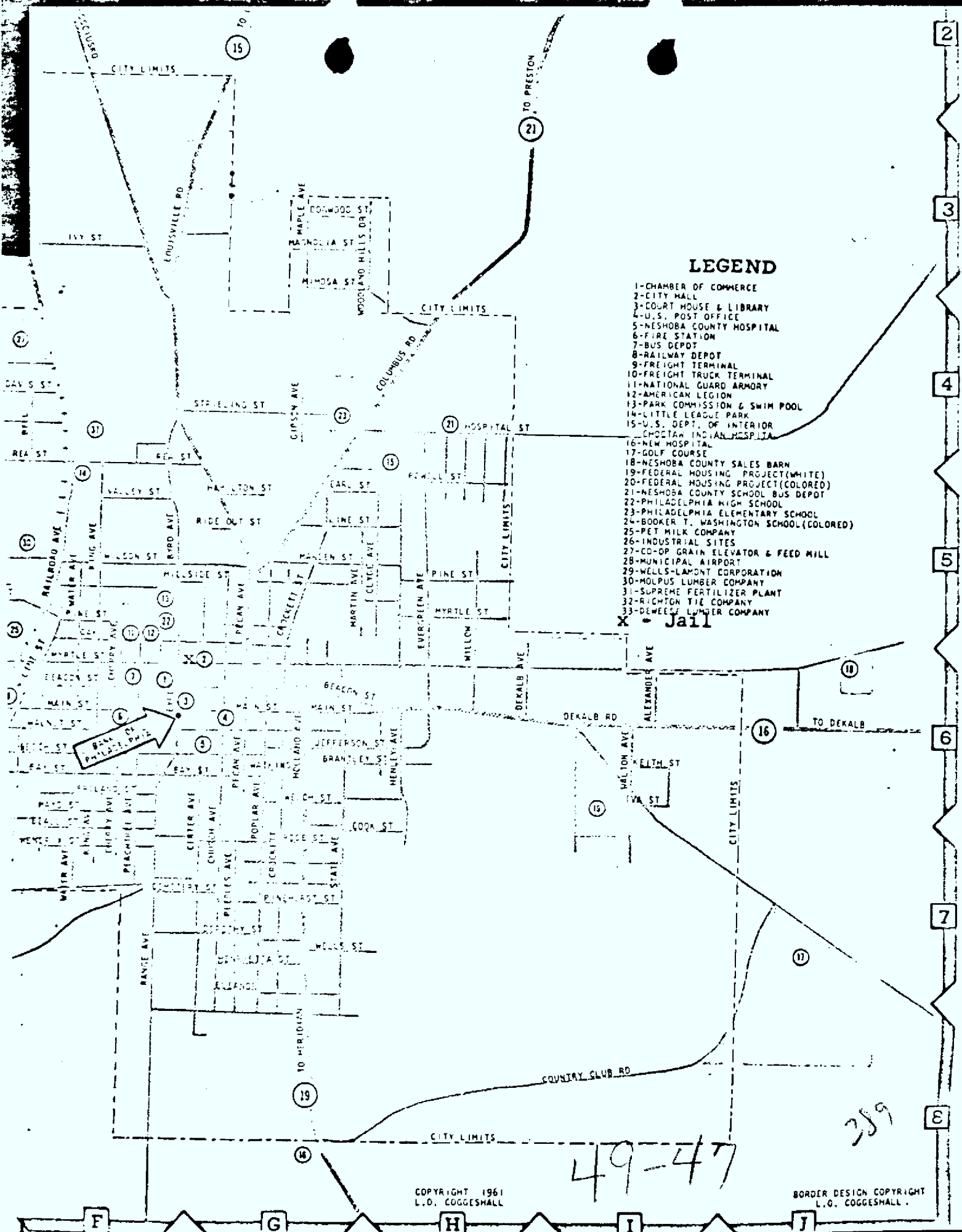


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At 10.03 p.m., June 21, 1964, Mr. FRANK SCHWELB, Attorney, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, telephonically advised the New Orleans Office of the FBI that three Civil Rights workers all in their early twenties, MICHAEL SCHWERNER, a white male, JAMES CHANEY, a Negro male, and ANDY GOODMAN, a white male, left Meridian, Mississippi, the morning of June 21, 1964, en route to Philadelphia, Mississippi, where a Negro church had been "burned or bombed a few weeks back." The group left with the intention of being back in Meridian at 4 p.m. on the afternoon of June 21, 1964, but had not returned and had not been heard from up to the time of his call.

At 10 15 p.m., [REDACTED] Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] Jackson, Mississippi, that ANDY GOODWIN, MICHAEL SCHWERNER and JAMES CHANEY had left Meridian, Mississippi, via automobile early the afternoon of June 21, 1964, traveling to Philadelphia, Mississippi, with the intention of investigating a recent church burning there. They were due to return to Meridian late the afternoon of June 21, 1964, but at the time of [REDACTED] call they had not returned and had not been heard from since leaving Meridian. He stated that the police in the towns between Meridian and Philadelphia had been contacted by COFO and no information had been developed regarding their whereabouts. b7c

At 11:34 p.m., June 21, 1964, Mr. FRANK SCHWELB telephonically advised the New Orleans Office that the car in which the three above persons were traveling is a 1964 Fairlane Ford, bearing Mississippi Licerse H25503. He stated that [REDACTED] of COFO, Jackson, had called the Lauderdale and Neshoba (Philadelphia Police Department) County Jails by 9 p.m., June 21, 1964, in an attempt to b7c

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locate the three persons and was advised that "No one of the description he gave were being held."

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/30/641

At 3:20 p.m., HUNTER MOREY, Legal Coordinator, Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised the Meridian, Mississippi, Resident Agency that he desired to make an official request for an investigation to locate JAMES CHANEY, MICHAEL SCHWERNER and ANDREW GOODMAN and that his request was the result of his receipt of conflicting stories concerning the time the three individuals had been released from the Neshoba County Jail at Philadelphia, Mississippi, and because of the church burning near Philadelphia, Mississippi, he feels the three boys were in physical danger.

On 6/22/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # New Orleans 44-2227  
 by SA [REDACTED] <sup>km</sup> mjh Date dictated 6/26/64

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the following information:

Mr. GOODMAN is President of the Grow Construction Company, 313 West 53rd Street, New York City. [REDACTED] firm constructs roads and highways throughout the eastern part of the United States. Mr. GOODMAN himself is a civil engineer.

[REDACTED] ANDREW does not have a middle name or middle initial.

[REDACTED] ANDREW completed the first half of his junior year at Queens College, New York in June, 1964. He is an anthropology major and expected to return to school in September, 1964 to complete his studies.

[REDACTED] ANDREW is a volunteer worker for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNVCC). ANDREW became affiliated with SNVCC at Queens College, New York. Approximately one month ago he joined a group of students from Queens College and picketed the New York Worlds Fair. [REDACTED] do not know of his engaging in any other civil rights activities in New York City.

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On 6/24/64 at [REDACTED] File # [REDACTED]  
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On June 13, 1964, ANDREW left New York City and drove to Oxford, Ohio with [redacted] New York City. The automobile was owned by [redacted] however, [redacted] were unable to describe the make, model or year of the car.

[redacted] were accompanied by a young girl from New York City whose name and address she does not know. This girl intended to work with the group of college students on civil rights activities at Oxford, Ohio. [redacted] met the girl on one occasion [redacted]

[redacted] has only a vague recollection of the girl's physical description. [redacted] believe that she could be readily located through [redacted] whose last known address was Oxford, Ohio.

[redacted] telephone call was made from Meridian, Mississippi, during the evening of June 19, 1964. ANDREW on this occasion [redacted] had arrived in Meridian and was working with MICKEY SCHWERNER on voter registration drives. [redacted] his address was 2550 1/2 Fifth Street, Meridian, Mississippi.

[redacted] furnished the interviewing agents with a postcard [redacted] received in the mail on the morning of June 24, 1964. The postcard is from [redacted] ANDREW.

[redacted] The card is post-marked "PM June 21, 1964, Meridian, Mississippi". [redacted]

which read as follows:

[redacted]

"I have arrived safely in Meridian, Mississippi. This is a wonderful town and the weather is fine. I wish you were here. The people in this city are wonderful and our reception was very good.

"All my love,

"Andy"

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[REDACTED] ANDREW has never been married and does not have a regular girl friend. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he had in his possession approximately \$90.00 in cash and a group of American Express Company Travelers Checks in either ten or twenty dollar denominations. [REDACTED] did not know the total cash value of the Travelers Checks, however, [REDACTED] maintained a list of the serial numbers of the checks. [REDACTED] records revealed the American Express Company Travelers Checks carried [REDACTED] ANDREW were numbered AA 64-486-894 to and including AA 64-486-903.

[REDACTED] ANDREW had in his possession a brown wallet. In his wallet were small slips of papers with the names and addresses of friends and associates in New York City. ANDREW's wallet, [REDACTED] did not contain personal photographs, membership cards or similar data.

[REDACTED] ANDREW, [REDACTED] was not wearing any jewelry, medals, wrist watch, rings or other ornaments. [REDACTED] he has never been arrested by any police department. [REDACTED] do not believe he was ever fingerprinted, however, in 1959, ANDREW applied for and received a United States Passport for travel to Europe. [REDACTED] it is possible that ANDREW may have been fingerprinted when applying for the passport.

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[REDACTED] ANDREW's clothing consisted of summer weight kahki shirts and trousers either tan or black in color.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ANDREW's closest friend is [REDACTED] who attended Walden, a private school in New York City, with ANDREW. They both graduated in 1961,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ANDREW left New York City he had in his possession a current New York State driver's license and a salmon-colored sheet of paper with the names of five different individuals in New York City whom he could contact for bail money if he ever were arrested in Mississippi.

[REDACTED] did not keep a list of these people whom ANDREW should contact, [REDACTED] was able to identify them from memory as being:

1. The law firm of Wolf, Popper, Ross, Wolf and Jones, 845 Third Avenue, New York, New York;

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2. [REDACTED] New York, New York;

3. [REDACTED] New York, New York;

4. [REDACTED] New York, New York;

5. [REDACTED] is not sure who the fifth person was, but believes it may have been [REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT W. GOODMAN, [REDACTED] New York, New York.

[REDACTED] was requested to obtain the name of ANDREW GOODMAN's present physician and dentist. [REDACTED] advised the interviewing agents that ANDREW's dentist was WILLIAM DIAMOND, DDS. Dr. DIAMOND's office is located on 57th Street in New York City. [REDACTED] was ANDREW's personal physician.

[REDACTED] furnished the interviewing agents with current photographs of ANDREW. [REDACTED] furnished samples of his handwriting.

[REDACTED] ANDREW was a level-headed, responsible young boy who never was involved in any trouble with the local police department and was not the type of boy who engaged in "practical jokes". [REDACTED] read several items in New York City newspapers which indicated that some people believed that ANDREW and the other two boys missing in Mississippi might have intentionally disappeared. [REDACTED] was inconceivable ANDREW would be involved in such a hoax. [REDACTED] would immediately advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation if they heard [REDACTED] or received any information concerning his whereabouts.

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[REDACTED] furnished the following physical description of ANDREW GOODMAN:

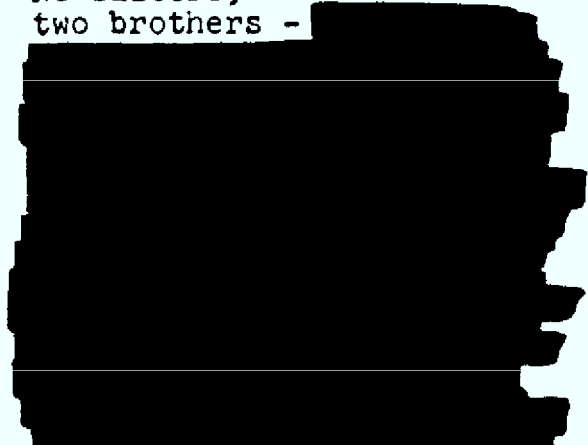
Full Name	ANDREW GOODMAN
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	November 23, 1943
Place of Birth	New York City
Height	Approximately 5'9½"
Weight	Approximately 150 pounds
Build	Slim to medium
Hair	Dark brown, wavy
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Does not wear glasses, jewelry, wrist watch, medals, rings or other ornaments; occasionally smokes a pipe, but does not smoke cigarettes; has never been confined to any hospital and has never undergone an operation or extensive medical treatment.
Military Service	None
Scars and Marks	ANDREW does not have any clearly visible scars or marks on his body [REDACTED] He does have many small brown moles on his body. [REDACTED] ANDREW does have a small imperceptible scar at the corner of his left eye which he received when five years of age.

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Brothers and Sisters

No sisters;  
two brothers -



Education

ANDREW graduated from Walden, a private school in New York City, in 1961. He attended the University of Wisconsin for approximately one year and then transferred to Queens College, New York, where he is an anthropology major and has completed two and one-half years of school. b7c

Hobbies

ANDREW is an avid reader and is interested in the arts. He has performed in several amateur stage plays and is interested in folk music.

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Date 6/25/64

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] JAMES EARL CHANEY, left home on Sunday morning, June 21, 1964, between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM. [REDACTED] that he would be back "directly." [REDACTED] has neither seen nor heard from him since and has no idea where he may be.

[REDACTED] he was wearing dark green cotton trousers which were worn white in the seat. The seams of the pockets on each side were torn. He was also wearing a white T-shirt and brown leather slip-in shoes with rubber soles. [REDACTED] shoes were old and the heel portion of each was flattened out. [REDACTED] he probably had no socks on. He also had a western-style straw hat with several integration movement buttons attached to it.

[REDACTED] he was driving a 1963 medium blue Ford station wagon belonging to the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO).

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a photograph [REDACTED] which [REDACTED] was taken in the spring of 1963 and was an excellent likeness.

Name	JAMES EARL CHANEY, also known as JAMES, J. E.
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Height	5'7"
Weight	135 - 140 pounds
Hair	Black, short
Eyes	Brown

*Handwritten initials*

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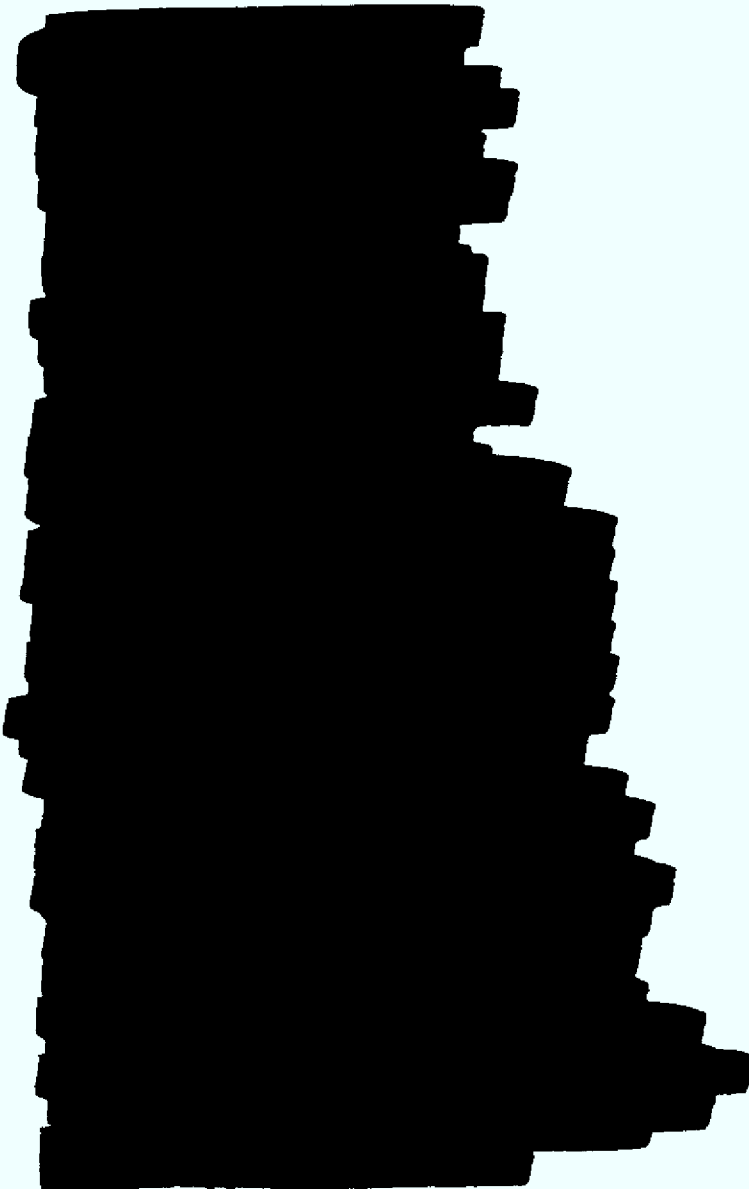
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Complexion	Dark brown
Date of birth	May 30, 1943
Place of birth	Meridian, Mississippi
Teeth	Good, no fillings, none missing
Scars	1" cut scar 2" above left ear, scar on big toe, possibly right foot
Residence	614 39th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi
Employment	Is an apprentice plasterer, has worked for father and various construction companies in the Meridian area
Military service	None
Education	Completed 10th grade
Friends	[REDACTED] Mississippi
Girl friends	[REDACTED]
Illness	Has asthma, was giving him considerable trouble at the time of his disappearance. Has on occasion been admitted to the hospital for this condition. Takes nonprescription tablets which he left home.
Habits	Smokes Winston and Salem cigarettes. Does not drink hard liquor but may on occasion drink a little beer
Relatives:	
Father	BEN AMOS CHANEY [REDACTED]

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Sisters



Brother

Uncles and aunts

Grandparents

JOHN and JULIA CHANEY,  
[REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 27, 1964

ERNEST KIRKLAND, [redacted] Philadelphia, Mississippi, advised that he is a member of Congress of Federated Organizations (COFO) (Meridian) [redacted]

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KIRKLAND furnished the following descriptions:

Name:	MICKEY SCHWERNER
Age:	24-25
Height:	Five feet
Weight:	160-165 pounds
Build:	Medium
Peculiarities:	Wore goatee and carries a wristwatch, without band, in pocket
Wearing apparel:	Light blue denim workshirt with long sleeves rolled up to elbows. Black dungarees (faded). Shoes - medium high boot type, suade, possibly green.

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Name: JAMES CHANEY  
Age: 26-27  
Height: Five feet six inches  
Weight: 145-150 pounds  
Build: Slender  
Complexion: Dark  
Race: Negro  
Clothes: White T-shirt; dark trousers; shoes -  
grey suede, walked with backs of them  
pushed down

Name: ANDREW GOODMAN  
Age: 20-21  
Height: Five feet six inches  
Weight: 155  
Build: Medium  
Peculiarities: Needed shave, round face  
Complexion: Dark  
Clothes: Trousers - fairly new dark blue denims.

He described the Ford stationwagon as follows:

Color: Medium blue  
Year: About 1961  
Extras: Had luggage rack

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 30, 1964

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ERNEST KIRKLAND, [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 26, 1964

[redacted] on June 21, 1964, at about 11:00 a.m., MICHAEL SCHWERNER, JAMES CHANEY, and ANDREW GOODMAN arrived [redacted]

[redacted] SCHWERNER said at one point that they "had to be" in Philadelphia, Mississippi, by 1:00 p.m. that day. [redacted] not know why they had to be there as there was never any specific reason mentioned other than the fact that they wanted to go to the Philadelphia area to investigate the church burning. [redacted] none of them mentioned any person by name or implication that they intended to meet while in the Philadelphia area. [redacted] the three of them left the house sometime shortly after 12:00 Noon possibly about 12:15 p.m.

[redacted] SCHWERNER was wearing a blue, long sleeve shirt and black trousers made out of the same material as coveralls. He does not recall what sort of shoes SCHWERNER was wearing.

[redacted] SCHWERNER was wearing a white faced, yellow gold, round, wrist watch which has the numerals 12, 3, 6, and 9 on its face and wedge like marks in place of the remaining numerals. [redacted] thinks that SCHWERNER generally wears a wedding band.

[redacted] CHANEY had on bib type overalls and a tee shirt. He was wearing a straw sun hat and possibly had some black leather shoes on. He does not think that CHANEY was wearing any jewelry. [redacted] has hardly ever seen CHANEY with a wrist watch.

[redacted] GOODMAN was wearing blue jeans and short sleeve shirt the color of which he does not remember. [redacted] does not recall what kind of shoes GOODMAN was wearing and does not remember if he was wearing any jewelry.

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Date June 26, 1964

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*Phil. Miss.*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was contacted by MICKEY SCHWERNER, a white male, another white male, and (FNU) CHANEY, a Negro male, and talked with them on June 21, 1964, regarding the burning of the Mount Zion Methodist Church on June 16, 1964.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] left about 1:30 P.M., traveling in the direction of [REDACTED] residence near the Mount Zion Methodist Church.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date June 30, 1964

[REDACTED]  
furnished the following information:

At approximately 1:15 P.M., on June 21, 1964, MICHAEL H. SCHWERNER, JAMES EARL CHANEY, and ANDREW GOODMAN, [REDACTED] came to [REDACTED] in a blue station wagon. SCHWERNER asked him what had happened, apparently leading into conversation concerning the burning of the Mount Zion Methodist Church. He told SCHWERNER that the church had been burned to which SCHWERNER inquired as to how it happened and who did it. He told SCHWERNER he could not answer these questions. After approximately five minutes, [REDACTED] left in the station wagon indicating they were going to the residence of [REDACTED] who might be able to furnish them more information. They left traveling in the direction of the Sandtown Road. At no time did either of them give any indication as to where they had come from or where they were going, except possibly to [REDACTED] residence, and he surmised that they must have stopped at [REDACTED]

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Date June 28, 1964

1 : [redacted] voluntarily furnished the following information: *Philadelphia, Miss.*

On Sunday, June 21, 1964, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., four males drove up to his residence driving a solid blue station wagon which had a rack on top and asked to see his parents. He told him that his parents were gone and the males then left in their station wagon.

Two of the males were Negro, one of which he knew by the name of [redacted] and the other Negro who he did not know and who he could not describe. The other two white males were unknown to him but he described one white as being heavy set and short with black hair and a beard on his chin. This white male was wearing blue jeans. [redacted] could not recall the description of the other white male.

[redacted] does not know MICHAEL SCHWERNER or ARTHUR GOODMAN.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 26, 19641

[REDACTED] (FNU) CHANEY, a Negro male, and two white males, came during the early afternoon on June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] last saw the three when they left [REDACTED] heading in a southerly direction toward Highway 16, at about 2:30 P.M., on that same date. [REDACTED] before they left [REDACTED] they indicated they were returning to Meridian, Mississippi.

[REDACTED] who formerly resided at [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Mississippi, was the pastor at the Mount Zion Methodist Church; however, he had recently been transferred from that church and was replaced by a new pastor, Reverend [REDACTED] from Sumrall, Mississippi.

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II. PURSUIT OF VICTIMS BY DEPUTY SHERIFF  
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[redacted]  
[redacted] Bureau Agents  
east on Route 16 to the point where a sign indicates  
a turn-off to Post 138, American Legion Lake Road.  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] .2 of a mile west, [redacted] met  
victims' station wagon;

An additional .5 of a mile where Patrolman WIGGS  
and POE were parked near a shade tree;

An additional .8 of a mile to a point where he  
indicated this to be the first time he caught sight of  
victims' station wagon.

After traveling another 2.1 miles he pointed  
this out as the place where he got within two to four  
car lengths of victims' station wagon and began clocking  
them at 65 m.p.h. This point is near the Brewer-Chapman  
Grocery Store. From this point to the Philadelphia City  
limits is .6 plus of a mile. He continued to clock the  
victims' station wagon at 65 m.p.h., an additional .6 of  
a mile, at which point he turned on his red light, honked  
his horn [redacted]

[redacted] At this  
point, the station wagon could not pull off the road due  
to some posts being on the shoulder to keep persons from  
driving into the ditch. The station wagon proceeded another  
.3 of a mile where he took the right fork of the road near  
the Methodist Church and at this point came to a stop.  
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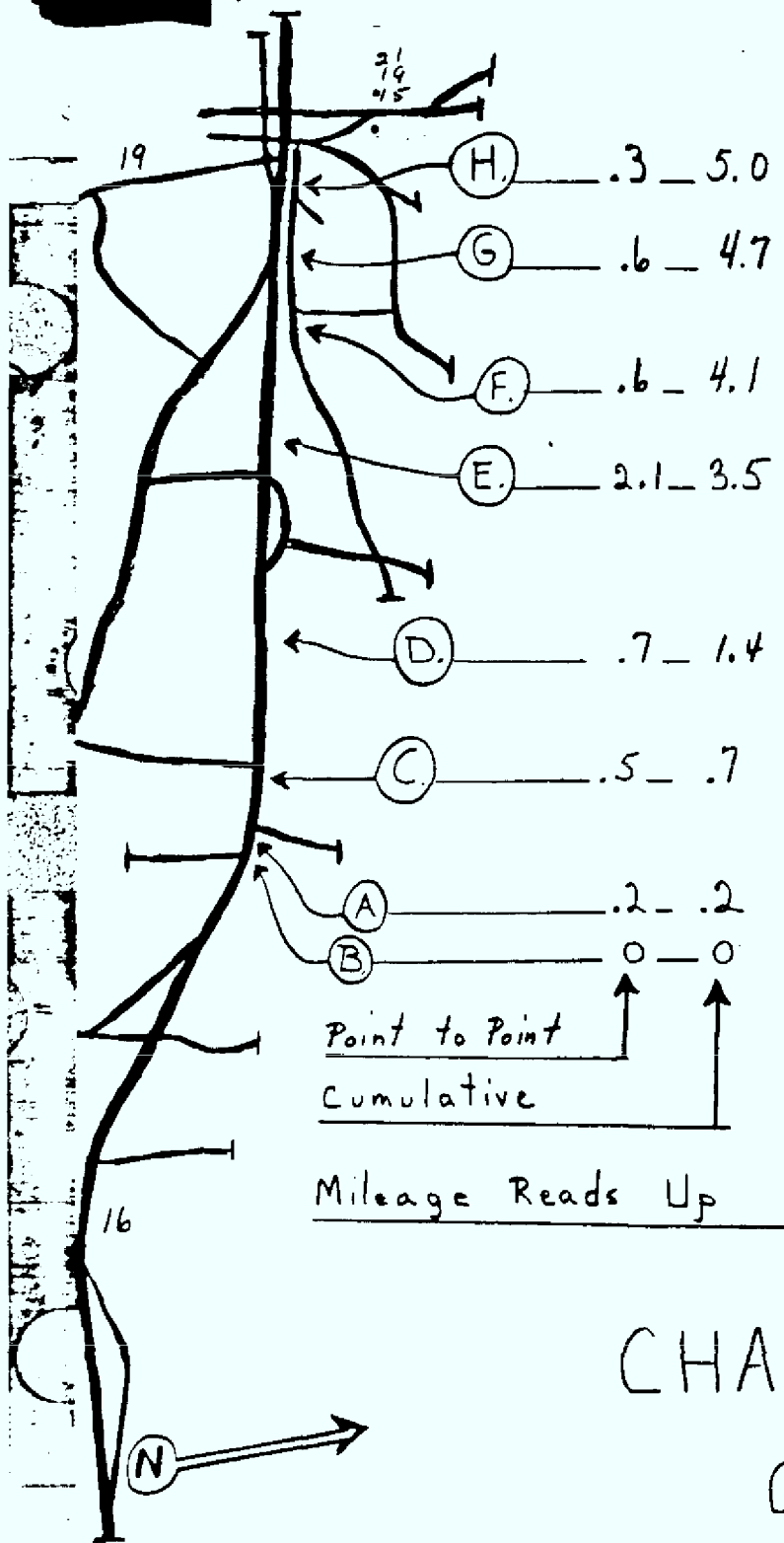
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PRICE was proceeding east on Highway 16 at about 65 miles an hour intending to turn right on the Legion Lake Road (Point B) when approximately .2 of a mile west of that point (Point A), he met victims' station wagon. He went on to the Legion Lake Road, reversed his path, and followed the victims. .7 of a mile from Point B he observed Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolmen WIGGS and POE parked at Point C. During this period the station wagon was not in his sight. He saw it again at Point D which is 1.4 miles from Point B. He proceeded an additional 2.1 miles to Point E where he began to clock victims' speed. This was 3½ miles from Point B. 4.1 miles from Point B he passed the Philadelphia City Limits (Point F). Clocking the car an additional .6 of a mile, he turned on his red emergency light and sounded his horn to signal victims to stop at Point G which is 4.7 miles from Point B. They travelled an additional .3 of a mile to Point H where they pulled off the road, changed a tire, and were placed under arrest. This is approximately 5 miles from Point B. All distances and locations were measured from points [REDACTED]

Locations on the map are approximate. Photographs of Points A through H are on the following pages. 632 640

# CHART & SUMMARY OF EVENTS PRIOR TO ARREST

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 13, 19641

On August 11, 1964, the distances from the various places on Highway 16 pointed out by Deputy Sheriff PRICE were gauged on the speedometer of Bureau automobile, a 1963 Chevrolet. The distances are as follows:

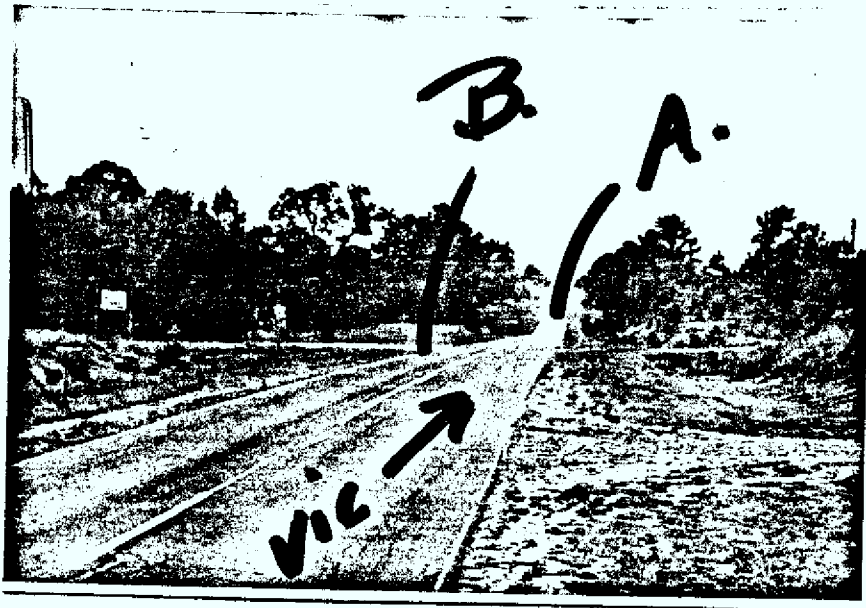
<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
Legion Lake Road	29,525.1
Point where victims' station wagon first seen by PRICE	29,525.3
Location Patrolmen WIGGS and FOE	29,525.8
Victims' station wagon again seen by PRICE	29,526.5
Point speed check began	29,528.6
Philadelphia City limits	29,529.2 plus
PRICE turned on red light, sounded horn	29,529.8
Place where station wagon stopped and victims arrested	29,530.1

All places [redacted] were photographed by SA [redacted] *8/12/64*

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by SA [redacted] and [redacted] *8/12/64*  
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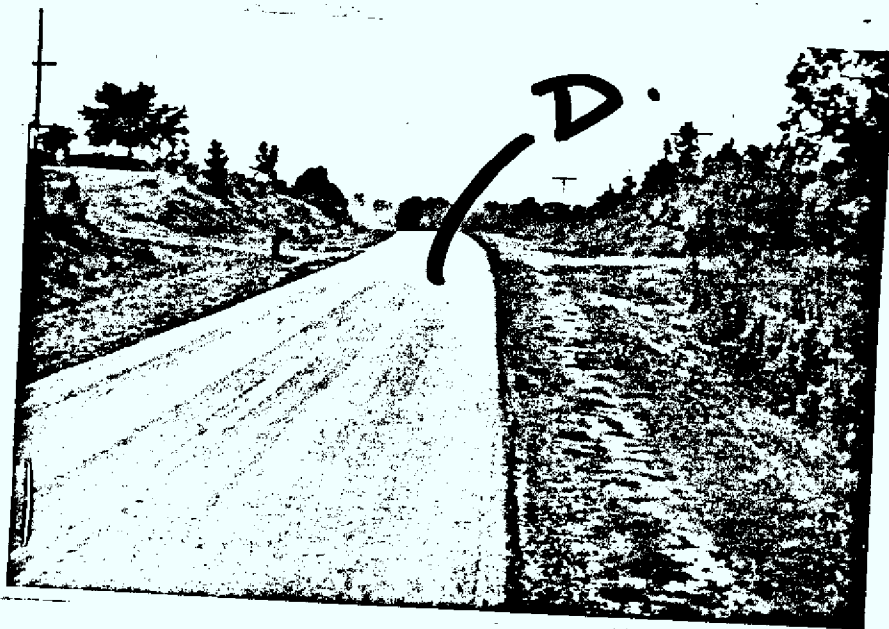
- A. Point where PRICE saw victims' car traveling in opposite direction.
- B. Legion Lake Road where PRICE turned around to pursue victims' car.

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- C. Location MHSP Officers WIGGS and POE were parked.

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D. Location at which PRICE again saw victims' car after turning around at Legion Lake Road.

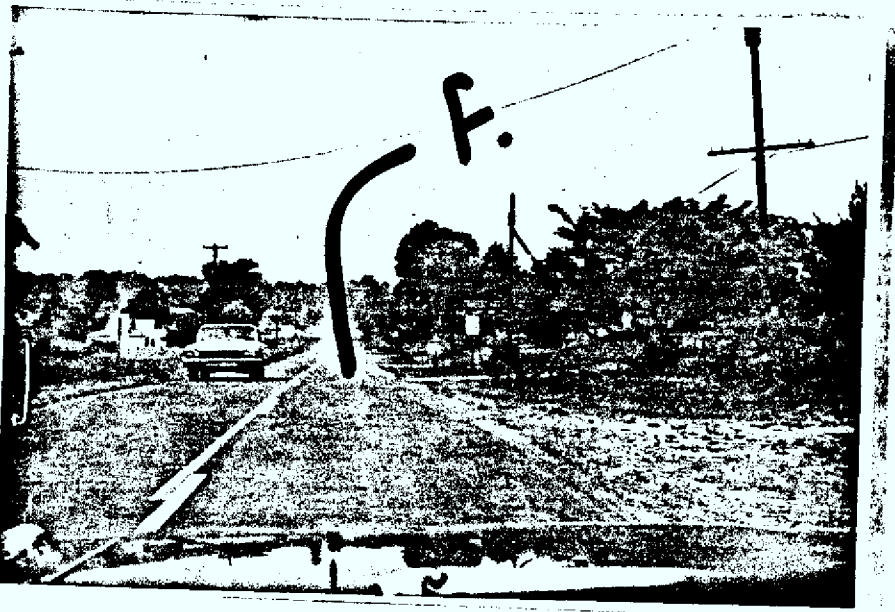
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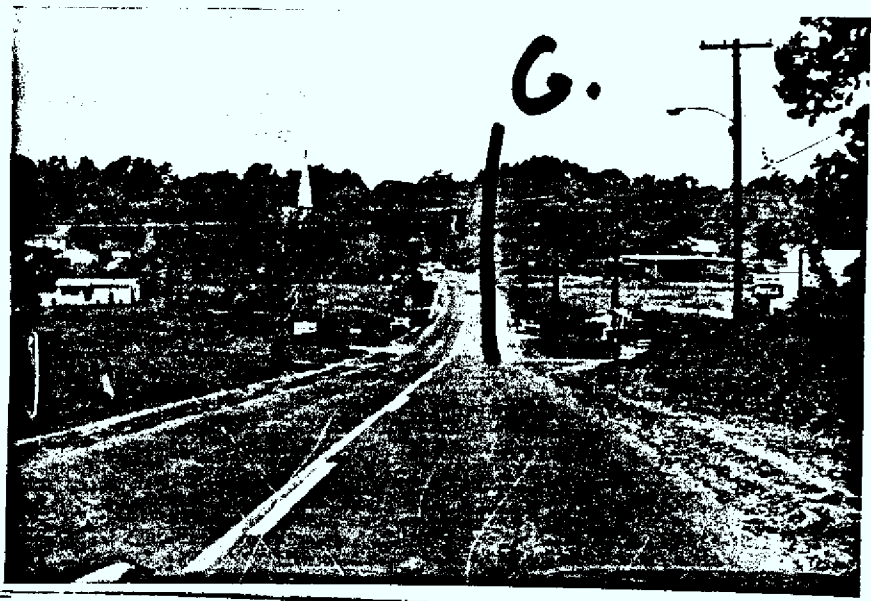
E. Point at which speed check began.

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F. Philadelphia City Limits.



G. Point at which PRICE turned on red emergency light and sounded horn.





H. Point at which victims stopped, changed tire, and were placed under arrest.

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Based upon tests conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory on Highway 16 approximately 5 miles east of Philadelphia, Mississippi, it was concluded that an average 180-degree high speed turn would require approximately 10 seconds to complete from the time braking was begun at a speed of 65 miles per hour until the car was turned around and started to move forward in the opposite direction. b7c

Taking into account the above determination and under the following conditions:

1. The car CHANEY was driving was traveling west on Highway 16 and maintaining a constant speed of 65 miles per hour into Philadelphia. The speed estimate is based on observations of Officers WIGGS and POE who observed the car pass their parked position and estimated that it was traveling within the speed limit which is 65 miles per hour. [REDACTED] when he was close enough to the car CHANEY was driving to clock it he clocked it at a speed of 65 miles per hour into the city of Philadelphia. b7c, b7D
2. Deputy Sheriff PRICE passed the car CHANEY was driving moving in the opposite direction at a point 4.8 miles east of the place in the city of Philadelphia where this car was subsequently stopped and the occupants placed under arrest.
3. Deputy Sheriff PRICE drove at 65 miles per hour .2 of a mile further east of the point where he passed the car driven by CHANEY, turned around, and pursued this car. It is noted that Highway Patrolmen WIGGS and POE estimated that PRICE was traveling at approximately the same speed the car driven by CHANEY was traveling and within view of this car at the time it passed their position.

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Based upon the data set forth above [REDACTED] PRICE would have had to drive at the following average speeds to achieve the results he described in demonstrating the circumstances surrounding the apprehension of CHANEY and his companions. b7C, b7D

1. In order to approach and clock the car CHANEY was driving at a point 1.5 miles east of the final stopping and arresting place within the city of Philadelphia, he would have had to drive at an average speed of approximately 78 miles per hour.
2. In order to catch and stop the car CHANEY was driving at the point of arrest, he would have had to drive at an average speed of approximately 73 miles per hour.

In evaluating the data set forth above, one additional known factor should be taken into consideration. [REDACTED] approximately 16 minutes elapsed between the time [REDACTED] observed PRICE proceeding east past the position [REDACTED] occupied and his return following the car driven by CHANEY. b7C, b7D

Another item of interest in evaluating Deputy Sheriff PRICE's [REDACTED] apprehension of CHANEY and his companions is the fact that he was in radio communication with Highway Patrolmen WIGGS and POE who customarily work their traffic on Highway 16 at the spot where they were observing and pursued speeders from this spot. There was no need for him to follow the car CHANEY was driving to bring it within the observation of the officers since a radio alert to the Highway Patrol would have caused this car to be pursued if the speed was such they were in obvious violation of the traffic regulations on Highway 16. b7C, b7D

III. ARREST OF VICTIMS CHANEY, GOODMAN  
AND SCHWERNER ON JUNE 21, 1964 AT  
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On July 2, 1964, SA [REDACTED] reviewed "Radio Station Log, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Meridian, Mississippi, Sub-station" furnished July 2, 1964, by [REDACTED] Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Commanding Officer, Meridian Sub-station, to SA [REDACTED] for the date of June 21, 1964, and the following entry was recorded thereon: The operator was [REDACTED] Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Meridian Sub-station. At the time of 1634 (4:34 p.m.), from Unit Station 110 (Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Car 110, Officers POE and WIGGS, assigned Neshoba County) to Unit Station A929 "10-28 on H25503".

A 10-28 is "full registration information - J1 vehicle - J2 driver". Entry recorded at 1637 (4:37 p.m.) from Station A929 to Car 110 was "10-28 reply".

This entry reflects that the reply for the above requested information regarding 1964 Mississippi License H25503 was received by Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Car 110.

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Date June 26, 19641

[REDACTED] a Negro male, was stopped for speeding 70 miles per hour within the city limits of Philadelphia, where the designated speed limit is 30 miles per hour. [REDACTED] in the car with CHANEY were MICHAEL SCHWERNER and ANDREW GOODMAN, both white males, who were arrested for investigation and released on the same date at approximately 10:00 P.M. b7C, b7D

[REDACTED] placed CHANEY, SCHWERNER, and GOODMAN in the Neshoba County Jail at Philadelphia, Mississippi.

[REDACTED] the fine would be \$20 for the speeding violation of CHANEY, [REDACTED] upon payment of the fine, they were all released at about 10 P.M., June 21, 1964.

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[REDACTED] described the clothing of each of the three prisoners:

JAMES CHANEY

Wearing a light colored, possibly tan, slipover sport shirt with the shirt hanging out; wearing blue pants, believed to be regular blue jean type pants; low-quarter fabric shoes with laces in them, such as tennis shoes or play shoes; a hat which he left in the station wagon which was light tan straw-colored with a wide brim and a wide multi-colored band about two inches wide; CHANEY had on no socks.

MICHAEL SCHWERNER

Wearing medium blue baseball cap, possibly woolen,

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and kept his cap on all the time; blue-gray denim or similar type fabric work shirt which buttoned all the way up the front and which was hanging outside his pants; black leather belt; blue jean pants; canvas, dirty white shoes with rubber soles, such as tennis shoes; no socks.

SCHWERNER also noted to have a crew cut and prominent goatee covering his entire chin area which was black, the same color as his hair.

ANDREW GOODMAN

Black hair with no hat or cap; needed a shave and had about two days' growth of beard; wearing blue-gray work shirt of chambray type material which was about the same as SCHWERNER's shirt and buttoned up the front; blue jean pants of the same type as worn by SCHWERNER and CHANEY; canvas shoes, light colored, possibly dirty white, and was wearing socks, color not recalled.

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Date June 30, 1964Earl Robert Poe

Patrolman EARL R. POE, [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Mississippi, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, was advised of the identities of Special Agents [REDACTED] and was advised by Special Agent [REDACTED] of his right to consult with an attorney prior to making any statement or furnishing any information. He was advised that any statement he made must be voluntary and could be used against him in a court of law.

b. [REDACTED]

Patrolman POE advised as well as he could recall about 3:00 p.m., June 21, 1964, he and Patrolman HARRY WIGGS of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol received a call over their radio from Deputy Sheriff CECIL RAY PRICE asking for assistance in bringing three people to jail. He gave his location as the Methodist Church which is at the intersection of Beacon and Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

POE said they were in the vicinity of Philadelphia and arrived at the intersection of Beacon and Main Streets in a very short while. When they arrived, PRICE and those under arrest were changing a tire on the blue station wagon. They were all helping and the station wagon rolled off the jack once [REDACTED] one of those under arrest to get into the station wagon and put his foot on the brake to keep it from rolling off the jack.

[REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mem [REDACTED] Date dictated 6/30/64

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He stated when they got the tire fixed, Patrolman WIGGS got into the station wagon. At the time, he thought the Negro boy got into the automobile with PRICE but learned later from WIGGS that the Negro boy rode in the station wagon with WIGGS to the jail. He said the two white boys got into his Highway Patrol Car in the back seat.

The station wagon left, followed by PRICE and they proceeded down Beacon Street.

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Date 7/1/64

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Patrolman E. R. POE, [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of interviewing Agents [REDACTED]. He furnished the following voluntary information:

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Date July 6, 1964

Patrolman EARL R. POE, [redacted] Philadelphia, Mississippi, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, was informed of the identities of the interviewing Agents as representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by SA [redacted]. He was informed he had a right to consult an attorney prior to making any statement, that any statement he might make could be used against him in a court of law, that no threats or promises were made to him, and that any statement which he might make should be freely and voluntarily made.

Thereafter, he conducted the Agents from Philadelphia, Mississippi, over State Highway Number 16 pointing to the location where the three missing individuals were observed with Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE on June 21, 1964, changing a tire on a Ford stationwagon, the location where he and Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman HARRY J. WIGGS in their patrol car were parked on that highway on June 21, 1964, when they received the first radio request from PRICE for assistance and other locations along that route.

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At approximately 1:00 P. M. on June 21, 1964, he "went on duty" by entering the patrol car [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] they parked their patrol car on State Highway Number 16, East of Philadelphia, Mississippi, at the location previously designated to the interviewing Agents. The time of taking up that position could not be precisely recalled but he thought it was "about 3:00 P. M." or "not long after 3:00 P. M." The point where they parked was located at the entrance of a seldom used lane entering Highway 16 from the south, one that was well shaded by large trees, and one located so that there was a slight rise in the highway to the east of this location. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a recent model Ford stationwagon passed on Highway 16 proceeding toward Philadelphia, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As this car "topped" the rise just to the east of his location, the car was observed to "let off of it" as it came into view of the patrol car. This was explained as something the average motorist automatically does on observing a marked patrol car at the side of the highway. This vehicle passed his location

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at a speed he could not estimate nor could he express an opinion as to whether it was or was not exceeding the lawful speed limit at that point. This car then passed out of his vision to the west continuing to Philadelphia, Mississippi. Shortly thereafter Deputy Sheriff PRICE, in his patrol car, was observed passing this point from east to west also headed toward Philadelphia, Mississippi. Again Patrolman POE could neither estimate the speed of PRICE nor could he estimate how far behind the stationwagon PRICE was at the time of passing his location.

Shortly thereafter, again time not recalled, he heard Deputy Sheriff PRICE on the patrol radio state he was chasing a speeder and requesting assistance. He and Patrolman WIGGS, in their car, then started toward Philadelphia on this same highway in response to this request.

[REDACTED]

When he and Patrolman WIGGS arrived at the location of both PRICE and this stationwagon, he observed the occupants and PRICE engaged in changing a tire on the stationwagon.

[REDACTED]

After leaving the Neshoba County Jail he and Patrolman WIGGS had parked on the square of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and had met their superior, Inspector KING of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and conferred with him for a short period of time.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a request made for a record check on the license on the stationwagon. This request was made during the time he and Patrolman WIGGS were conferring with their superior.

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By reference to his "Court Record Book" he stated that he had issued a citation on Highway 19 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] His book was exhibited and reflected this data. [REDACTED]

It was his recollection this citation was issued about 2:05 P. M. on June 21, 1964, but he could not be positive without examining the original citation or one of the copies. None of these were any longer in his possession.

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 [REDACTED] Patrolman EARL R. POE,  
 Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, [REDACTED]

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During the same described interview, the following distances were recorded by speedometer as Patrolman POE pointed out indicated locations.

All distances measured from the location of the Dallas Welding and Repair Shop, inside the Philadelphia City Limits on State Highway 16 proceeding in an easterly direction. Distance to the intersection of Main and Beacon Streets, the point identified by POE as the location of the station wagon when he arrived at the scene on the afternoon of June 21, 1964, 1/10 mile. City limits sign for the city of Philadelphia, 9/10ths mile. Location where Patrolmen POE and WIGGS parked when station wagon passed them going in a westerly direction, 4 and 4/10ths miles. Turn off to American Legion Lake, 5 miles. Road turning off to Mount Zion Church, 7 and 3/10ths miles. Distance to Mount Zion Church, 10 and 7/10ths miles.

It was further observed that the location pointed out by Patrolman POE as the location where he and Patrolman WIGGS were parked on Highway 16, east of Philadelphia, Mississippi, on the afternoon of June 21, 1964, was the location of a lane leading into Highway 16 from the south and was shaded by large trees. The location in addition had a low hill or "rise" in Highway 16 immediately to the east thereof.

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Date 11/14/64

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The following is a signed statement furnished by EARL ROBERT POE on November 11, 1964:

"November 11, 1964  
Meridian, Mississippi

"I, Earl Robert Poe, do hereby make the following statement to Joseph A. Sullivan whom I know to be an Inspector in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This statement is made of my own free will. No duress or threats have been employed to cause me to make this statement. I have been advised of my right to legal counsel before making this statement. I realize that it may be used against me in a court of law.

"I am a patrolman in the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) and am assigned to Neshoba County, Mississippi in the performance of my normal duties.

"The following data relates to my activities while on official business as a trooper in the MHSP on June 21, 1964:

"I undertook my official duties assisted by Patrolman Harry J. Wiggs at approximately 1:00 PM. We employed Car #110 and initiated the day's activities with routine patrol.

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by INSPECTOR [REDACTED] :bjm Date dictated 11/13/64

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[REDACTED] at approximately 2:05 PM on this afternoon I issued a traffic citation on Highway 19 at Tucker, Mississippi

[REDACTED]. Following this at about 3:00 PM, Wiggs and I patrolled east of Philadelphia on Highway 16. In connection with this activity, we parked our vehicle in a site [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] approximately 4.4 miles outside of the city. We assumed this stationary observation post at about 3:00 PM. Sometime thereafter and relatively shortly, Neshoba County Deputy Sheriff Cecil Ray Price passed our observation post.

"Sometime after this and while Price was still east of our position on Highway 16, he made radio contact with us and made a comment to the effect that 'I've got a good one, George Raymond.' [REDACTED]

"Shortly after his transmission and within about ten minutes from the time he had passed us traveling east, Price passed us again proceeding in a westerly direction. He was traveling within approximate eye view of a blue station wagon occupied by three individuals whom I subsequently learned were James Chaney, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman. Price smiled in our direction but there was no radio communication.

"Neither this station wagon nor Price appeared to be exceeding the speed limit at the time they passed our position. I did note that the station wagon eased off as it topped the rise behind us but

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this is a customary gesture for a driver upon observing a marked patrol vehicle and did not indicate that the speed was excessive.

"Shortly after this, the precise time being uncertain, Price called on the radio stating he was chasing a speeder and he requested assistance. Wiggs and I proceeded toward Philadelphia in response to this request. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When I arrived upon the scene where Price had the speeders in custody, I observed that the occupants of the station wagon were engaged in changing a tire on their vehicle.

"Wiggs and I assisted Price in his activities by participating in transporting the prisoners and their vehicle to the Neshoba County Jail where Price proposed to book them - James Chaney he was to charge with speeding, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman were to be held for investigation.

"At the time of the initial transmission by Price, which I have described above, I did not understand the significance of Price's comment that he had a good one, George Raymond. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] familiar with the activities of the head of the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), George Raymond. It is my understanding that George Raymond was also supposed to have operated at times in Neshoba County.

"After delivering the prisoners to the jail in fulfillment of Price's request for assistance, Wiggs

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and I parked on the city square in Philadelphia and there met Inspector R. Maynard King, our Commanding Officer. While we were talking to Inspector King, Price joined us, discussed his arrest briefly and at his request we made an inquiry of the MHSP dispatcher in Meridian as to the registered owner of the vehicle the three arrested prisoners were driving. A short time later the Meridian dispatcher responded to this request for license check and by this time Price had already departed. However, it was learned through the radio transmissions that Price had received the identifying data concerning the vehicle through this radio transmission.

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[REDACTED] proceeded through Philadelphia south on Highway 19 for the purpose of making a check for dragsters south of the city before going off duty. We drove beyond the city limits to a Standard Oil Company Service Station at the top of a hill where Pilgrim's place of business is located. After we pulled up at the service station, almost immediately a vehicle pulled passed us and stopped. [REDACTED]

One of the occupants came back to the driver's side of our vehicle and asked Wiggs, 'Where is Price? Which way did he go?' Wiggs answered that he had not seen Price. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

"I recalled this car as a 1958 Chevrolet which was red in color. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I observed the man who had inquired for Price [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

identified him as Billy Wayne Posey. Since this time I have learned that the vehicle Posey was driving was registered to him. It was used for some time by

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"I have read the foregoing Statement of 10 pages and initialed each page. To the best of my Knowledge and belief this is a true Statement.

"/s/Earl Robert Poe

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"Witnessed:

"/s/ [REDACTED] Inspector, F. B. I.  
Meridian, Mississippi 11-13-64.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

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The contents of the foregoing signed statement were discussed with EARL ROBERT POE on November 10 and 11, 1964; thereafter, the results of the discussion were reduced to a signed statement which was reviewed and signed on November 13, 1964.

[REDACTED]

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POE furnished the following items of personal identification:

Name	EARL ROBERT POE
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	[REDACTED]
Weight	[REDACTED]
Hair	[REDACTED]
Eyes	[REDACTED]
Marital status	[REDACTED]
Children	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Occupation	Patrolman, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol [REDACTED]
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Date July 28, 1964

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[redacted] Miss.  
furnished the following information:

[redacted] June 21, 1964  
[redacted]  
between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. she heard a loud noise out on Highway 16  
[redacted] saw a station wagon pulling off to the side of the road and a hubcap rolling down the street. [redacted] recalls that there were two white men and one Negro man in the station wagon and the Negro man went running down the street after the hubcap. [redacted] only a few seconds after the station wagon stopped, Deputy Sheriff CECIL RAY PRICE stopped in back of the station wagon and about ten minutes later, two Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolmen pulled up behind PRICE's car. [redacted] did not constantly watch the station wagon but was curious enough to look [redacted] from time to time [redacted] observed that the men in the station wagon changed a flat tire while Deputy PRICE and the highway patrolmen waited for them to change it. [redacted] the only other thing she remembers about the incident is that after the boys had finished changing the tire they proceeded west on Highway 16 towards Philadelphia and Deputy PRICE and the two highway patrolmen followed their automobile in what appeared to be a small procession. [redacted] to the best of her memory the boys stopped to change their tire on Highway 16 between the Dallas Garage and the Methodist Church. [redacted] if she remembered any further details or heard any other information about the missing boys she would notify the FBI at once.

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Date August 17, 1964

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[redacted] was recontacted and furnished the following information concerning her observations of the arrest of the victims on Highway 16, Philadelphia, on the afternoon of June 21, 1964:

[redacted] Sunday, June 21, 1964. [redacted]

[redacted] about 3:30 to 4 P.M., [redacted]

[redacted] heard a noise coming from the highway and upon looking out of the window, saw a station wagon pulling off the side of the road [redacted] about the same time they saw a muleback rolling down the street and the Negro boy who had been driving going after same. [redacted] within just a few minutes [redacted] saw Deputy Sheriff CECIL RAY PRICE pulling up behind the station wagon, having come from the east on Highway 16. [redacted] PRICE got out of his car and walked quickly to the station wagon and appeared to be checking identification. She did not see PRICE display any weapon or arrest tickets. [redacted] PRICE was driving a two-tone blue Chevrolet which she recognized as the car he uses in his capacity as Deputy Sheriff.

[redacted] within five minutes after they saw the station wagon, a highway patrol car also arrived and pulled in behind PRICE's car. [redacted] the highway patrol car had likewise come from the east on Highway 16.

[redacted] During the period of 15-20 minutes afterwards she observed that the two white boys and the Negro appeared to be changing the right rear tire on the station wagon while the police officers stood around.

[redacted] had the impression that the officers must have been chasing the boys for speeding but may have gotten this impression from newspaper accounts.

On 8/14/64 at Philadelphia, MISS. File # JN 44-1

by SAs [redacted] <sup>b7c</sup> <sub>SP</sub> Date dictated 8/17/64

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] after the tires were changed, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the three cars following one behind the other proceeded  
in the direction of Philadelphia on Highway 16 or Beacon Street.

[REDACTED] did not constantly watch the  
above incident but that from her observations she never saw any  
of the police officers display any weapons and the entire incident  
appeared very normal.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 18, 1964

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B. APPROX

*Philad. Miss.*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sunday afternoon, June 21, 1964, [REDACTED] in the yard when the victims' station wagon was stopped by Deputy CECIL PRICE [REDACTED] heading into Philadelphia. [REDACTED] while he saw the vehicle driven by the victims and also the Highway Patrol car that he can furnish absolutely no information concerning the arrest of the victims or the circumstances surrounding their arrest. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] and *b7c*  
SA [REDACTED] mem [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/18/64

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 7, 1964

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] June 21, 1964, on Sunday afternoon  
at about 3:30 P.M. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at about 3:30 P.M., a blue-gray 1960 or 1961 station wagon came into his view headed west on Highway 16 which would be toward Philadelphia, but a few miles from the city. [REDACTED] the car slowed up and came to a stop [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] three persons got out of the car. [REDACTED] two of these persons were young white men and the third was a young colored man. [REDACTED] the car had a flat tire on the rear right wheel and his attention was attracted to it when he heard a hubcap fall off the tire [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] just as the station wagon was stopping he noticed the car of Deputy CECIL PRICE of the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office pulling up behind the station wagon and stopping. [REDACTED] the three individuals that got out of the station wagon proceeded to change the rear tire. [REDACTED] they remained [REDACTED] for about 15 minutes, effecting the change of the tire, and he noticed they picked up their tools, threw them in the back of the station wagon, and closed the door.

[REDACTED] by this time two highway patrolmen had also come up to the area, parked their car, and got out. [REDACTED] the two white men got into the back seat of the highway patrol car and that the young Negro boy got into the station wagon and the three cars proceeded westward in the direction of Philadelphia, Mississippi.

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[REDACTED] did not notice what tools were  
picked up and put back into the station wagon, [REDACTED] has  
not noticed any tools lying [REDACTED]

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[redacted] had heard the account furnished

to SAs [redacted] relating to his seeing a 1961 or 1962 blue-gray station wagon with two white men and a Negro stop [redacted] on Route 16, near Philadelphia, Mississippi, to change a flat on June 21, 1964.

[redacted] was present during the period of time that this activity took place.

[redacted] account furnished by [redacted] to the FBI in connection with this matter is correct in every detail as far as she can recall.

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[REDACTED] drove east past the intersection of Beacon and Main Streets in Philadelphia, about 3:30 P.M. on June 21, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] observed what he believes was the arrest of the three victims in this case by a local and state officer. A blue Ford station wagon with two young white men and one young Negro man had a flat on one of the rear tires at this intersection and two patrol cars were observed behind the station wagon with all three vehicles headed west. He could not identify the officers or the three other men because he drove by quickly and did not stop. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] could not further describe the scene.

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