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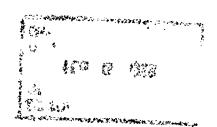
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Will report disposition of convicted Freedom

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the U.S. Attorney, Jackson.

By airtel dated 7/11/61, the New Orleans Office forwarded to Bureau letterhead memos on Freedom Riders who are

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

Aug 21 1961 . . .

Illinois Central Railroad

New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi

July 9, 1961

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RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Nine Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, arrived Jackson, Miss., via ICRR at 10:10 AM, 7/9/61. All arrested by Jackson PD at ICRR Depot when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. All charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/10/61, and after NG pleas were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. All Freedom Riders in this group transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., on 7/II/61. Two released on bond on various dates.

DETAILS:

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Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), New Orleans, Louisiana. On July 6, 1961, advised SA JOSEPH E. PRESLEY that eleven Freedom Riders were arriving in New Orleans, Louisiana, via airline on July 8, 1961, from Los Angeles, California, and would probably travel to Jackson, Mississippi, via Illinois Central Railroad, on July 9, 1961.

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| Louisiana, for | On July 7, 1961, advised SA PRESLEY ald be nine Freedom Riders leaving New Orleans, Jackson, Mississippi, via Illinois Central 1:10 AM, July 9, 1961. |
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| to Lt. | On July 7. 1961, this information was furnished of the Louisiana State Police, and of the New Orleans Police Department. |
| to the followi | Information concerning this matter was furnished ng individuals on July 8, 1961: |
| Jackson, Missi | Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, MHSP, ssippi; |
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| ment, Jackson, | Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Depart- Mississippi; |
| Mississippi; | J. ROBERT GILFOY, Sheriff, Hinds County, Jackson, |
| Railroad, Jack | Special Agent, Illinois Central son, Mississippi. |

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| At 10:10 AM, CST, July 9, 1961, Illinois Central |
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| Railroad Train "City of New Orleans" arrived in Jackson, |
| Mississippi. Of the passengers getting off this train, a |
| group of six Negro males, one white male, and two Negro |
| females entered the white waiting room of the depot. They |
| walked to a bench near the main entrance, where some took |
| seats and others stood. Captain Police Department, |
| Jackson, Mississippi, was observed to speak to the group. |
| At 10:14 AM, he was heard to tell them they were all under |
| arrest. The entire group was then escorted to a waiting |
| Police Department patrol wagon by officers of the Police |
| Department. There were no incidents in connection with the |
| above arrests. |
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The following observations were made at the Illinois Central Railroad Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi:

At 10:12 AM, six young Negro males, two young Negro females and one young white male were observed entering the terminal from the passenger loading platform along with other passengers that had just arrived at the station. These nine passengers entered the white waiting room and were immediately approached by Captain of the Jackson Police Department. Captain asked the nine passengers if they would leave the white waiting room; following their declination to leave, they were escorted from the waiting room by officers of the Police Department and were lead to a patrol wagon parked at the terminal exit at 10:14 AM.

Though a number of civilians, both Negro and white, were present at the station, there was no demonstration or other unusual incident to report.

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the individuals whose names are set out below were arrested at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, at 10:20 Am, on July 9, 1961, by Captain Department. PIERCE advised that this group of Freedom Riders had arrived at Jackson by train from New Orleans, Louisiana. They entered the white waiting room of the terminal and were ordered to move on by police officers. When they failed to obey the orders of the officer, they were arrested on a charge of Breach of the Peace and transported to the city jail where they were booked. PIERCE said there were no incidents in

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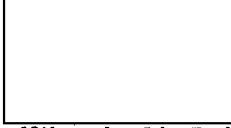
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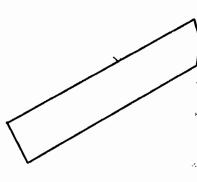
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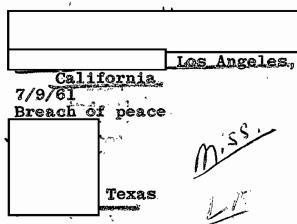
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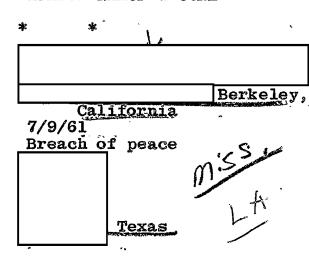
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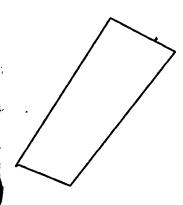
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PIERCE stated that all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. All defendants were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to PIERCE some of the defendants would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out their fines and sentences and some would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the Sheriff in overcoming crowded conditions at the County Jail.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of the above trial.

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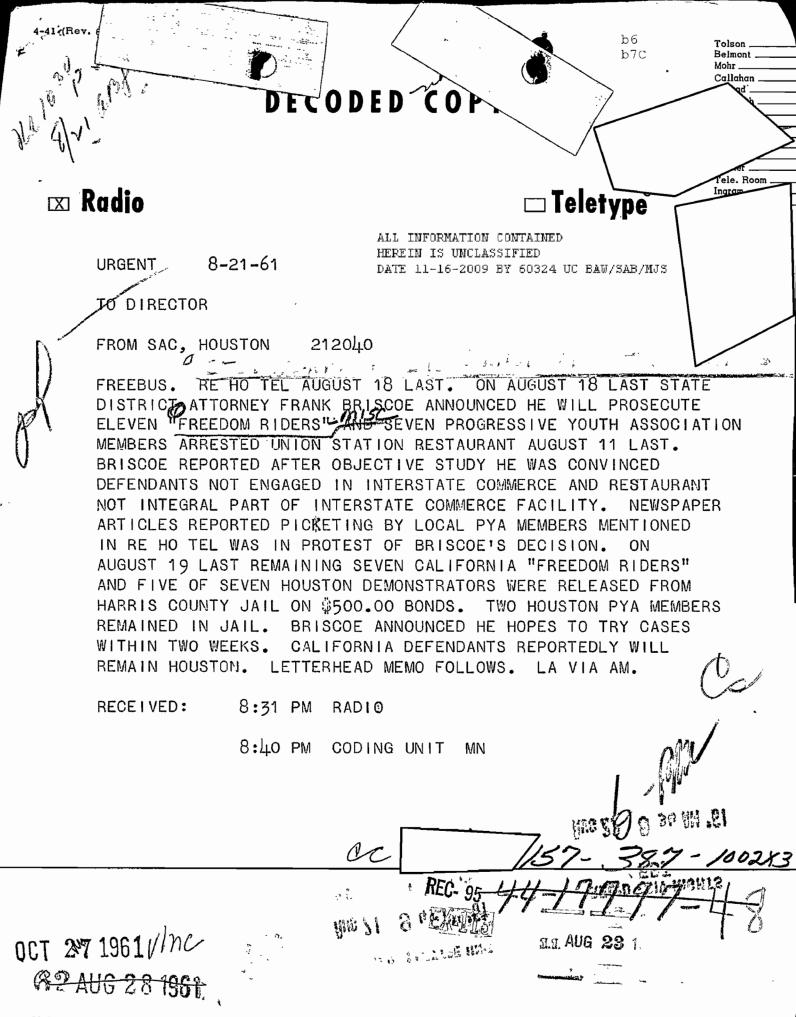
On July 11, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that all of the Freedom Riders arrested at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot at 10:20 AM, July 9, 1961, were transferred from the jails at Jackson, Mississippi, to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 11, 1961.

By communication dated July 13, 1961, the Phoenix Office advised as follows:

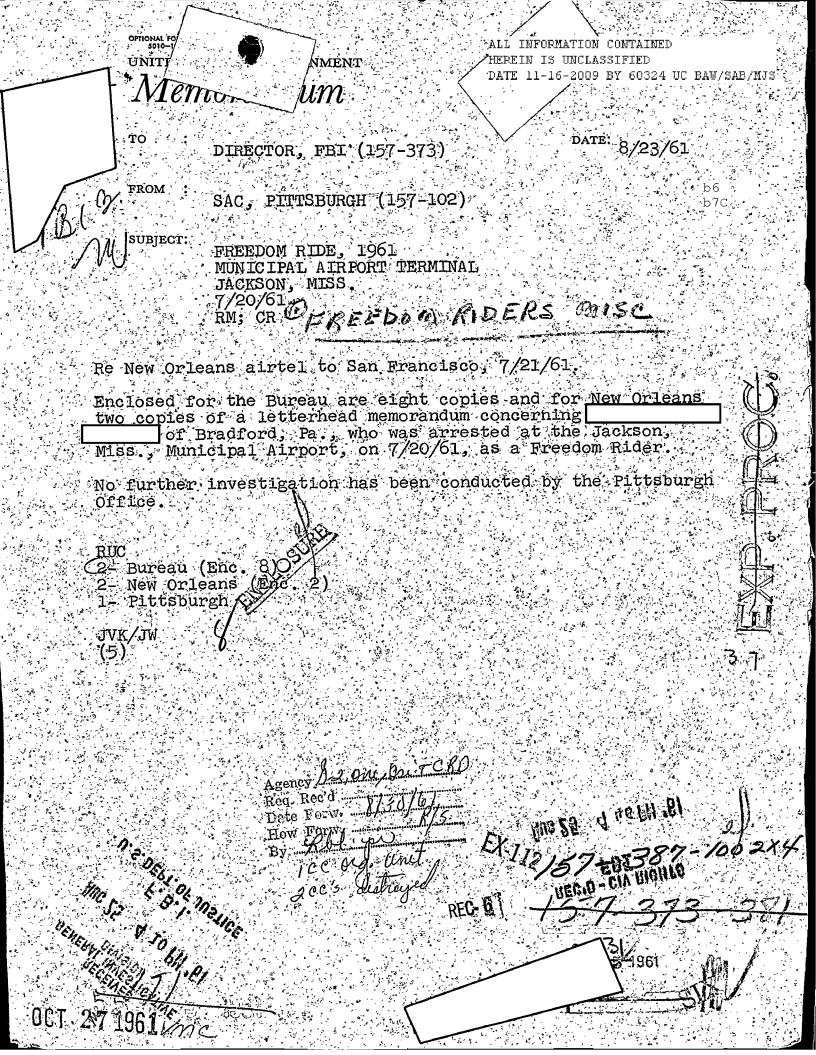
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| advised left alone for Los Angeles, |
| California. on July 6, 1961, that an unknown woman had taken |
| to the airport, and an unknown member of CORE in |
| Tucson had paid her way to Jackson, Mississippi, and return. |
| had left word that she was going where her friend, |
| was and that she would join a group of Freedom |
| Riders at Los Angeles en route to Jackson, Mississippi. |
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| On July 19, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, |
| Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that Freedom Rider |
| prisoner had been released on \$500 |
| cash appeal bond July 19, 1961. |
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| County Sheriff's Office. Jackson, Mississippi, advised that was released on \$500 cash appeal |
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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August 23, 1961

The August 1, 1961, issue of the "Warren Times Mirror," a daily paper published at Warren, Pennsylvania, contained an article captioned, "Jailed Freedom Rider Tells of Experiences."

"One of 18 religious leaders who joined arecent Freedom Riders' caravan through Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, Rabbi Allen Lavine related some of his experiences for Rotary Club members Monday.

"The Bradford man, one of the chaplains at Warren State Hospital, was guest speaker at the service club's weekly luncheon-meeting in the YWCA activities building.

"With others in the party, Rabbi Lavine was given a four-month jail sentence and assessed a \$200 fine in Jackson, Miss., on a charge of disturbing the peace.

"He said he is presently out on \$500 bail, but no bondsman in the southern city would provide the bail when it was needed.

"When the group of clergy approached restaurants in the southern bus terminals, "Restaurant Is Closed' signs would make their appearance, he stated.

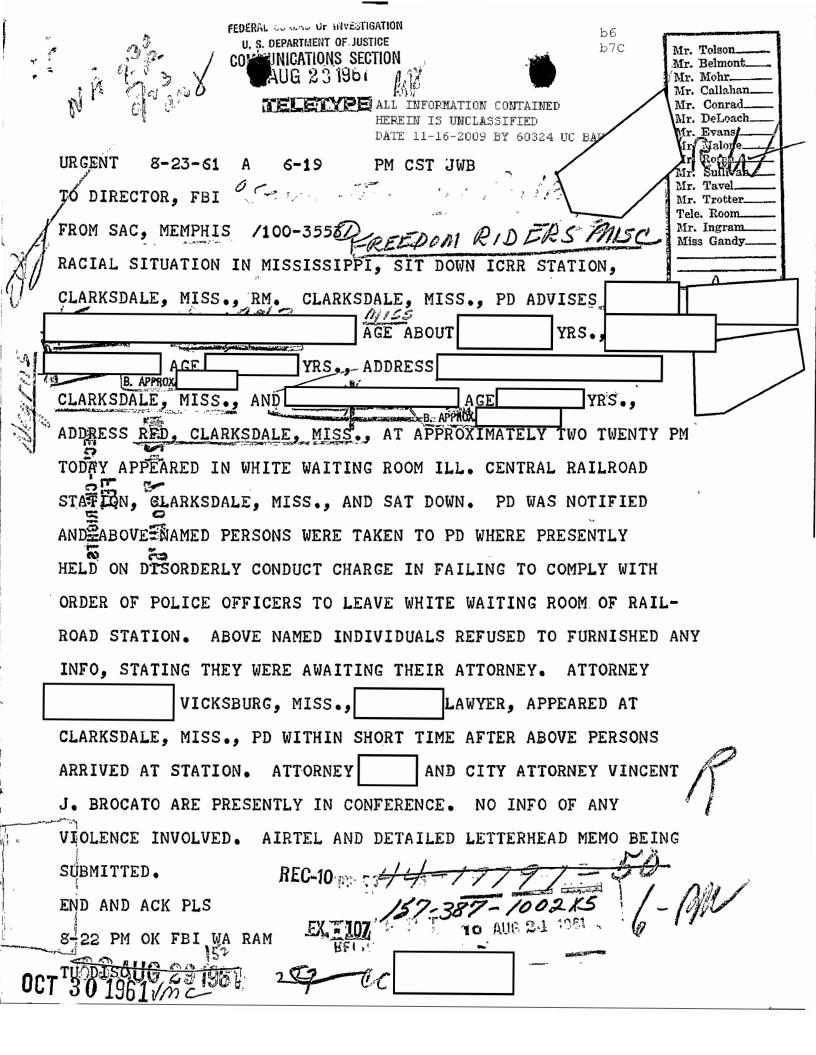
"Rabbi Lavine said the worst treatment the group experienced was in Tallahassee, Fla. The Savarin Restaurant was ordered by New York headquarters to serve the Freedom Riders, some of whom were negro. City officials revoked the license of the eating establishment, and the speaker said it is still closed.

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"The Bradford guest said he thinks there is progress being made in Jackson, Miss. People there, he reported, were apologetic of their arrest of Freedom Riders and said they felt 'the negro's position must be improved as far as public service is concerned.' "In spite of many opinions to the contrary, Rabbi Lavine expressed the belief the Freedom Riders have advanced the cause of desegregation. b6 b7C "He concluded with the statement 'the Freedom Riders are entirely peaceful agitators and offer no resisance, even when attacked." On August 10, 1961, Chief A. J. PALAZETTI, Bradford, Pennsylvania, Police Department, advised that had been in Bradford for approximately two years in charge in that city. Chief PALAZETTI stated that _____is very active in community affairs and was recently appointed by Mayor JACK STILL of Bradford as a member of the Juvenile Advisory Board. On the same date, Lieutenant _Bradford, Pa., Police Department, advised that he is a member of the Juvenile Advisory Board in the City of Bradford and as such has served with He described as a person easily excited, particularly in matters regarding social reform, and a person who is inclined to become incensed over any inequality shown to any group of persons, whether this inequality was real or fancy. On August 10, 1961, Bradford, Pennsylvania, Credit Bureau, advised from her files that was born in and in November 1959, was graduated from the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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RE: Houston airtel to the Bureau, dated 8/21/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten (10) copies of a letterhead memorandum bearing the caption "PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC., CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY." This letterhead memorandum includes all pertinent information developed in this case subsequent to referenced communication.

Two copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the Los Angeles Office for information.

> One copy of this memorandum is being disseminated Agency 47-2,000,000

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Will maintain contact with established sources and advise the Bureau of pertinent developments in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Houston, Texas
August 24, 1961

PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC. CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

On August 21, 1961, the "Houston Chronicle" carried an article captioned "More freedom riders will be sent to Houston." This article reported that JAMES FARMER, President of the CORE organization, made a statement in New York that his organization would continue to support freedom rides until segregation was completely eliminated from public carriers. FARMER reportedly stated that more "freedom riders" would be sent to Houston within two weeks. FARMER reportedly stated the CORE organization was optimistic about the expected rulings from the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) but that CORE would insist the ICC withdraw charters of any transportation companies which supported segregation.

This article reported that District Attorney
FRANK BRISCOE at Houston stated if additional freedom riders
came to Houston they would be arrested and "could be subject to
prosecution." BRISCOE reportedly stated that because of the
type of lease involved, the Union Station Restaurant at Houston
seems to be more for the benefit of the general public than
train passengers and the owners of the railroad station building

Articles appearing on August 22, 1961, in the "Houston Chronicle" and the "Houston Press" reported that trials

maintained no control over the restaurant.

of the eleven California "freedom riders" and seven Houston
"Progressive Youth Association" members on charges of unlawful

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assembly growing out of their arrests on August 11, 1961, had been set for August 31, 1961 in Judge GEORGE MILLER'S County Court at Law. These articles reported District Attorney BRISCOE had agreed with defense attorneys on a quick trial because several of the defendants were from out of state.

carried an article captioned—"Sit-in case is headed for Court of Appeals". This article reported that ROBERT/JONES, who had been charged with loitering at the Union Station Restaurant on February 24, 1961, along with thirteen others, had originally been convicted in Corporation Court in Houston on March 24, 1961 and received a fine of \$25.00. JONES appealed this conviction to the County Court at Law. On August 22, 1961, JONES was again found guilty and received a fine of \$110.00 in the County Court at Law of Judge GEORGE MILLER. This article reported JONES case has now been appealed to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin, Texas. This article also identified JONES as one of the defendants scheduled to be tried again on August 31, 1961, at Houston, Texas.

100 B OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 5010-104-01 UNITED STATES OVERNMENT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED emorandum HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-16-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS DIRECTOR, FBI 8/24/61 DATE: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-296) SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS BUS #T-2953, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 6:44 P. M., JUNE 2, 1961 RM; CR PEREEDOM RIDERS MISC Enclosed for information of the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum setting forth trial dates for Freedom Riders involved in instant ride. 1-100 1: 12 NATE ! - Bureau (ENCLS-8).c 5 - New Orleans HEH: pab (3) b6 157-387-106 EX. - 102 J. AUG. 2/8. 1961 U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE FBI D-CIV RIGHTS Aug 28 1.31 PM '61

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New Orleans, Louisiana

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS BUS #T-2953 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 6:44 P. M., JUNE 2, 1961

On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following Freedom Riders, who had been previously released on appeal bond, appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. They were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. Through their attorneys they entered a plea of not guilty. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

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The letterhead memorandum is classified Confidential because data furnished by the Confidential Informants could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the effectiveness thereof.



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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO 100-45748

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania August 21, 1961

MARY FREELON

On July 16, 1961, officers of the Jackson, Miss., Police Department arrested a number of Freedom Riders, who were attempting to integrate the Negro waiting room at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, Miss.

One of those arrested was described as follows:

MARY BREELON, NELWOUZ MANOR Name: Address: Melvin Road, Telford, Pa Race: White Sex: Female 4/2/19, Bensenville, Date of Birth: 5182" Height: Weight: 152 lb. Eyes: Brown

Hair: Black, greying Occupation: Unemployed teacher

On July 28, 1961, the records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., and the Philadelphia Police Department were checked but no record could be located of MARY FREELON.

On January 5, 1954, Mrs. ELIZABETH MYERS, Clerk, Orphans Count, Montgomery County Courthouse, Norristown, Pa., made available marriage records for review, which reflected the following information:

Marriage Certificate Number 98125 was issued on May 23, 1953, to ALLAN R. FREELON, colored, and MARY KOUZMANOFF, white. These individuals were married on June 6, 1953, at New Hope, Bucks County, Pa. ALLAN R. FREELON listed a previous marriage from which he had received a divorce.

For some years prior to his death in August 1960, MRS, ALLAN RANDALL FREELON resided at Windy Crest, Melvin Road, Route 1, Telford, Pa. He was employed as a Special Assistant

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MARY FREELON

in Fine and Industrial Arts to the Associate Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education, Philadelphia, Pa. FREELON was a well-known painter, who conducted art classes at his home and lectured at various schools.

The Confidential Informants mentioned below have all furnished reliable information in the past.

In March 1952, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that ALLAN FREELON was a member of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware from the early 1940s to the latter part of 1945.

ALLAN FREELON was connected with the following organizations, all of which have been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

FREELON was a member of the Philadelphia Council of American-Soviet Friendship during 1944. This organization was an affiliate of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. (T-2)

ALLAN FREELON was on the mailing list of the Philadelphia Council of American-Soviet Friendship during 1947. (T-3)

ALLAN FREELON was Co-Chairman of the American Youth for Democracy in Philadelphia, Pa., during November 1944. (T-4)

The Fall 1944 Catalog of the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art reflected that ALLAN FREELON was a member of the Board of Directors of that School during 1944. The stationery of that school also reflected that he was a member of the Board of Directors. (T-5)

A circular announcing a mass meeting sponsored by the Council on African Affairs, to be held on March 29, 1946, at 2021 West Diamond Street, Philadelphia, Pa., listed ALBANUEREELON as one of the speakers. (T-6)

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ALLAN FREELON was a member of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress during 1950. (T-7)

A 1948 letterhead of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee listed ALLAN FREELON as one of the sponsors of that organization. (T-8)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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New Orleans, Louisiana August 21, 1961

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RE: Freedom Ride, 1961 Trailways Bus Shreveport, La. To Jackson, Miss. August 21, 1961

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| in District Court, Shrevepor | t, Louisiana of Disturbing The |
| Peace. All were continued or | n bond. |

They are to appear in District Court on Wednesday, August 23, 1961 for sentencing.

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AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

Trailways Bus

Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi

July 9, 1961:

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RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

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Eight Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, arrived Jackson, Miss., via Trailways Bus, at 1:38 PM, 7/9/61. All arrested by Jackson PD at Trailways Terminal when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. All charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/10/61, and after NG pleas were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Miss. Code. All sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. All Freedom Riders in this group transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., 7/11/61.

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DETAILS:

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Investigation in this case was predicated upon 39/809 receipt of information from the FBI, Memphis, Tennessee.

By communication dated July 8, 1961, the Memphis Office advised that Student Central Committee,

Nashville, Tennessee, had advised that three Freedom Riders would depart Nashville, Tennessee, July 8, 1961, for Montgomery, Alabama. At Montgomery, they would reportedly join other Freedom Riders for travel to Jackson, Mississippi.

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| By communication dated July 9, 1961, the |
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| Mobile Office advised that a group of eight Freedom |
| Riders departed Wia Trailways Bus en route Jackson, |
| Mississippi. They left Montgomery, Alabama, at 7:35 AM, |
| July 9, 1961. According to information furnished by |
| Mobile Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), |
| Montgomery, Alabama, gave a press representative present |
| at the Trailways Terminal at Montgomery a copy of a telegram |
| reportedly sent Governor ROSS BARNETT from this group of |
| Freedom Riders offering to meet with him to discuss issues |
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| Information concerning this matter was furnished |
| to the following individuals on July 9, 1961: |
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| Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police De- |
| partment, Jackson, Mississippi; |
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| Sheriff J. R. GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, |
| Mississippi; |
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| Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, MHSP, |
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The following observations were made at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 9, 1961:

At 1:38 PM, Trailways Bus #5139, a regularly scheduled bus from Montgomery, Alabama, arrived at the Trailways Terminal. A group of six white males, one white female and one Negro female got off the bus. stood in a group near the bus conversing amongst themselves. . The Negro female left the group and went up to Captain __ Jackson Police Department, who was present and spoke to him. She then returned and talked with the group. At this point, the Negro female and two white males walked into the white waiting room of the terminal. They walked toward the cafeteria in the waiting room and at the door to the cafeteria they stopped. Captain the waiting room behind them and was observed to go up to the group and speak to them. He was heard to tell them twice, "You must move on." No one in the group responded and they all stood still. He then said, "You are all under arrest." At that point, uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department approached the three and spoke to them and, after making a few notes, escorted the three from the white waiting room into a waiting Police Department patrol wagon.

There were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

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The following observations were made at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 9. 1661:

At 1:38 PM, Trailways Bus #5139 from Montgomery. Alabama, arrived at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi. Among the passengers leaving the bus were six young males, all apparently white, one young white female and one young Negro female. These eight passengers gathered in a group in front of Bus #5139 and conversed briefly with one another. The lone Negro female in the group then approached Captain . Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, who was standing nearby, and engaged him in a brief conversation. then returned to her group and the group broke up into two groups. The Negro female and two of the apparently white males left the other five passengers and headed toward the white passenger waiting room. The remaining five, one white female and four white males, entered the Negro waiting room.

The five passengers entering the Negro waiting room were observed to go to the lunch counter and the female and one of the males sat at the counter. Captain approached this group of passengers and conversed briefly with them, he then left the passengers and the waiting room. Immediately as Captain left the waiting room, the five passengers also left under the escort of officers of the Jackson Police Department.

At 1:42 PM, these five passengers were observed entering a police patrol wagon parked at the end of the passenger loading platform. Shortly thereafter, the other three passengers in the original group of eight were observed to also enter the patrol wagon.

Though there were a number of civilians, both Negro and white, on the loading platform and in the terminal, there were no demonstrations or unusual incidents observed.

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| Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Detective |
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| Bureau, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised |
| that the individuals whose names are set out below were |
| arrested at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson. Mississippi, |
| at 1:50 PM, on July 9, 1961, by Captain of the |
| Jackson Police Department., PIERCE advised that this group |
| of Freedom Riders had arrived at Jackson by bus from |
| Montgomery, Alabama. They had split into two groups and |
| had entered the white and colored waiting room of the |
| terminal, and had been ordered by Captainto move on. |
| When they failed to obey his orders, they were arrested on |
| a charge of Breach of the Peace and transported to the City |
| Jail, where they were booked. PIERCE said there were no |
| incidents in connection with the above arrests. |
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PIERCE furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the individuals arrested:

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| Education: Prior arrests: Comments: | High school; 3 years University of Chicago (1) arrested New Orleans Police Department, 1960, for \$10.00 fine (2) picketing Woolworth - Chicago City Hall, Chicago, Board of Education - Chicago (3) kneel-in, Deerfield, Ill. Member NAACP & CORE |
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| Mother: | High School, 4 years college |
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High school, 4 yrs. at

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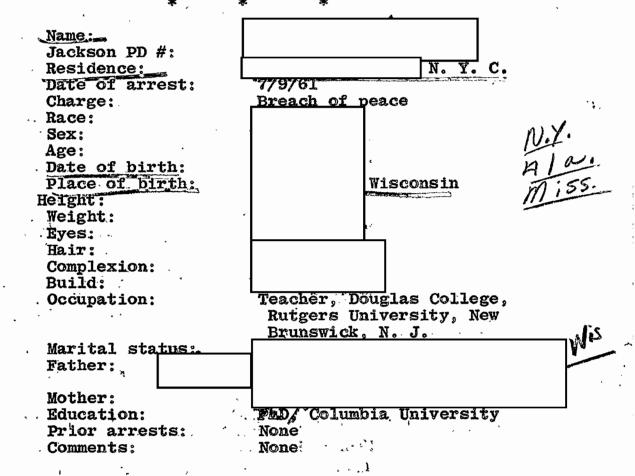
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Illinois, 1961



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Teacher, James Ward School, Chicago, Illinois

4 yrs. college, University of Chicago

None Admits:

- 1. Sit-in Nashville, Tenn.,
- 2. Picketing Woolworth's, Chicago (no date)
- 3. Civil Rights demonstration, Chicago, 1960
- 4. Youth March for Integration Washington, D. C., 1960
- 5. Picketing Woolworth's, N. Y. C., 8/60
- 6. Refused to answer whether member, NAACP, CORE, CP

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 10, 1961:

PIERCE stated that all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. All defendants were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to PIERCE, some of the defendants would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out their fines and sentences and some would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the Sheriff in overcoming crowded conditions at the County Jail.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during . the course of the above trial.

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NO. 157-333.

On July 17, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that all the Freedom Riders arrested at the Trailways Bus Station, 1:50 PM, July 9, 1961, were transferred from the jails at Jackson, Mississippi, to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 11, 1961.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION New Orleans, Louisiana August 23, 1961

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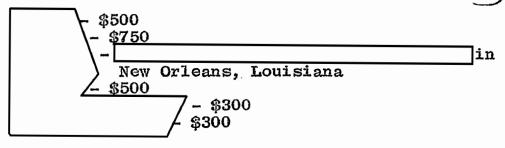
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James Goslin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Shreveport, Louisiana, advised on August 23, 1961 that the following sentences were imposed on that date by District Judge Dixon on the 6 individuals who were arrested by local authorities at the Trailways Bus Depot, Shreveport, on August 4, 1961 when attempting to integrate the facilities of that depot:

> \$200 and 30 days \$200 and 3 months \$200 and 3 months \$150 and 30 days \$150 and 15 days, suspended \$150 and 15 days suspended.

> Goslin advised that Judge Dixon had set bonds

as follows:



Goslin advised none of the defendants had made bond as yet and all were returned to Caddo Parish Jail in lieu of bond.

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Cleveland, Ohio August 24, 1961

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways Bus Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi July 7, 1961

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| that he was unable to locate credit rating : | for |
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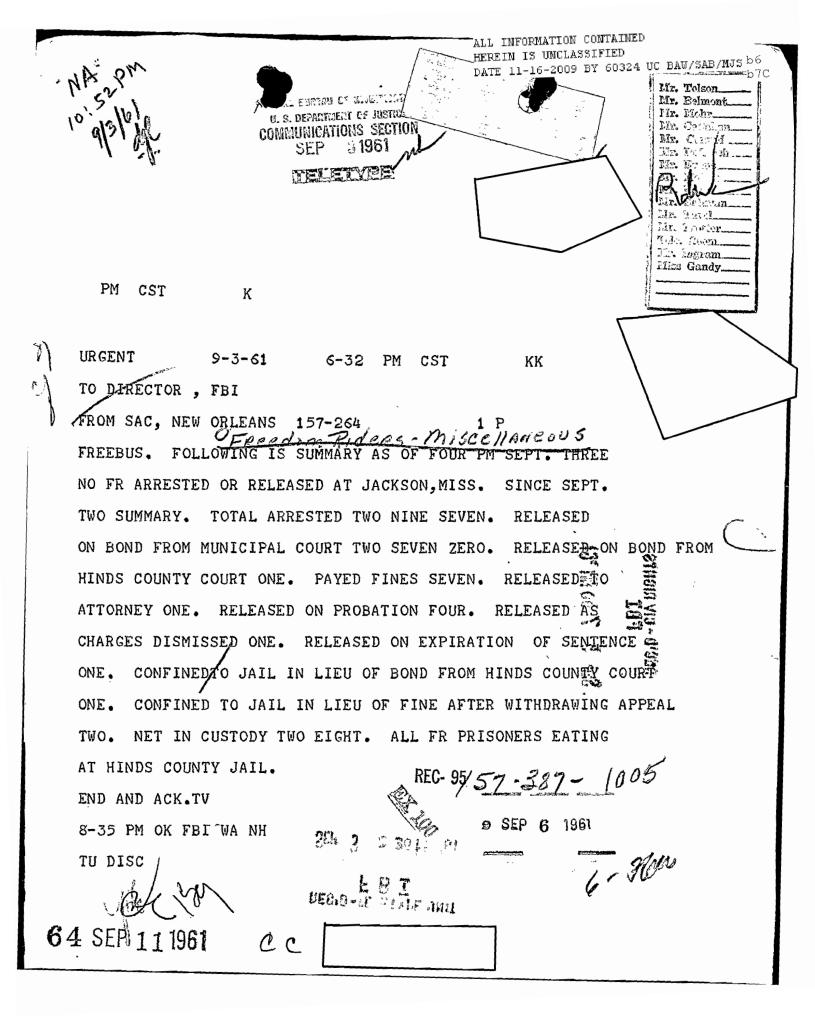
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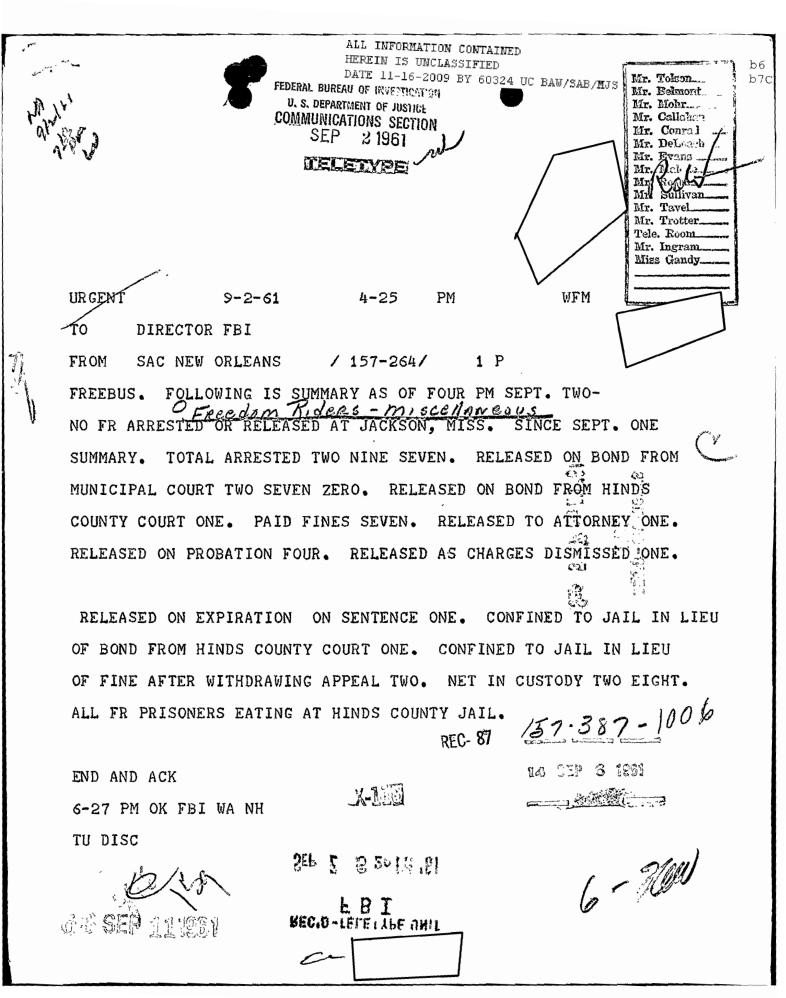
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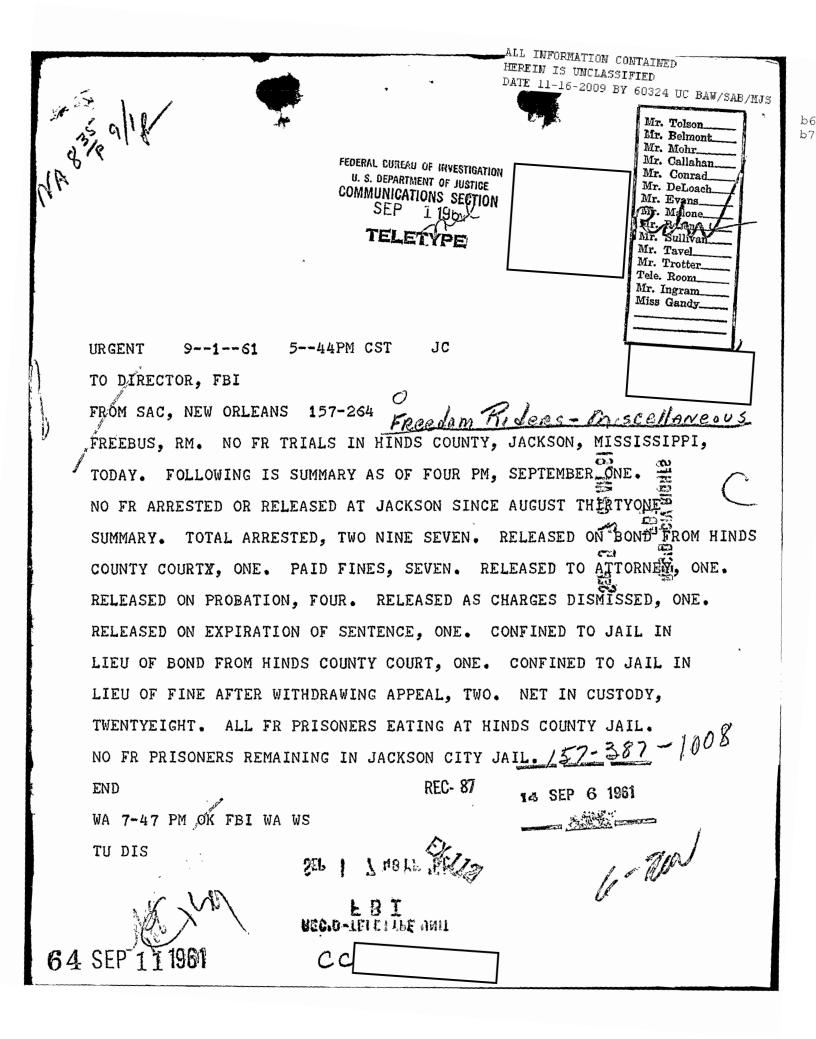
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| 7) | TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS FROM SAC, MEMPHIS 157-140 FREEBUS. RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS THIS DATE. LIEUTENANT MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT |
| Γ | REPORTER FOR COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS INFORMED |
| _ | HIM THAT TWENTY THREE PASSENGERS ON GREYHOUND BUS FOUR FOUR FIVE |
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TO: ABD: DISSEMINATION, F DIRECTOR-FBI HOUSTON (44-786) FROM: Freedom Riders-D SUBJECT: RE: Houston airtel to Bureau, 8/24/61. Enclosed for the Bureau are ten (10) copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned "PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC, CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY. " This dual caption was used because the activities reported all appearation covers both of these organizations. HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED Two (2) copies of this memorandum are enclosed for Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions. Three copies are enclosed for New Orleans, one copy for the file per-

taining to Southern Conference Educational Fund (New Orleans file # 100-759).

The source who furnished information received fróm mentioned herein, is Houston, Texas, who furnished this information to SA

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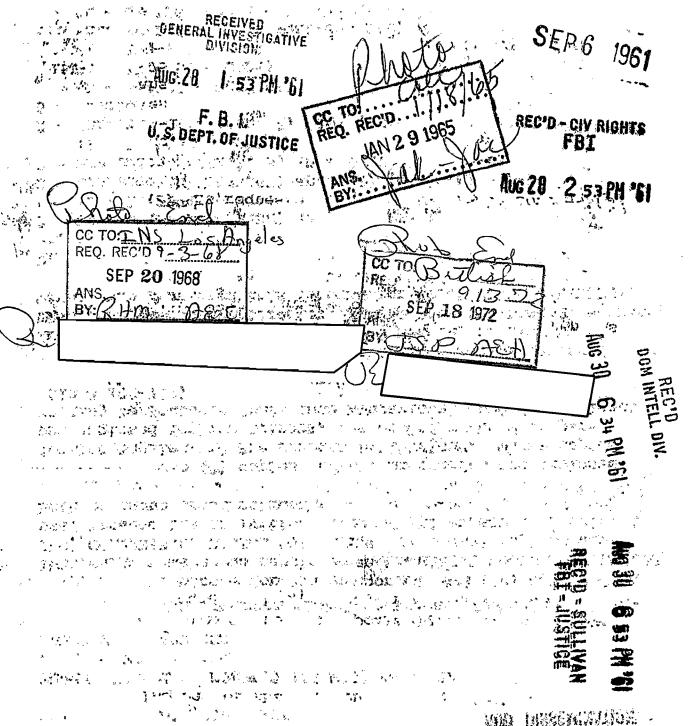
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| identity has been concealed at his request. | |
| The source used to document the SCEF is | |
| Indices of the Houston Office contain no references | s |
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| A review of recent reports submitted by the New Orleans Office in the SCEF investigation discloses that organization has been very active in supporting sit-in demonstration and has protested arrests of students involved in attacks on segregation in some Southern states. | |
| For the information of San Francisco, mentioned above, suggested to on that she write to the Bay Area Students Committee for the Abolition of the HCUA at San Francisco in an effort to obtain more information concerning | |
| <u>LEADS</u> | |
| LOS ANGELES: | |
| AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: | |
| (1) Is requested to check office indices for any pertinent information identifiable with mentioned herein. | |
| (2) Is requested to alert available sources for any information that may be active in that area in organ- izing his "freedom ride" to New Orleans. | |
| NEW ORLEANS: | |
| AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: | |
| (1) Will check office indices for any information concerning | |

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(2) Will alert available sources for any information that the SCEF is planning to support a "freedom ride" to New Orleans from California or Texas.

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

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| HOUSTON: | , • | • | • |
| AT HOU | STON, TEXAS: | | |

Will maintain contact with and other sources in an effort to develop additional information concerning the possible organization of a "freedom ride" from Houston, Texas, to New Orleans.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
HOUSION, Texas
August 25, 1961

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| | On a confidential source who has |
| | furnished reliable information in the past advised he had re- |
| | ceived a telephone call on that date from a girl who identified |
| | herself to him as |
| | University, Houston, Texas. Source had talked with |
| Г | on several previous occasions but stated he had |
| _ | never met and could not evaluate her reliability |
| | Source advised was one of a group of students |
| | arrested at the Union Station Restaurant, Houston, Texas, in |
| | approximately April, 1961, in connection with a sit-in demon- |
| | stration organized by the Progressive Youth Association (PyA). |
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| | related the following information |
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| | an unknown white man approached her and stated his name was |
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| | had in his possession a Rice University library card and |
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| | or perhaps an instructor at the Baylor University Medical |
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ENCLOSURE

RE: PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC. CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

| about two weeks. |
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| asked |
| informed he wanted her to try and get several people together and meet with him at the YMCA building near the Texas Southern University campus at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 20, 1961. stated he would try and have other people there at the same time. He stated he hoped to get a "freedom ride" organized at that time, that he would then "disappear" and that the various participants would meet again just before the ride. would not give a final answer but indicated she would probably meet with him. Source stated asked wheter he knew any of the local people at Houston. then displayed |
| a piece of paper on which several names were wirtten. The only names could remember were |
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University Medical School but had only been in Houston for

On May 11, 1961, the "Houston Post" carried an article captioned "Rights Group Controversial for 40 Years," pertaining to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). In this article Ben Levy, Houston RE: PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC. CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

attorney; was identified as president of the Houston chapter of the ACLU. Levy was quoted as saying he and another Houstonian organized the Houston chapter of the ACLU in 1957 and this chapter had approximately 200 members in May, 1961.

| On August 22, 1961, the above source furnished the | | | | |
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| following additional information which he had received from | | | | |
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| on the latter date. informed that | | | | |
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| he was originally from California and had been very active | | | | |
| during the riots in San Francisco which grew out of the hearings | | | | |
| held by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. | | | | |
| also stated he had previously resided in | | | | |
| and had attended Tulane University. On this occasion | | | | |
| stated "I won't tell you the name of my organization because | | | | |
| it is in disrepute, but the initials are SCEF." | | | | |
| re to the distributed one threats are sent. | | | | |
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| In connection with the above statement, source stated | | | | |
| that he felt confident was referring to the Southern | | | | |
| Conference Educational Fund with headquarters in New Orleans, | | | | |
| Louisiana, inasmuch as this was a rather well-known organization | | | | |
| which was frequently referred to by the letters "SCEF." | | | | |
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| A characterization of the Southern Conference Educational | | | | |
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| Fund is set out as an appendix hereto. | | | | |
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| related the meeting on | | | | |
| was a disappointment toinasmuch as only a few people were | | | | |
| present and they were not enthusiastic about a trip to New | | | | |
| Orleans. It was her opinion that this meeting was actually | | | | |
| designed by to stimulate more interest in the PYA at | | | | |
| Houston inasmuch as insisted that all present should | | | | |
| become active in the PYA. declined to attend | | | | |
| PYA meetings and stated she felt after the above meeting that | | | | |
| tim meetings and stated one tert after the above, meeting that | | | | |

RE: PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC. CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

| would not be successful in orga | anizing a "freedom ride" |
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| from Houston to New Orleans. | |
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| to get a group organized for a trip | to New Orleans before he |
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APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern People in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party (CP) activity in the New Orleans area, advised on May 18, 1960, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, CP members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, rank and file CP members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the CP on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years, certain CP members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further CP principles.

On May 18, 1960, the source advised that in the past, he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a communist, if not an actual CP member, because he followed communist principles.

APPENDIX

The source also advised on May 18, 1960, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

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| | who is concealed per his request. | |
| (U) | Attached letterhead memorandum is classed to the confidential because data reported from reasonably result in identification of confidential informant of continuing value and compromise efficiency. | Toould |







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Los Angeles, California

August 25, 1961



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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 25, 1961.

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The records of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department disclosed that the below named freedom riders from Los Angeles, California were among those arrested at Jackson, Mississippi on June 25, 1961. Following each name is the Los Angeles address and date and place of birth furnished by the individual to the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department.

The files of the Retail Merchants Credit Association (RMCA), Los Angeles, California, were caused to be checked on August 9, 1961 by SE ______ The identification files of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LASO) were caused to be checked on August 16, 1961 by IC ______ The results of the credit and identification checks at Los Angeles are set forth under each name.

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 25, 1961

| The identification files of the LAPD disclosed |
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| that |
| Los Angeles, California (LAPD Booking |
| born Los Angeles, California, was |
| arrested on December 26, 1960, Los Angeles on suspicion |
| Bail was set at \$35. Charges were |
| dismissed and he was released on December 28, 1960. |
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| Education: |
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| The records of the 743 |
| South Grandview Street, Los Angeles, California. were checked |
| on August 18, 1961 and they disclosed that |
| born Louisiana, |
| was enrolled in in 1958, 1959 and |
| <u>‡</u> 960, |
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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD, NEW.ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 25, 1961

Socialist Workers Party (SWP) Affiliation:

| (U) | An informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 10, 1961 that |
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| | Joined the SWP, Los Angeles on April 26, 1961 and attended a SWP meeting in Los Angeles on June 7, 1961. |
| ^ | The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. |
| l | California, born 0hio |
| | Credit Record: |
| | RMCA files, Los Angeles, contained no information identifiable with |
| | The identification records of the LASO contain no record on |
| | that in Ohio, student, was arrested |
| , | at Los Angeles, on March 30. 1956 on a charge of violation of |
| l | LAPD number is He was released to his parents and not prosecuted. |
| | Education: On August 15, 1961, |
| , | the Registrar, Admissions Office, Los Angeles City College, made available records, which disclosed that |
| | born Ohio, enrolled in February, 1960 at Los Angeles City College, but withdrew before the |





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| semester closed. listed his prior education as Central High School, Akron, Ohio and Hammel Business College, Akron, Ohio. He listed his father as residing at 1859 Virginia Road, Los Angeles. |
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| Los Angeles. California, born Iowa |
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| Credit Record: |
| RMCA files, Los Angeles, contained no information identifiable with |
| Identification Record: |
| The identification files of the LASO and LAPD contained no record on |
| Employment: |
| À source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 3, 1961, that was employed until as a teacher at |
| Los Angeles, |
| She taught through the end of the semester, but will not return there for the fall term |
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| born California LAI |
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| Credit Record: |
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| a freedom rider out on bond from Jackson, Mississippi, was arrested by the New Orleans Police Department on August 7, 1961 on the streets of New Orleans at 1:00 a.m. on a charge of The charge was dismissed in Municipal Court on the same day. |
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| On August 15. 1961, |
| Admissions Office, Los Angeles City College, made available records, which disclosed that Los Angeles, enrolled at Los Angeles City College in |
| September, 1960 and withdrew in February, 1961. He listed his birth date as Louisiana. |
| His address was later changed to Los Angeles. |
| He listed telephone Los Angeles as the person to notify in case of emergency. He was listed |
| as a graduate of Freemont High School. Los Angeles in |
| June, 1960. withdrew from Los Angeles City College after being placed on scholastic probation. He had two "D'S" and the rest of his grades were "C's." |
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| Los Angelés, California, born Haynésville, Louisiana |
| Credit Record: |
| RMCA files, Los Angeles, contained no information identifiable with |
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| The identification files of the LASO and LAPD contained no record on |
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| On August 15. 196], |
| Admissions Office, Los Angeles City College, made available records. which disclosed that |
| California, entered Los Angeles City College at the spring semester, 1961, but withdrew before the semester closed because she Her birth date was listed as Louisiana and she was a graduate of Freemont High School, Los Angeles in January, 1961. Her parents were listed |
| as California |
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| California, born. Virginia |
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| in Virginia, was arrested on October 2, 1959 on a charge of violation of Section 10851 of the He was released to |
| He was then a student at Freemont High School, Los Angeles. His LAPD Booking Number is |





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| 3/28/58 | PD, San Francisco | |
| 5/17/58 [| PD, San Francisco | |
| 8/7/58 [| PD, Oakland | |
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| 11/26/58 | PD, Denver, Colo | |
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| 5/30/60 | PD, Chicago, | |
| 6/26/60 | PD, Los Angeles | |
| 8/10/60 | PD. Los Angeles | |

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| 8/23/60 PD, Oakland | |
| 9/14/60 PD. Los Angeles | 9/15/60. Rel. PC, Not |
| | deemed arrested |
| 4/20/61 PD, Los Angeles | Complaint not issued. Released. |
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| 5/7/57 | PD, Los Angeles | | | Rel. 5/13/57 |
| 5/13/57 | PD, Los Angeles | | | Total bail \$557 5/28/57, F to P, 1 yr. Co. Jl, SP, 3 yrs. prob. |
| 5/13/57 | County Probation Dept., Los Angeles | | | 5/28/57 1 yr. CJ, SS, 3 yrs. Prob. 5/27/60, Exp. |
| 6/4/57 | PD. Los Angeles | | | |
| 6/25/57 | PD, Los Angeles | | | 7/8/57, Dism. |
| 7/1/57 | SO, Los Angeles | | | 7/8/57, Dism. |
| 7/10/57 | PD. Los Angeles | | | 8/23/57, NG |
| 7/10/57 | PD. Los Angeles | | | 9/19/57, NG |





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| 11/5/57 | County Probation Dept., Los Angeles | 12/30/57, Proc. SS, 3 yrs Prob. 12/29/60, E |
| 11/6/57 | PD, Los Angeles | 12/30/57, 3 yrs prob. 10 mos. Co. Jl., Restn, CC W/Sent being Srvd. |
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| 11/9/58 | SO, Los Angeles. | Released Exp. 8/16/5 |
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| Identification Record: |
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| The identification files of the LASO contained no record on |
| The identification files of the LAPD disclosed that born New Jersey. |
| was arrested by the LAPD on on a disposition not shown. The records further disclosed that there are presently for |
| the same individual. Her Social Security Number is shown as LAPD No. |
| Los Angeles, California, born |
| Credit Record: |
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was one of a group of Freedom Riders arrested at the Tailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on June 6, 1961, which arrest is reported in the report of SA dated June 20, 1961 at New Orleans, captioned "FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, TRAILWAYS BUS NUMBER 5131, New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi, June 6, 1961" - RM; GR (NO 157-288).

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Copy to: Office: NEW ORLEANS SA HUNTER E. HELGESON Report of: August 31, 1961. Date: 157-360 Bureau File No.: Field Office File No.: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 7/31/61 RACIAL MATTERS - CIVIL RIGHTS Character: arrived Jackson, Miss. via* Synopsis: Greyhound Bus at 6:05 p.m. 7/31/61. Was arrested by Jackson Phofficer at Greyhound Terminal when he

failed to obey the orders of officer to move on after he had entered the colored waiting room. Was charged with breach of the peace. No incidents at time of arrest. Was tried in Jackson Municipal Court 8/2/61 and after NG plea was convicted of violation of Section 2089.5 Miss. Code. Was sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200.00. had been previously arrested as Freedom Rider at Jackson, Miss. on 6/6/61 and was free on appeal Bond at time of instant arrest.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by Chief Detectives, M. B. PIERCE, Police Department Jackson, Mississippi, on July 31, 1961. He advised that ______ a lone Freedom Rider had been arrested on July 31, 1961 at the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Jackson.

Date August 4, 1961

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| | Chief of Detectives M. B. PI | ERCE, Police Department, |
| Jackson | Mississippi, furnished the fo | Trowing rurolimserou: |
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| from Mem | phis, Tennessee, arrived at th | e Grevhound Bus Terminal. |
| Jackson | at 6:05 p.m. A white male la | ter identified as |
| - CONDON | was observed by Patro | lman Jackson |
| Police I | Department, getting off the bus | |
| into the | colored waiting room of the G | |
| and ente | ered the phone booth. Patrolma | n approached |
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| four mor | oths in jail in connection with | the first arrest. He said |
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| Chief of De | tectives, M. I | . PIERCE. Po | lice Departme | ent. |
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| Jackson, Mississippi, tried in Jackson Muni | advised that | | TYS | 15 |
| August 2. 1961. for v | riolation of Se | ection 2009.5 | of the Missi | is- |
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| to PIERCE, | would be conf: | ined to the J | ackson City | Tail. |
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SUBJECT:

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Re Memphis letter to Bureau 8/23/61.

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On 5/20/61, the Buffalo Courier Express Four Star Edition carried a news item under Birmingham, Ala., date line 5/19/61, concerning the attempt of MARY MC COLLUM, age 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. WALTER C. MC COLLUM, 122 Roycroft Blvd., Snyder, to ride on an integrated bus from Birmingham, Ala., to Montgomery, Ala. MARY MC COLLUM was taken into protective custody by the Birmingham Police on arrival and released to the custody of her father on 5/19/61. On her release her father brought her back to Buffalo by plane.

was a student at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., and was with a group of students supporting bus integration, according to the news item.

No other information Buffalo files.

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION:

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event that the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished the United States Attorney, Jackson.

By airtel dated July 31, 1961, the New Orleans Office forwarded letterhead memo to Bureau concerning Freedom Rider reportedly an employee of the United States Post Office, Los Angeles, California.

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Report of: Date:

SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

8/30/61

File Number:

NEW ORLEANS (157-342)

Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD,

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY

30, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

NEW ORLEANS Office:

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Fifteen Freedom Riders identified in details of report arrived Jackson, Miss., via ICRR at 10:10 A.M., 7/30/61. All arrested by Jackson PD at ICRR Depot when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD Officer to move on. All charged with breach of the peace. No incidents at time of arrests. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/31/61, and after not guilty pleas were convicted of violation of Section 2087.5, Miss. Code. All sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. All Freedom Riders in this group transferred to Miss. State Pen, Parchman, Miss., on 8/1/61. Three Freedom Riders in this group released on bond on 8/18/61.

DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of information from the Los Angeles Office of the FBI.

By communication dated July 13, 1961, the Los Angeles Office advised that information had been received on that date that a group of Freedom Riders sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), planned to leave from Santa Monica, California, on July 28, 1961. Ten persons were scheduled to participate in the Freedom Ride.

By communication dated July 28, 1961, the Los Angeles Office advised that the group of Freedom Riders mentioned above had reservations for 9:00 P.M., July 28, 1961, via Southern Pacific Railroad, but canceled the reservations because not enough coach space was available.

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By communication dated July 28, 1961, the Los Angeles Office advised that the Freedom Riders mentioned above have reservations for sixteen persons departing Los Angeles 2:30 A.M., July 29, 1961, via Delta Airlines Flight scheduled to arrive at New Orleans, Louisiana, 8:44 A.M., July 29, 1961.

By communication dated July 29, 1961, Los Angeles Office advised that fifteen Freedom Riders departed via Delta Airlines as mentioned above.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN T. REYNOLDS:

On the evening of July 28, 1961

New Orleans, telephonically advised that had contacted her from Shreveport, Louisiana, and requested that she notify SA JOHN T. REYNOLDS that he had been advised that 18 Freedom Riders would leave Tos Angeles by plane at 2:30 A.M. on July 29, 1961 for New Orleans, that these persons intended to go to Jackson, Mississippi. She did not have the date of the trip to Jackson.

At 7:50 P.M. July 28, 1961 Sergeant

Intelligence Unit, New Orleans Police Department, was advised of the above information.

New Orleans, telephonically advised that the fifteen Freedom Riders, who had arrived from Los Angeles, would take the 7:10 A.M. Illinois Central Railroad Train to Jackson on July 30, 1961. He said that there might be one additional rider, but that he had

"At 10:30 P.M. July 29," 1961

nothing definite at that time.



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| On July 29, 1961, | CORE, |
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| New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically contacted SA | |
| and advised that the following fifteen Freedom Riders | 3 |
| had arrived at New Orleans, Louisiana, July 29, 1961: | |
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| will depart for Jackson, Mississippi at 7:10 A.M., July 30, | |

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| Sergeant Intelligence Division, New | |
| Orleans Police Department, advised that the fifteen Freedom | • |
| Riders had boarded Illinois Central Railroad train. The City of | |
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| student. The Freedom Riders were in car 2611 on the train which | ı |
| departed at 7:10 A.M. | _ |
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| On | 7-30-61 at | New Orleans. | Louisiana File # | NO_ | 157-342 |
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The Freedom Riders, fifteen in number, were observed aboard Illinois Central Railroad Trair, The City of New Orleans, which departed at 7:10 A.M. "Five officers from the New Orleans Police Department were present at the station. The riders were in car 2611, the next to the last car on the train.

On 7-30-61 at New Orleans, Iouisiana File # NO 157-342

by SA JOHN T. REYNOLDS /cjo Date dictated 7-31-61

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Informatin concerning this matter was furnished to the following individuals on July 30, 1961:

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Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA JAMES W. HERVEY.

Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA JAMES W. HERVEY.

JAMES W. HERVEY.

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON.

Railroad, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON.

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The following observations were made et the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi on July 30, 1961:

The regularly scheduled Illinois Central train from New Orleans, Louisiana was seen to arrive at the depot at 10:10 A.M. Approximately two or three minutes after the arrival of the train, a group of individuals were seen to congregate on the platform near the stairway leading down to the waiting rooms.

Approximately two minutes later, this group, consisting of nine white males, one white female, four colored males and one colored female were seen to enter the white waiting room and seat themselves.

It was at this time that Captain Jackson, Police Department, was observed speaking to the goup. After speaking to the group, Captain and several other Police Officers were seen escorting the group from the waiting room and into a waiting patrol wagon. No unusual incidents were observed during the above described series of events.

| On | 7/30/61 at | Jackson, Mississippi | File # 157-342 |
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| bv . | SA JAMES W. | HERVEY /c jo | Date dictated7/30/61 |

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The following observations were made at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 30, 1961:

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At 10:10 A.M., the regularly scheduled train from New Orleans, Louisiana, arrived. A group of individuals consisting of nine white males, one white female, four Negro males and one Negro female, came down the steps from the train platform. They entered the white waiting room as a group. They walked from the rear entrance of the white waiting room toward the main street entrance. As they neared the main street entrance, they stopped and the majority of the individuals in the group took seats on a bench, some remained standing.

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| Captain | Jackson Pol | lice Department, approached |
| this group. He ord | lered them to move on | . When no one in the group |
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| Police Department w | who were present with | Captainapproached |
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| These individuals w | vere then escorted to | a waiting police patrol |
| wagon by officers o | of the Jackson Police | Department. |
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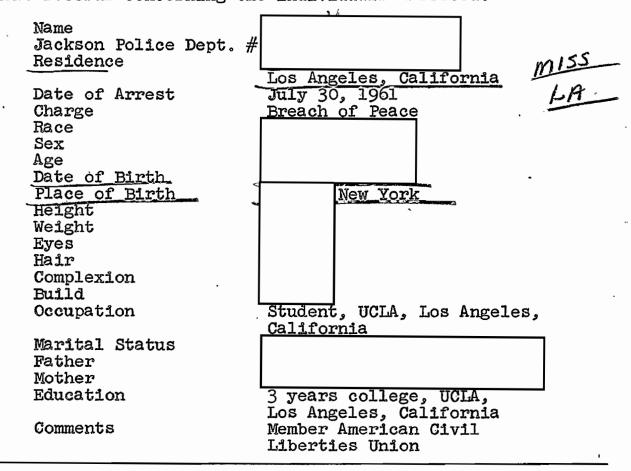
There were no incidents in connection with the above described arrests.

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| by . | SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/lrs | Date dictated7/30/61 |

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Detective Bureau, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the individuals whose names are set out below were arrested at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson. Mississippi, at 10:10 A.M., on July 30, 1961, by Captain of the Jackson Police Department. PIERCE advised that this was a group of Freedom Riders who had arrived at Jackson by train from New Orleans, Louisiana. The entire group had entered the white waiting room of the depot and were ordered to move on by Captain when they failed to obey the orders of Captain they were arrested on a charge of breach of the peace and transported to the City Jail where they were booked. PIERCE said there were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

PIERCE furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the individuals arrested:



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| Name Jackson Police Dept. # Residence | |
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| | Los Angeles, California |
| Date of Arrest Charge Race | July 30, 1961 Breach of Peace MISS, LA. |
| Sex Age | A common |
| Date of Birth Place of Birth Height | California |
| Weight Eyes Hair | |
| Complexion Build | , |
| Occupation | Student, University of California, Los Angeles, California |
| Marital Status Father | |
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| Mother | |
| Education | 6 years college, University of Colorado and UCLA, Los Angeles, California |
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| Jackson Police Dept. # Residence | |
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| | Marital Status | |
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| | | Angeles, California |
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| | | Angeles (no date), member of |
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| Mother | |
| Education | High school, 3½ years college, |
| Education | University of California, Berkeley, California |
| Name | |
| Jackson Police Dept. # | 4 |
| Residence | Los |
| Date of Arrest | Angeles, California July 30, 1961 |
| Charge | Breach of Peace |
| Race | Breach of Peace M155; LA |
| Sex | |
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| Occupation | Student, UCLA, Los Angeles, California |
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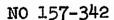


| Comments Education | Admits picketing - Santa Monica High school, 4 years college, 2 years graduate - University of California, Los Angeles, California |
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| Name Jackson Police Dept. # Residence Date of Arrest Charge Race Sex Age Date of Birth Place of Birth Height Weight Eyes Hair Complexion Build Occupation Marital Status Father Mother Education | Angeles, California July 30, 1961 Breach of Peace 1/2 year college, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, California |
| Name Jackson Police Dept. Residence Date of Arrest Charge Race Sex Age Date of Birth Place of Birth Height Weight Eyes Hair | California July 30, 1961 Breach of Peace Illinois 14 - |



| Complexion Build Occupation | Student, UCIA, Los Angeles, California |
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| Marital Status Father | |
| Mother Education | 4 years college, Los Angeles City College and UCLA |
| Comments | Admits peace walk, Los Angeles, 1954; picketing Belgium Consulate Los Angeles, 1960 |
| Name Jackson Police Dept. # | <i>¥</i> |
| Residence | Santa Monica, |
| Date of Arrest Charge Race Sex Age Date of Birth | July 30, 1961 Breach of Peace |
| Place of Birth Height Weight Eyes Hair Complexion Build | Arizona |
| Occupation Marital Status Father | Student, UCLA, Los Angeles |
| Mother Education | High school, 4 years college, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, Hebrew Union College, Hollywood, California |
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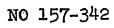
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| Marital Status | |
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| Mother | |
| Education | High school, 1½ years college, Santa Monica City College, |
| Comments | California Admits picketing Santa Monica, California department store in 1960 |
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Student, University of Occupation California, Los Angeles, California Marital Status Father Mother 5 years college, Reed College, Education Portland, Oregon, and UCLA, Los Angeles, California Picketed democratic convention Comments Los Angeles, 1960, member of NAACP and CORE Name Jackson Police Dept. # Residence New Orleans, Louisiana July 30, 1961 Breach of Peace Date of Arrest Charge M155 Race Sex Age Date of Birth Place of Birth Louisiana Height Weight Eyes Hair Complexion Build Student, Dillard University, Occupation New Orleans, Louisiana Marital Status Father Mother High school, 3 years college, Education Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana

Is member of NAACP and CORE

Comments



| Name Jackson Police Dept. # Residence | Los Angeles, California |
|---|---|
| Date of Arrest Charge Race Sex | July 30, 1961 Breach of Peace MISS |
| Age Date of Birth Place of Birth Height Weight | Alabama |
| | School teacher - unemployed |
| • | High school, 5 years college, Alabama State College, Montgomery, |
| Prior Arrests | Alabama. Arrested, Police Department, Montgomery, Alabama Arrested, Police Department, |
| | Montgomery, Alabama, charged fined \$9.00. |
| Name Jackson Police Dept. # Residence | Los Angeles, California |
| Date of Arrest Charge Race Sex Age | July 30, 1961 Breach of Peace MISS', LAY |
| Date of Birth Place of Birth Height Weight Eyes | Texas |
| Hair [| <u> </u> |

| Complexion Build Occupation Marital Status | Student, University of California Los Angeles, California |
|---|--|
| Father Mother | |
| Education ' | 4 years college, University of California, Los Angeles, California |
| Name Jackson Police Dept. # Residence | Los Angeles, California |
| Date of Arrest Charge | July 30, 1961 Breach of Peace |
| Race Sex | Miss, LA |
| Age Date of Birth | |
| Place of Birth , | California |
| Weight Eyes | |
| Hair Complexion | |
| Build Occupation | Student, Los Angeles City |
| Marital Status Father | College, Los Ángeles, California |
| Mother Education | one year college, Los Angeles |
| Comments | City College Member of CORE |

Date.

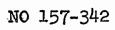
Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 31, 1961:

PIERCE stated that all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. All defendants were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to PIERCE, some of the defendants would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out their fines and sentences and some would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the Sheriff in overcoming crowded conditions at the County Jail.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of the above trial.

| On . | 7/31/61 | at | Jackson, Mississippi | File # | 157-342 |
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| On August 21, 1961, Deputy Hinds County |
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| Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the follow- |
| ing individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bond on August |
| 18, 1961. These bonds are all returnable in Hinds County Court. |
| Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961, according to |
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| Building, New Orleans, advised that a search of his records |
| <u>failed to reflect any information identifiable with</u> |
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| her records failed to reflect any information identifiable with |
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| On August 23, 1961 Clerk, Record Room, |
| New Orleans Police Department, advised that their records |
| reflect the following: |
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| lage born |
| address Louisiana, was |
| arrested on March 21. 1961. Police Item Number |
| charged with Article |
| Disposition - dismissed. Arresting officers were Patrolmen |
| Place of arrest - 2829 Gentilly Boulevard. |

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Field Office File No.: 157-367

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

Trailways Bus

New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi

August 13, 1961

Character:

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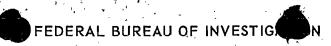
Synopsis:

| Two freedom Riders. | and |
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| | who is a reported |
| arrived Jackson, Miss., | via Trailways Bus |
| at 6:00 PM, 8/13/61. Both arrested by | Jackson, Miss., at |
| Trailways Terminal when they failed to | obey the orders of |
| Jackson PD officer to move on. Both c | |
| the Peace. No incidents at time of ar | |
| in Jackson Municipal Court, 8/13/61, a | |
| were convicted of violation of S. 2087 | .5. Mississippi Code. |
| Both sentenced to 4 months in jail and | fined \$200. No |
| incidents during trial. Both confined | Hinds County Jail. |
| Jackson. | |

DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by Captain Detective Bureau, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 13, 1961. He advised that two Freedom Riders had been arrested at the Trailways Bus Terminal at Jackson on that date.

August 18, 1961



| Date |
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| Chief of Police W. D. RAYFIELD, Police Department, |
| Jackson, Mississippi, made available a report contained in the |
| files of his department, which was prepared by Detective Ser- |
| geantand Detective Sergeanton |
| August 13. 1961. The report disclosed the interview of |
| The report stated that |
| advised these two officers that she and three other girls |
| left New York City about three weeks ago to go to San Francisco |
| California. When she got to Georgia, saw signs on |
| doors indicating colored or white and saw colored people and |
| white people segregated and it made her sick. She went on to |
| New Orleans, Louislana, and contacted CORE in an effort to do |
| her part. She stated she had been working in New Orleans as |
| part time worker and had also been quite active |
| in CORE and the NAACP and has done a lot of work for them in |
| their office. She also passed out handbills for them. She |
| stated she was arrested in New Orleans for this charge. She |
| furnished to the police officers interviewing her copies of |
| two of the handbills she had distributed in New Orleans. One |
| of the handbills relating to hiring Negroes by Puglia's store |
| in New Orleans and the other related to a boycott of NOPSI. |
| This latter one urged the non-use of natural gas, electricity |
| and transit services in New Orleans. It urged that this boy- |
| cott start at 12:01 AM on August 23, 1961. She stated that |
| she is out on \$50.00 bond in New Orleans, Louisiana. |
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| also advised the officers that her Mother |
| is a housewife and her Father is a wood machinist in a factory She said she has never filed papers for |
| and had no idea when she would file. She left |
| New York City by bus and passed through Jackson, Mississippi, |
| en route to New Orleans. The other girls did not share her |
| views on the race question and they went on to San Francisco, |
| California. said she has attended several workshops |
| in New Orleans and came to Jackson for the purpose of being |
| arrested and going to jail. She said she is paying her own |
| way, and is a member of and is not an |
| aethiest. She said she does not belong to CORE but plans to |
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| same two officers with who advised the |
| officers that he had just completed high school in New Orleans |
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| 8/13/61 Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 157-367 |
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this past June and has been working at Cotton Compress Company in New Orleans but quit his job last Friday for the purpose of coming to Jackson to get arrested. He has been living with his mother and father. His father works at the New Orleans and his mother is a housewife He plans to go to Southern University in Baton Rouge in January. He is paying his own way and does not belong to CORE but is planning to join. He has attended several workshops in New Orleans and that is where he met They both wanted to come and decided on riding to Jackson together. He said he was arrested in New Orleans by a Negro policeman, was watching a fight and this policeman ordered him to move on but he failed to do so and was arrested on a charge of refusing to clear the walks and resisting arrest. The charge was later dismissed. He stated that he is a Baptist and not an aethiest. He bought a one way ticket to Jackson and did not want bond or ever the advice of a lawyer.

Date August 18, 1961

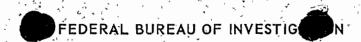
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| Jackson | . Mississin | st 13, 1961, at pi, on a charge | of breach | of the pea | ce. The |
| report | showed that | both subjects | arrived of | n the Five S | tar Bus |
| from Ne | w Orleans, | Louisiana, at a | bout 6:05 | PM , leavin | g the bus |
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| Captain ment, Jackson, Mississippi advised whose names are set out below were 13, 1961 in the white waiting room at Jackson. He said both had arritheir arrest on a Trailways bus fatheir arrest on a Trailways bus fathey entered the white waiting room been ordered by Patrolman Department to move on. When they were both arrested and charged with said there were no incidents in contents. | e arrested at 6:08 PM Augus of the Trailways Bus Terilved several minutes beforem New Orleans, Louisiana of the terminal and had lackson Police did not obey his order the breach of the peace. | part- ers st minal e |
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| Police Department records concerni | ing the two arrested. | |
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Date August 18, 1961

The following observations were made at the Jackson Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 13, 1961. The regularly scheduled bus from New Orleans arrived at 6:00 PM. Of the passengers alighting, a Negro male entered the white waiting, room of the bus depot. He was followed in by two Patrolmen of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department. The patrolmen were seen speaking to the Negro Male and a white female he had joined. These individuals were escorted out of the white waiting room and placed into a police car. No incidents were noted.

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| Chief of Detectives M. Department, Jackson, Mississippi, a following individuals were tried in | dvised that the Jackson Municipal |
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| Court, Jackson, Mississippi, at 3:0 | 0 PM, August 15, |
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PIERCE advised that both of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. Both entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. Both were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to PIERCE, both would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi, to serve out their fines and sentences.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of this trial.

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SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eab

Date dictated _2/22/6

On August 31, 1961, the Immigration & Naturalization Service. New Orleans. was advised of the fact that ________ was arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, as a Freedom Rider connected with the Congress of Racial Equality. She advised the Jackson Police Department of the fact that she is

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