

Ivan L. L. Love, Director, Division of Student Personnel

12/10/62

Willard E. Miller, Chairman, Committee of Nine

Your memorandum of 14 December, in which you posed several questions to the social committee of nine to which you requested an early reply, reached me promptly the same day. I sought to call for a meeting of the committee at the earliest opportunity, on the afternoon of the 15th, but found that three of our members could not attend. We met, therefore, as soon as all of us could assemble, on Friday afternoon, 7 December. At that time the committee discussed your questions at length, and has instructed me to convey to you the following answers.

1. The committee concurring that the major emphasis of your division is properly placed on the prevention of disturbances, by construction and in a strive to create an academic atmosphere appropriate to a university. Yet when prevention has broken down, we believe that at least equal emphasis must be devoted to a positive investigation and correction of disorder. Quite apart from the current disorders directed against Meredith and those who would accept his presence, we are concerned at the prevailing level of noise in the dormitories, which militates a most effective study. Student reports suggest that our system of dormitory managers is less than effective.

2. We honestly do not know whether there has been a steady improvement in student behavior. Recent absence of disorder may perhaps be attributed to the effectiveness of the intimidation brought to bear by rowdy groups upon students of moderate or liberal views. So far as we have been informed, no one has been apprehended or punished for the disgraceful disturbance on the night of 13 November. Under these circumstances, the effect is naturally "quelling."

3 and 4. The committee has not invited Mr. Turner Latan and Mr. W. T. Nash to meet with it. The committee does not regard itself as an agency of enforcement, but as a faculty group meaning to offer constructive and helpful advice. It is intended only to call to our attention, as it deems appropriate and responsible division head, matters apparently in need of corrections. The committee considers that its criticism of Mr. Latan and Mr. Nash was set by your assurance that the occasions of which we had complained would not arise again.

5. The committee considers that your fifth question has been answered unequivocally by the injunctions issued by the U. S. District Court and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The committee confines its concern to the respect for law and order, and to the enforcement of University regulations.

6 and 7. The meaning of your sixth question is not clear to the committee. We do not know to which behavior or to what persons it refers. We cannot, therefore, answer your seventh question. Do you wish to clarify these questions?

8. The committee is not concerned with these definitions. It is concerned only that discipline be vigorously maintained and that University regulations be observed.

9. The committee has sought no publicity, and has thus far refrained from making statements to press or public. It is not responsible for "the national image of its genesis", whatever that may be (if any).

The committee, and I personally, regret the dissatisfaction which seems to be suggested by your memorandum. We stand ready to discuss these and other questions with you informally at any time, and shall be glad to have you visit us again. Meantime, since we normally communicate directly with the Provost, sending copies to you and to the Chancellor as a courtesy, we refrain from sending copies of this reply to the other division heads to whom you sent copies of your questions. You have our consent, however, if you wish to show them our reply.

For the Committee of Nine,

W.M.W.
William M. Willis, Chairman

To: Dr. William H. Willis, Chairman, Committee of Nine
From: L. L. Love
Subject:

December 4, 1962

I would like to ask some questions of the Committee of Nine as a basis for at least increasing mutual understandings between the Committee and me.

1. The major emphasis of the Division of Student Personnel officers primarily responsible for discipline has been on prevention of disturbances. Does the Committee agree or disagree with this approach?
2. Has there been a steady improvement in student behavior?
3. The Committee has asked several individuals and at least one student to meet with it. The Committee has been critical of Mr. Burnes Tatum. Has it asked Mr. Tatum to meet with it?
4. The Committee has been critical of Mr. R. T. Nash. Has it asked Mr. Nash to meet with it?
5. Does the Committee believe that attitudes toward customs that have existed for at least a hundred years can and should be radically changed in a few weeks?
6. Has the Committee considered whether or not the behavior of a small number of persons has increased rather than decreased tensions on the campus?
7. Has the Committee decided whether or not the behavior referred to in the preceding question is desirable?
8. One contrast that can be drawn is acceptance as opposed to tolerance with no misconduct. Are both acceptable?
9. Has the Committee taken steps to clarify the national image of the genesis of the Committee?

It appears that these questions can be answered simply and briefly. I hope for an early reply.

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cc: Members of the Committee
Chancellor J. D. Williams
Division Heads

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Brought up by this resolution

Jan 12th '63

Approved

Resolutions Adopted by the Faculty of the University of Mississippi in its General Meeting on December 6, 1962

COMMENDATION OF MISS SIDNA BROWER

The Faculty of The University of Mississippi commends Miss Sidna Brower, editor of The Mississippian, for her unwavering determination to follow a constructive editorial policy of her own choosing during the extended crisis at the University. By holding to the American ideal of a responsible free press she has significantly contributed to the preservation of the University's integrity.

COMMENDATION OF DISCIPLINED ACTION

Whereas Leroy Taylor Robertson, a student at the University of Mississippi was given a fair and impartial hearing before the Student Judicial Council on November 2, 1962, and found guilty of violations of University regulations and general misconduct disruptive of orderly and peaceful conditions on the campus, and

Whereas the Student Judicial Council recommended the expulsion of Leroy Taylor Robertson and this recommendation was approved by the Chancellor and division heads of the University on November 3, 1962, and

Whereas Leroy Taylor Robertson was in fact expelled from the University of Mississippi on November 3, 1962, and

Whereas an appeal from this action was heard by the Chancellor and the division heads on November 21, 1962, with Leroy Taylor Robertson represented by counsel and stipulating that this hearing afforded him due process, and

Whereas, the Chancellor and the division heads after fair and impartial review of the evidence and testimony reaffirmed the order of expulsion, and

Whereas the Chancery Court of Hinds County ordered the reinstatement of Leroy Taylor Robertson on November 29, 1962, and the Board of Trustees, Institutions of Higher Learning instructed University officials to comply with this order on November 30, 1962;

Then let it be resolved by the Faculty of the University of Mississippi that the Chancellor be requested to make to the Board of Trustees the strongest possible representations urging that prompt and appropriate action be taken to secure the setting aside of the order of the Chancery Court of Hinds County, and,

Let it be further resolved that the Faculty of the University of Mississippi endorse and commend the action of the Student Judicial Council and University officials in the expulsion of Leroy Taylor Robertson

Distr. Not going to fight on

much. Stick to our guns again

as usual.

Final comment from

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This is the information
supplied by Earl Johnston, Publicity
Director of the State Sovereignty
Commission, on Thursday, 20 December
1962 in Jackson, Mississippi.

Johnston said that
while anyone "knows" that Somers
played a major role in assembling
the mob that converged on Oxford
on 30 September 1962, no one
except for those closest to
Somers can prove it. As a general
rule, which Johnston stated was
followed in this situation too,

Simmons' despite responsibility for
executing many of his policies to
such henchmen as Louis Hollis,
Judge Ware et al. Hence, Johnston
stated, Simmons himself may in
fact not actually have gotten on
the phone to Simmons' advisers to
Oxford; but Johnston is confident
that the calls were made at
Simmons' direction.

So far as proving
this goes, Johnston stated that
some of those who were called may
be willing to testify about what

[They] we told on the phone, and []
whom they we called.

I think Johnston
knows some of the people who
received calls; he virtually indicated
as much to me. However, he was
crying in our conversation. His
great loyalty is to Governor
Bennett. With Bennett in power
Johnston is, as he put it, close
to the throne; Johnston wants to
keep things that way. He is
terribly concerned with the Simmons
is discredited, and fears that a jail

him, not prodded or exposed but will thoroughly discredit Simmons in Mississippi by Mississippi terms, is more dangerous to the South than the continuance of the status quo, Simmons might be martyred. This explains Johnston's ambivalence in talking with us his willingness to let us know that, yes, Simmons is indeed the man we are looking for; his reluctance to provide ~~and~~ and details. Another reason, of course, for Johnston's

[redacted]
that something might be traced back
to him. A few more meetings with
Johnston might give him more con-
fidence in [redacted]

Johnston told us that
he felt sure that Willis and Morris
had made some calls, & also knows
that a Dr. Wood from Waynesboro,
 whom Johnston characterized as one of
 Fannin's boys, was on the phone
 trying to get people to come to
 [redacted]

Dated

Telegrams, purportedly

out of the state, perhaps from Oxford.
Senator Stennis told Johnston that he
received such a wire. The telegram
urged him to come to the Mississippi
to "help us." Johnston said that he
knew for certain the Governor did
not send telegrams of this sort. If
anything, the Governor wished to
minimize the ~~large~~ size of the crowd
at Oxford. Johnston said that he
thought Senator Stennis would take the
telegram available, but urged upon him
that Senator Stennis should be con-
sulted in this regard and if all

the other members of the Congressional delegation we contacted as well; otherwise, Johnston feels, the senator will know that it was Johnston who got us in to the U.S.

Johnston also told me that at the Governor's Mansion on Saturday, 29 September, Simmons told Bennett that, we need blockade at Oxford and we may as well figure out how many lines will be

Johnston said that he knew not W.F. Goodman, Jr. ~~and others~~ and Tom Madill were there to tell

sation. At about this same time
Simmons told Bennett that they
should get a lot of pledges up
to defend the two loose or the
marshals.

Another witness to
this conversation was Mrs.
Bobby ~~——~~ Brannon, a daughter of
the Governor. Johnston told me the
other Bill Simmons at the marsh
on Sunday night she told Simmons,
you need enough bloodshed already
and I want you to leave my
daddy alone. Johnston said that she

at the mansion and with the
Garrison most of the weekend, and
that she would like to bring Bill
Simmons. He thought she might talk
and cooperate if she were approached
in a way that appealed both to
her great loyalty to her father and
her deep antipathy for Simmons.
Bill Simmons has been trying to
hurt your daddy, he's doing your
daddy a lot of harm.

Another witness to

these conversations was Tom Watkins,
who Johnston said used to be a

Simmons man, but is now very
much anti-Simmons. Johnston strongly
implies that much of his man-
agement comes from brothers.

Johnston told us that
John Wright of the Citizens Council
had a look-alike at the Council
office over the Governor's mansion on
Sunday night 20 September and
hurled to the assembled throng, or-
ganized the mob, the mob
going to kidnap the Governor. Johnston
is set of course the Citizens Council

at they simply wanted to get off the
hook.

Johnston told me that
at one point Sunday night, after
a riot had started at Oxford, and
after reports of deaths there had
circulated, the Governor ordered that
Simmons be kept out of the mansion.
But after a first cogent argumen-
tation statement by Brant, Simmons
and Louis Hollis sneaked into the
building and got to the Governor.
Johnston said that Hollis was literally
weeping at what he regarded as a

betrayal of the cause they told the
Governor that he was letting the
whole state down, not from the tone
of his statement all of Mississippi
thought it had been betrayed & if he
called on Bennett to go on the air
to modify his earlier position.

Johnston told me that
one of the weakest links in the
Simmons organization is Hollis. He is
unstable, not terribly useful. After the
Soviet, Commission cut the Courts
funds so drastically earlier this fall,

to keep Hollis on the payroll. To illustrate his instability, Johnson told me the story about Hollis' attack at a luncheonette in the office building where the court has its offices. Hollis walked up to a colored girl and screamed, "Nigger, get out of here." When the manager came to the girl's defense, Hollis told all the customers that if the girl stayed the luncheonette was integrated. The police were called, and they took Hollis down to the station, he was held until released.

To suggest his theory
that Hollis might tell all under
pressure, Johnston cited the case
of the TV station man Beardsley
of the leader of which go to
jail - then they - - failed - and order
movement taken on Fifth Circuit
ordered back to produce the film of
the Mendelsohn - Bennett confrontation, heard
sent it to New Orleans.

Among the other
people who Johnston suggested knew a
great deal about Simon's involvement

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statement practically, I felt that
Joe Patterson and Will Wells, both
friends and antagonists (Patterson in the
party, Wells more neutral, I gather)
might be willing to talk. In addition
Johnston had not yet that morning
left for Colonel Birdsong, who was
about to testify at a "hearing"
in the Fenno case. Johnston said
he asked Birdsong what he planned to
do. Birdsong responded that he might
just tell the whole truth and get a
lot of things off his chest, just

by his allusions

Barnett, Johnston emerged to me as
a terribly weak, ineffectual personality,
a few bright, easily manipulated.
Johnston related one incident having
to do with Sumner's claim that
the two proposed cities could
form no vessel on some 60
stans in the north. Johnston
said that this is - i.e., it is
seen in only 5 states and ~~about~~
~~all~~ in the South, Virginia, Mississippi,
Florida, Louisiana. Johnston has told
the Governor that the Sumner claim

is a lie and that Simmons should be
required to produce his list of
stations that justify the large amount
of the TV program to the state.
Johnson says that typically the Governor
will say, yes, get the bill to have
that list to me, or hasn't will
make up that list yet, tell him to
get it ... he'll let the Governor
immediately forgets the matter, as he
does most things, and that ends the
list & request to have
the program. Johnson says that
 whenever Simmons is asked for the

list of stations, he gets almost hysterical, across the pictures of being an integratist, and says that he must protect the northern stations by "not exposing" the fact that they carry the program. Johnstone told me he has pointed out to the Governor the absurdity of this argument, that by carrying the program the stations are "exposing" themselves, and that he has gotten from Bennett his customary response

Johnstone is terribly

for he feels this is a cut-and-dried
way of cornering Simms and brawling
him severely. Johnston passed me on
whether we had got the right
copy of the information as to which
station is first carrying the Cornell
program.

Johnston himself is
very proud of his competing activity
which he claims to have devised,
the ~~newspaper~~ ^{newspaper} Commission Speakers
Bureau. It is, he says, very suc-
cessful. They avoid, in these speakers,

[redacted] references to the capacity of the negro
Johnston recognises that this singly
interrogates the two groups and is self-
defeating. The speeches Johnston and his
boys deliver emphasize the positive aspects
of the problem. The Negro school con-
struction program, etc. Also [redacted]
[redacted] some nonsense about segregation
having been started under the im-
petus of negro leaders. Johnston
has one or two Mississippi Negro
who speak for him, but says he
has to be careful: he can't afford

an integrated hotel in New York

Recently Simms received
an invitation to speak at Carleton
College in Minnesota. He asked Johnston
to finance his trip. Johnston tells
Simms he thinks there were sufficient
funds, but Simms sent anyway.
Johnston has been trying to use
the "success" of his speaker program
as a wedge to get down on
the funds up to the publishing com-
mittee of the Citizens Council. He
has combined some of his own
program with an attack on the

C. T. Jones could furnish in his talk
on the matter with the Governor.

Department of Unrest
ment Johnston hates Communism, and is
in constant contact with Mr. Johnston.
asked me twice if I knew about
Trinidad when I didn't respond he
winked, but by ~~not~~ asking me
again if I knew about it don't
state that he was ~~supposedly~~
anxious to discuss it, he didn't,
however, and I did not encourage
any discussion on the matter.

Another matter that

Johnston told me relative to the subject
that he recited as a typical incident
within his own knowledge of the kind
of things that was happening all over
Mississippi on the afternoon of 20
September during the morning the
local radio station in Corinth stated
announcing that all veterans were to
assemble at 4:00 p.m. at the Union
League street plant 500 assembled at
that hour. A few inflammatory
speeches were delivered & local editor
J.W. Pace, trying to get everyone to take
up arms and to proceed to Oxford.

Johnston said that he
voiced and addressed the crowd. He
announced that he knew for a fact
that the cause was grateful for
the support, but that he definitely
does not want them at Oxford at
this time. Johnston asked them to
vote in him and wait for
overman's instructions.

Johnston told me he
got a number of calls that night
from veterans who thanked him for
opening up. They didn't want to go to
Oxford but didn't have had to do so.

sent Johnston's statement.

Johnston said he doesn't know who called or inspired that meeting. There is no Citizens Council in O Forest, but someone or one of his boys could have been in touch with some or some other agitator. At the publicity we all hear the radio. The station manager is a reasonable fellow, Hugh Hughes. He refuses to run the Un-American form on his station. He might be willing to say who

Johnston stated that
is generally believed that Dr. Noy
Williams got General Walker to come to
Mississippi. Williams called either a Mrs.
Edmonson or Walker's attorney in Dallas
and got through to Walker that way.
Walker spent two days in Jackson
before going to Oxford.

Oxford Riot - Citizens Council

An FBI memo dated December 13, 1962 lists
the Executive Committee of the Association of
Citizens' Councils of Mississippi.

OXFORD RIOT -- Citizens Council

The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Mississippi dated Dec. 9, 1962 carries an article about Melvin Bruce, one of the persons arrested during the Oxford Riot. Bruce is now free on a \$25,000 bond. Bruce has scheduled talks before the Citizens Councils at Lake Providence, Tallulah and Oak Grove, Louisiana. He has also talked to the Board of Directors of the Citizens Council of Louisiana. This article has been reproduced and a copy is in the United States v. Bruce file.

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One of all the confusion and charges and counter-charges which have been seeping through the gas-filled atmosphere of the University of Mississippi the true sordid story is finally emerging as to the parties directly responsible for the rioting and bloodshed which brought shame to Mississippi.

It wasn't the fault of Governor Ross Barnett, who tried to preserve law and order. It wasn't the fault of the federal marshals, regardless of attempts to saddle them with blame.

The entire bloody mess can be laid directly at the feet of the professional leaders of the Citizens Councils. At a time when the governor was urging law and order, and ordering the Highway Patrol and peace officers to check any disturbances, the Citizens Council leaders were making contacts throughout Mississippi and other Southern states to raise an armed civilian mob to fight the U. S. Government on the Ole Miss campus.

With 5000 students on the campus, even the Justice Department admitted that only a handful were involved in riots -- and only 20 were belligerent enough to be referred to University officials for possible reprimands.

Yet eye witnesses agree there were 2500 rioters on the campus that tragic Sunday night, many of them armed, many of them throwing pipe, bottles, and Molotov cocktails. Where did they come from?

This army of hooligans was recruited by the professional Citizens Council leader. They were told: "Governor Barnett wants you and some of your friends to arm yourselves and get on the campus for a showdown with the federal government."

Capitol sources report that when the Governor learned that these professional racists, on whom he had depended partly for advice, had deliberately incited the insurrection up and in his name at a time when he wanted peace and order -- he was perfectly furious.

Each day since the rioting the governor has learned more about how these professionals set up headquarters on the campus, ordered the Highway Patrol around because of a commission he had issued, used University telephones to

gather the flock, and even invited reluctant students into joining the pressure against the marshals.

One of these professionals is reported to have ordered the football team to cover the airport landing field with barbed wire to keep army planes from landing. This order was refused.

It is also reported that the governor's daughter, Mrs. Bobby Braum, told the professionals in a face to face meeting later that they, "have caused enough bloodshed."

Most of this information probably will come out of official investigations now being made by representatives of Senator Jim Eastland and Senator John Stennis.

It was Bill Simmons and Louis Hollis, Citizen Council professionals, who urged the governor late Sunday night to issue a "no surrender" statement after he already had told the people about the presence of marshals and urged law and order.

And when the Citizen Council leaders aroused a crowd to surround the mansion on the pretext that the governor was about to be "kidnapped" they took advantage of the hysteria to collect dues money from the crowd.

It is true that Bill Simmons, since the events of that evening, tried vainly to see the Governor at the mansion and highway patrolmen refused him admittance. Simons waited for thirty minutes and then, panting, left.

Lay leaders of the Jackson Citizens' Council have openly criticised the paid professionals and admit that "something must be done about this situation."

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November 27, 1962

Oxford Riot - Citizens Council

FBI report Agent Eugene M. Ort of the St. Louis office dated October 31, 1962 Bureau file number 144-40-255

and

FBI Report of SA Robert F. Cooper, Jr. of the New Orleans office dated 10-31-62, Bureau file number 100-12445 give the results of an FBI background investigation of William James Simmons, Administrator of Citizens' Councils of Mississippi.

November 27, 1962

Oxford Riot - Citizens Council

The Commercial Appeal dated 11-10-62 from Memphis, Tennessee notes the widespread knowledge that outsiders came to the University of Mississippi at the instigation of sources within the state and despite the efforts of state officials to keep them out. The same article mentions a pamphlet distributed by the Citizens' Council. The pamphlet suggests a "solution" to the situation which would involve a referendum in which the public would vote on whether to close the institution. It could then be reopened along private school lines.

Memo to the Files

November 26, 1962

Oxford Riot - White Citizens' Council

The Clarion Leader - Jackson, Mississippi dated 11-26-62 - contains an article which quotes Dr. Bryant, Vice Chancellor of the University of Mississippi in which he charges that individuals and groups of individuals in Mississippi are manipulating the students in the universities and colleges for their own purposes. He says these people have supplied the students with firecrackers and instructions to create incidents for the purpose of forcing the closure of the University of Mississippi.

The Delta Democrat-Times dated 11-26 referring to Dr. Bryant's talk charging that groups of individuals in Mississippi are manipulating the students at the University of Mississippi mentions that the Citizens Council the previous week had published a pamphlet signed by the pen name "James Sincere" suggesting a state-wide vote to determine whether "Ole Miss." would be closed.

C D
By R C Schif

November 15, 1962

Re: Frank Schwett

Oxford Riot - 1. Citizens' Council

2. Student Involvement

Billy Joe Plunk, Bruce, Mississippi. [1st. floor Powers Hall] "Ace" McLean, Meridian, Mississippi.

On Tuesday, October 30, Lt. Col. Stuart, the commandant of the local army ROTC at the University [and member of faculty] told me (and FBI agents at the meeting) that on the previous day a student (not identified but who would testify if absolutely necessary) came to him and said he had been approached by McLean and invited to join in the bombardment to come off that night (Monday). Plunk was also present (or they went to his room) and seemed to know about the whole deal. The student was given cherry bombs and was told he could get a replenishment if necessary.

Plunk and McLean said they had gasoline. That night, according to the student, two molotov cocktails were thrown, but he doesn't know by whom. [We saw only one, but the other may not have exploded].

Plunk and McLean had (and I think the student saw) 10-15 boxes of cherry bombs with about 50 in each box. They said the bombs had been brought in the night before (Sunday) and that they had been furnished by the Citizens' Council in Jackson, who would continue to furnish them. [On that day we had heard several rumors about the Jackson CC sending 4300 cherry bombs in].

Col. Stuart sent the student out that night to watch what happened. The student took some pictures with a Minox camera but they didn't turn out.

He did see a green four-door Chevrolet, Mississippi tag # 36 4373 stop and ask kids if they were out of bombs. Some said they were and the car left and returned later. The army checked out this car and it is registered in the name of Linder McNeally who works at Nielson's Dept. Store.

McLean and Plunk told the student they would call "today" (Tuesday) to get sufficient bombs and slingshots for another bombardment.

Student said Plunk is at Connor Hall (a trouble spot) with two other people, every time Meredith has a class there. Plunk was also present the night of the riot.

I don't believe either of these ever went before the judicial council. The University searched their rooms and Plunk's car to no avail. The FBI may be following up on this. The driver of the green car, McNeally, was unwilling to talk to the Bureau, (see my sheet on him).

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CITIZENS' COUNCIL

DISSEGREGATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

Wellborn Jack, attorney and State Representative, Shreveport, Louisiana, was interviewed on 11/14/62. Jack immediately inquired if the Special Agent had any recording device and was assured he did not. Jack claimed he had no information on any plan or plot to kill Meredith. He said in his speech in New Orleans he was trying to show the people the feeling of people in Mississippi. He also said he was not at Oxford, Mississippi, but did go to Jackson, Mississippi, as did three other members of Louisiana Legislature, whom he refused to identify. At Jackson he heard people talk, some directly to him, and state that Meredith could be killed if not guarded. He claims he does not have any names or know any of these as there were thousands of people. Many talked to him because he had an arm band on identifying himself as a member of Legislature from Louisiana. He claimed the idea of him having any first hand information is ridiculous. Jack said his statement in "Shreveport Times" newspaper 11/14/62 is his explanation. The article is summarized by the above comments of Jack.

: Jack said Attorney General and President must be of same opinion or they would not keep Meredith so closely guarded. Jack criticized Assistant Attorney General Guthman for publicity in announcing that FBI requested to interview him. Said it appears to him, Jack, that the Justice Department is trying to "low rate" and embarrass him and public officials of Louisiana. Jack said he wants to talk to Assistant Attorney General Guthman.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

- OXFORD PICT -- 1. CITIZENS' COUNCILS
2. UNITED STATES v. WALKER

The statement of law student CARL DOWDING tells details of the car with the Union County tag and two-way radio, and also names persons who saw Walker (Lucius P. Sans, Hal Freeland, and Sternis Sittle, law students).

MEMORANDUM TO THE FILES

- CITIZENS COUNCIL

November 14, 1962

At Mr. Doer's instruction I spoke at 5:15 with Mr. Richard Levin of the FBI to bring to his attention a reference in an FBI letterhead dated October 6, 1962 (to be found in our University of Mississippi Riot file) to a visit made by Wellborn Jack to the Governor's Mansion in Jackson, Mississippi on September 30, 1962. Mr. Levin had indicated to Mr. Doer on the phone earlier today that the Bureau was investigating a report from New Orleans, Louisiana of an address made there by Mr. Jack, in which he announced that he had been informed in Mississippi of plans to kill James H. Meredith. The FBI is now investigating that report.

J. T. C.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

- .. -- Oxford Riot -- White Citizens' Council
.. -- Oxford Riot -- General Intelligence

FBI report of S/A John T. Reynolds dated October 26, 1962 entitled, "Organization of University of Mississippi" contains information on the formation of Jackson County Citizens Emergency Unit. Mrs. Daily Bush Hughes (p. 62) states that she heard someone that this group was the Emergency Unit of the Citizens' Council.

MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

OXFORD RIOT -- CITIZENS' COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Daily Tupelo Journal of 11-3-62 describes the Oxford Citizens' Council meeting of 11-1-62 at the Lafayette County Courthouse. 50 people attended, including 15 students of the University of Mississippi. Among the proposals aired were the following:

- (1). That brutality of Negro N.P.'s be condemned.
- (2). That merchants stop advertising in the student newspaper.
- (3). That Professor Silver and others be criticized, and
- (4). That a telephone harassment campaign be initiated against Meredith and "others who believe in race mixing."

Oxford - City Council

Council In Oxford Protests Brutality

OXFORD, Miss., Nov. 10.—A man who identified himself as president of the newly formed Council of Council Presidents, made an emergency call for a telephone conference between the council and Mayor W. C. Morris, to draft and issue a joint communiqué aimed at Negroes who are drafting civil rights bills and others who believe in the peace demonstration presented by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and others. However, no resolution was adopted to be issued. However, no resolution was adopted to be issued.

Dr. King, who is in town, has been invited to speak at the Mississippi State University football game Saturday night.

The emergency meeting was held in the room of the Lafayette County courthouse attended by more than 50 men.

Some 15 students at the University organized a march day under federal court orders—were present. Many colored players from the schools, Army troops and Federal marshals who are escorting the court direction for the removal of Negro James H. Meredith.

The student leaders said they planned a march to the county courthouse and in the Ole Miss student section, too. The Mississippi Free Press said the paper's offices were demonstrated to the crowd.

John Rivers of Memphis, Tenn., editor of the newspaper also was invited. Other organizations which have also invited the various faculty members and students to attend the joint conference were the NAACP,

Daily Tupelo Journal
Tupelo, Miss.
Date: 11/9-4/62