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9:20am

Pamela Smith: We had a call and some information on a murder that took place here last year. We might do some research on it, because the white power structure is involved. Had a mass meeting yesterday, and it was decided that sometime during this week a list of demands will be presented to the mayor and police jury.
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5:30pm

Pam Smith: ECDC lawyers were here from Shreveport. They talked to Mallory Harvey about his arrest and tried to talk to the Mayor and City Attorney, but neither were available.
We talked to Mrs Luresta Green who was recommended to us. She would like to receive help from the Welfare department. We told her to go down with us next time (that will be next week; she's ill now).
Mr. Robert Fisher reported that he had been laid off his job as janitor at City Hall on Saturday, July 10th. The only reason given was that it was the Mayor's orders.
We talked to Dorothy Taylor and Sherman Brown (Taylor is a recent graduate of Woodson High School, and he participated in the demonstrations against inadequate facilities at the school). We plan to meet with them sometime this week for further action. We are planning to form a youth group.
A white farmer, Bo Peters (sidney Peters), has been contacting us here about the murder of one of his Negro employees who was allegedly burned alive, August 16, 1964. Peters sent us a picture of the burnt house and a newspaper clipping of the incident. He said that he has gathered all clues of the case. The FBI in Shreveport investigated the case inadequately after talking to the sheriff's department. Evidently, five white citizens of Homer paid local Negroes (tenant farmers) to beat the Negro and set the house afire. Peter seems eager to bring the case to trial but has been denied that right by the parish judge, Frank Dougherty.
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