

December 30, 1965

State investigators were at the campsite today...Stokeley called and said the first tent had been erected. Mr. Sellers was supposed to come in today from Atlanta with the tent poles. He hasn't arrived yet.

Grady Norris from the Justice Department called and said he was going out to the campsite. He wanted names of the evicted families.

A Press Conference is to take place at 11:00 a.m., December 31 at the Freedom City. Jack Minnis called and gave Stokeley the go ahead to buy lumber for the tents. The money should arrive at the Western Union Office this evening or by Mr. Sellers.

The two student lawyers sent by Morty Stavis are Brian Paddock of San Jose, California and Don Fontaine.

I just called Atlanta about Mr. Sellers. They said he had misplaced his key. He has now found it and is on his way in.

Stokeley and the others, plan to have all the tents up by 11:00 tomorrow afternoon.

I relayed message to Jack Minnis from Gloria Larry that stove pipes are needed. Gave the message to Cleve. He says Muriel or Jack will contact me tomorrow afternoon concerning this.

The Atlanta office is working 24 hours per day. Marvelous isn't it. Mark Shapiro, Freedom Core worker from Holly Springs just came into town. A group in Detroit have adopted Lowndes County. Detroit being his home, he came in to see the tent city so he can tell this group what is actually going on. He'll probably help out in Lowndes tonight and tomorrow.

Jack Minnis phoned in a press release titled "Lowndes County Voters seek to Invalidate Elections." A copy dated December 31, 1965 is attached.

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