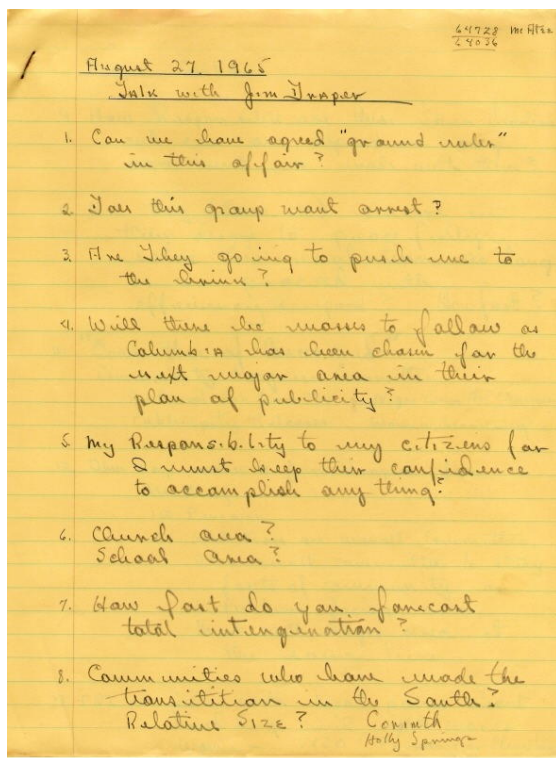


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This particular set of notes for a meeting with Jim Draper (local representative of the U.S. Community Relations Service) clearly reveals Mayor McLean's concerns about getting the situation right and whether he could trust us.



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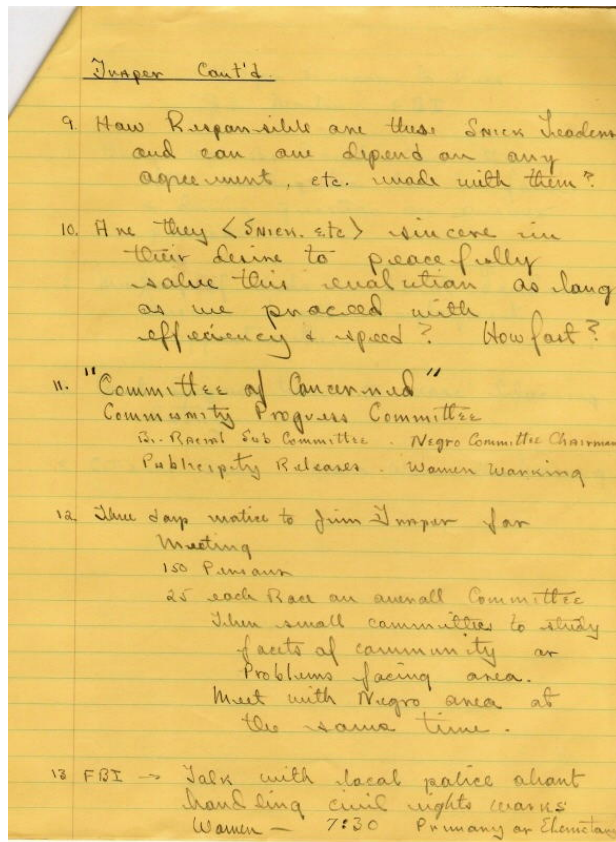
Talk with Jim Draper

1. Can we have agreed "ground rules" in this affair?
2. Does this group want arrest?
3. Are They going to push me to the limit?
4. Will there be masses to follow as Columbia has been chasm for the next major area in their plan of publicity?
5. My responsibility to my citizens for I must keep their confidence to accomplish anything?
6. Church area?
School area?
7. How fast do you forecast total integration?
8. Communities who have made the transition in the South?
Relative Size? Corinth
Holly Springs

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9. How Responsible are these Snick Leaders and can we depend on any agreements, etc. made with them?
10. Are they <Snick, etc.> sincere in their desire to peacefully solve this evaluation as long as we proceed with efficiency & speed? How fast?
11. "Committee of Concerned"
Community Progress Committee
Bi-Racial Sub Committee Negro Committee Chairman
Publicity Releases Warren Wanning
12. Three days notice to Jim Draper for Meeting
1:30 [?]
25 each Race on overall Committee
Then small committees to study facets of community or Problems facing area.
Meet with Negro area at the same time.
13. FBI -> Talk with local police about handling civil rights warns
Women -- 7:30 Primary or Elementary