
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: RUSTY BARNES
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: GUN THREAT AT MOORHEAD FLAG HEARING
DATE 11/6/00
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DPS provided four plainclothed CIB personnel for the flag hearing at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead last Thursday evening, November 2. Upon my arrival, Tim Powell asked if I understood that should anything happen that night, Governor Winter was the CIB's only responsibility. I said that I did and he restated it, so I asked if they had received any reports of potential trouble. Powell said that they had received word that a Mr. Lindsey from Ruleville had said that he was coming to Moorhead with his AK47 and that he was going to shoot some blacks. Powell said that Lindsey has been a patient at Whitfield and that his National Guard commander had stated that all threats made by Lindsey should be taken very seriously. Powell had distributed a copy of Lindsey's driver's license to security at Moorhead.

Although I never saw Mr. Lindsey, I did notice several security pulling out his picture at one point, followed by several going outside. I asked Powell after the meeting if Lindsey had shown up and he said that someone thought they saw him in the parking lot. I asked if Lindsey had the gun and Powell said that the person did not enter the building.

To my understanding, Lindsey threatened to disrupt the hearing and he did not make any threats against the Governor, but I thought I'd pass along this information. Tim Powell should be able to fill you in.

Jim Giles and John Cripps (Lumberton) were also at the hearing, as they were in Meridian on October 26, and they made their normal derogatory comments and instigated the crowd. There was also a young man by the name of Waylon Powell (Tupelo) who stated that "there will be another war and you people will lose." According to John Gilbert who accompanied me Thursday night, another CIB personnel at the hearing said that he wanted to keep his eyes on Powell and know where he was. Tommy Turner

(Carrollton) also mentioned how the government caused Ruby Ridge, Waco and Miami (Elian).