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Jessie Shelby
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REPORT (Partial)

January 31, 1956

Re: Death of Jessie Shelby
Yazoo City, Mississippi
On January 20, 1956

On Friday night, January 20 in Yazoo City, Mississippi, a young man (Negro) 23 years of age was shot and fatally wounded by a police officer who alleged that he shot and killed Jessie James Shelby because he resisted arrest.

In an attempt to secure first hand information from eye witnesses I ran upon the usual "afraid to talk" because of possible reprisals. I am continuing to search for information that will give a more accurate account of the incident.

Respectfully submitted,

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Field Secretary, Mississippi

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