Letters from Mississippi / Document August 6, 1965: Restaurant/Cafe Owners Meeting

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These are notes apparently taken during a meeting the mayor had with restaurant and/or cafe owners who were justifiably concerned about what was going to happen in the aftermath of the fire-bombing/shooting the previous weekend and the desegregation effort at the library the day before.

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