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August 26, 1965: August Chronology

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The Mayor here is enumerating the civil rights actions we had taken up through August 26. Based on the long August 21 entry in my "August 9" letter, which covered both the first Sunflower grocery picketing and the same-day Saturday night Autry's event, the latter took place on August 21, not his seeming-afterthought August 24 date.

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[side note]

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[?? - My letter had this happening on August 21.]

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