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Public Accommodations in South Carolina

As of Monday, August 3, the following incidents concerning public accommodations discrimination in South Carolina had been received by the Department. None of them are considered of a nature to warrant investigation.

1. Folly Beach, Charleston - On July 12 approximately eight Negro boys were attacked by a crowd of white youths. One Negro and one white were arrested. This incident occurred in the late afternoon. The beach had been integrated all day without trouble. We also have a report the beach had been integrated on July 7 without incident.

2. Charleston - On July 8 seven Negroes were taken into custody by police after a disturbance at Laurey's Billiard Parlor. The proprietor, Joseph Laurey, had attempted to discourage the Negroes from playing pool there by raising prices outrageously. We don't know whether there is a lunch counter on the premises.

3. Myrtle Beach - A Negro, Charles Webster Jones, was arrested on July 6 for knifing a white man during a fight. Our reports reflect this incident has no relationship to the beach integration, which has been successful.

4. Lancaster - Although the FBI reports two Negro men stating that the manager of the Parr Theater refused to integrate, the same report reflects that two Negro couples on July 7 attended the theater and sat in the formerly white section. Furthermore, this was done with the concurrence of the manager.

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The Department is investigating reports of the denial of service in Columbia by the Little Joe Sandwich Shop and five drive-in restaurants operated by Lloyd M. Bessinger, Jr.

There is also a newspaper account from the Charlotte Observer dated July 24 that the NAACP plans to file suit against the Edisto and Carolina movie theaters in Orangeburg, South Carolina.