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'UNDER FIRE AT OLE MISS'—NEW BOOK TAKES CLOSER LOOK AT 1962 RIOT *Tales of a Roving Mississippi Reporter in Far-Off America* “...Only two people there knew it was all a game: Me and Ross Barnett.”—James Meredith Few of today’s populace recognize the name “James Meredith.” Fewer understand the significance of Sept. 30, 1962 when President John F. Kennedy declared martial law and called out U.S. Troops to restore order on the campus of The University of Mississippi. “The last battle of the Civil War” is fading from the public consciousness. The riot resulted from Meredith’s quest to become the first black man to enroll at all-white Ole Miss. The attempt succeeded, but not without hundreds of injuries, including the deaths of two men. To this day, no one has any idea how they died. That is about to change. In Dick Gentry’s new book, **UNDER FIRE AT OLE MISS**, the former Ole Miss student and professional journalist for the past 50 years explains what occurred that night: Who was responsible for the deaths? Who was at fault for the riot? Was it all a big mistake? Were the killings ever investigated? What progress has been made in the past 50 years to solve the “murders”? On Dec. 12, 1962, scarcely two months after the deaths, the FBI lost the authority to investigate and turned over the inquiry to the Sheriff of Lafayette County, Mississippi. He was also president of the local White Citizens Council. After a decade of research, Gentry is satisfied that he knows not only what happened that tragic night but the events leading up to it. He requested and read the 3,000-page FBI report. He read books and articles about the riot, dismissing many. He conducted a blunt, at-times-shocking interview with Meredith. He also asked Attorney Ross Barnett Jr., a Mississippi National Guard officer in 1962, to help him understand his father’s motives and beliefs. He is the first writer to do this. The author was there that night, in “The Grove,” and this is a first-person account of what actually happened. **With seven additional articles: The Real Inventor of the Personal Computer - a rural Georgia doctor invented the first personal computer. (It wasn’t Bill Gates or Paul Allen, although both worked for him). My Search for John Wilkes Booth’s Grave – is it in an old cemetery north of Tupelo? Another Mississippi link to an assassination—Abraham Lincoln’s by John Wilkes Booth. Conspiracy theorists contend the assassin is buried not in Baltimore, but in Texas, Oklahoma, India or England. In this article the author suggests Booth’s burial in fact is in Mississippi – and Gentry reveals the proof – a cufflink inscribed with the letters JWB. Me and Jimmy Hoffa on the Beach – interview with Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa Anatomy of a Police Shooting – What Happened? My Life Underground in Idaho The Man Who Stole the Glow from Foxfire Sitting Pretty's Fantastic Success** **UNDER FIRE AT OLE MISS**, the new book by former University of Mississippi student Dick Gentry, who watched it all during the 1962 anti-integration riot, is published in Kindle by eBooks-UK and in paperback by Woodlord. Dick Gentry’s first book, **AT THE FOOT OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS, An American Editor Offshore In The Cayman Islands**, is also available in paperback and Kindle from Amazon: Available in U.S. from Amazon.com: Kindle Edition: 978-1-906602-03-1 <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00I2V2IG8> Paperback: 978-1-906602-08-6 Available in U.K. from Amazon.co.uk: Kindle Edition: 978-1-906602-03-1 <http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00I2V2IG8> Paperback: 978-1-906602-08-6

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