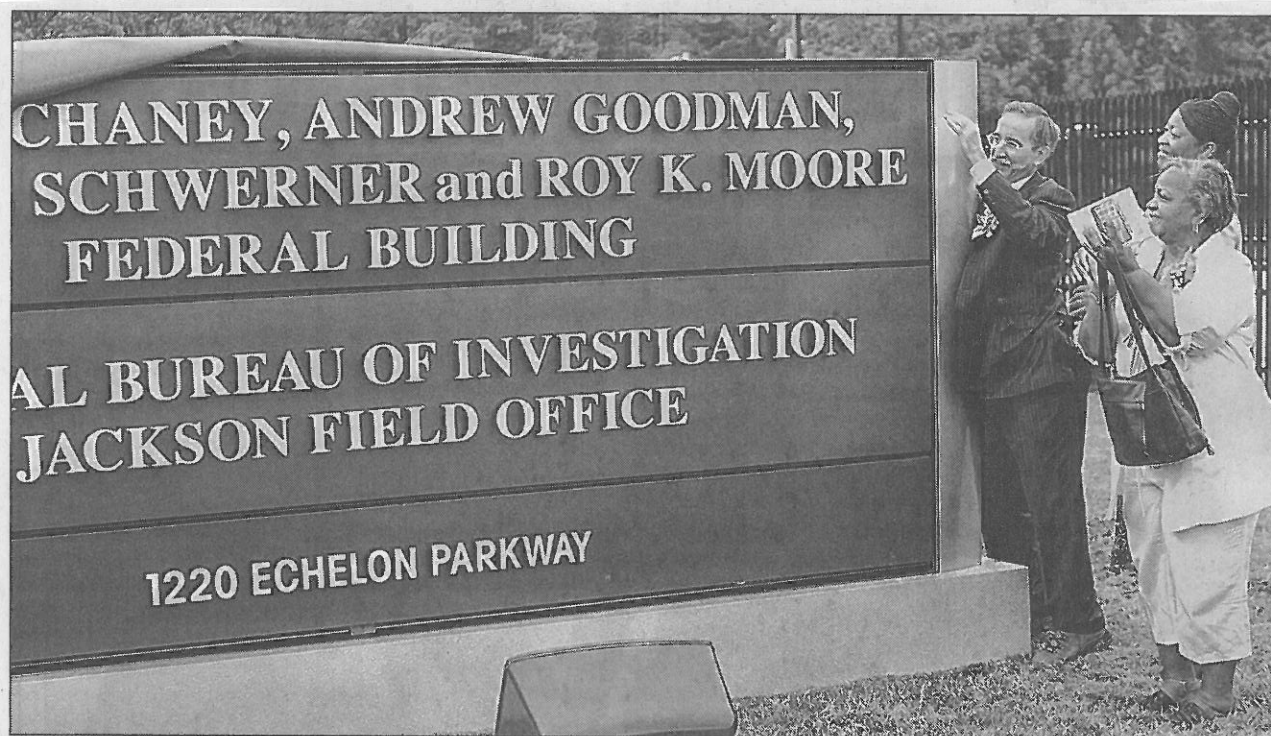


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David Goodman, brother of Andrew Goodman (left), with Angela Lewis, daughter of James Chaney (center), and Chaney's sister Barbara Chaney unveil the sign bearing the names of slain civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner and FBI agent Roy K. Moore, during a dedication ceremony Tuesday.

## 'Honored and grateful you did this'

■ FBI building renamed after slain activists, agent

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Families of three slain civil rights workers — and the agent who investigated their 1964 killings by the Klan — thanked officials Tuesday for renaming the FBI building in Jackson after their loved ones.

"On behalf of my daddy, I'm honored and grateful you did this," Angela Lewis, James Chaney's daughter, who was born 10 days before her father's slaying, told those gathered. "For the families of the slain, there doesn't need to be a building or attention because we never forget. The fact you have done this says you remember."

On June 21, 1964, Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner were investigating the burning of Mount Zion Methodist Church in Neshoba County when they were arrested, jailed and released into the hands of waiting Klansmen, who killed them and buried their bodies 15 feet beneath an earthen dam.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover hired Roy Moore to investigate the slayings, appointing him the first special agent in charge of the FBI in Mississippi.

In choosing the veteran agent to take on the case and



David Goodman, brother of Andrew Goodman (left), and Angela Lewis, daughter of James Chaney, share a hug during a dedication ceremony of the James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner and Roy K. Moore Federal Building Tuesday in Jackson.

the Ku Klux Klan, the FBI found the right man, said his son-in-law, Joe Giglio. "He had a bulldog determination. Roy K. Moore was tough and demanding but fair. He believed no boss was better than the people he worked for."

Forty-four days after the trio disappeared, FBI agents discovered the bodies.

"I didn't understand then what hatred can do to people," said Goodman's brother, David Goodman, then 17, of New York City. "I found out."

In 1967, 18 men went on trial on federal conspiracy charges in connection with the trio's slayings. Seven were convicted, including then-Neshoba County Deputy Cecil

Price, but the rest walked, including Edgar Ray Killen.

In 2005, Attorney General Jim Hood and District Attorney Mark Duncan teamed up to prosecute Killen. The sawmill operator and part-time preacher was convicted of three counts of manslaughter and sentenced to 60 years in prison.

"Good does prevail," David Goodman said. "The naming of this building after Goodman, Chaney, Schwerner and Moore is testimony to that."

He thanked members of the Philadelphia Coalition, which pushed for Killen's prosecution and continues to work on race relations. "Mississippi is far ahead (of other states) in

understanding the challenges of diversity," he said.

On Tuesday, officials and family members unveiled the sign for the James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, and Roy K. Moore Federal Building.

"The naming of this building for these four individuals is part of the continuing process of healing we have to have in the state of Mississippi if we are ever going to get off the bottom," said 2nd District U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson, a Democrat, who pushed the legislation.

Moore's daughter, Sandra Moore Giglio, said despite the difficulties and criticisms back then, she never heard her father utter a word of discouragement.

He was determined to solve the slayings, she said. "He didn't talk about it, but I know he prayed when he worked."

George Holmes, executive director of the Congress of Racial Equality, said Mississippi has made tremendous progress.

He recalled Gov. Haley Barbour's recent apology to the Freedom Riders on behalf of the state. "Nobody expected that," he said.

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