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FIRE: 6 P.M. 11/18/70 JRS

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A FIRE AT ~~THE~~ THE GRAVLY FURNITURE COMPANY
IN RIDGEWAY ^{Yesterday} ~~THIS~~ MORNING GUTTED ONE-HALF
OF THE INTERIOR OF THE COMPANY'S OFFICE
BUILDING.

(TAKE FILM)

THE FIRE BROKE OUT AROUND 4:30 THIS
MORNING, DESTROYING MOST OF THE OFFICES
IN THE REAR OF THE BUILDING, AND DID
EXTENSIVE HEAT AND SMOKE AND WATER DAMAGE
TO THE REST OF THE BUILDING.
FIRE-FIGHTERS FROM RIDGEWAY, COLLINSVILLE
AND MARTINSVILLE RESPONDED TO THE ALARM
AND HAD THE BLAZE UNDER CONTROL ABOUT
5:30. ARSON IS SUSPECTED IN THE FIRE
TO COVER UP A POSSIBLE ROBBERY. SEVERAL
OFFICE DOORS WERE OPEN AND VENDING MACHINES
BROKEN INTO. THE OFFICES WERE EVIDENTLY
BROKEN INTO THRU A SIDE DOOR. STATE
INVESTIGATORS ARE ON THE SCENE AND THE
INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.