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City of Detroit

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TO: *Richard Marks*

DATE: JULY 31, 1963

FROM: *Stiff report*

SUBJECT: CYNTHIA SCOTT DEMONSTRATIONS
SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1963

ABOUT 1:30 P.M., SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1963, A HALF DOZEN PERSONS GATHERED ON THE CORNER OF ST. ANTOINE AND MACOMB THINKING THERE WOULD BE A DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING THE SLAYING OF CYNTHIA SCOTT. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF UHURU WERE PRESENT. A NUMBER OF PERSONS DROVE UP IN CARS EXPECTING A DEMONSTRATION AND OTHERS CAME ON FOOT.

were under the impression that a demonstration had been planned and when no one showed up, they felt it would be unwise to demonstrate.
~~THE UHURU MEMBERS APPARENTLY DID NOT KNOW THAT GOAL HAD NOT INTENDED TO BE PRESENT. THEY FELT SOMEWHAT BETRAYED AND IMPLIED THAT UHURU WOULD PLAN ITS OWN DEMONSTRATIONS HENCEFORTH. YET, THEY FELT IT UNWISE TO DEMONSTRATE WITH THE SIX OR SEVEN PERSONS PRESENT.~~ IT WOULD NOT BE GOOD TO FOLLOW UP A DEMONSTRATION OF "2,000" WITH SIX PERSONS. SOME PERSONS PRESENT FAVORED A "SIT-IN" AT THE POLICE STATION OF ABOUT 50 PERSONS AND BELIEVED THE JULY 13, 1963, DEMONSTRATION WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD TIME TO BRING IT OFF.

THE POLICE OBVIOUSLY HAD A LARGE FORCE ON DUTY AT THE STATION. THEY MADE A POINT OF PRETENDING ALL WAS NORMAL, YET THEY FREQUENTLY COULD BE SEEN PEEPING FROM THE WINDOWS. TWO CAMERAS WERE AIMED AT THE SMALL GROUP PERIODICALLY FROM A SECOND FLOOR WINDOW. SEVERAL PRESENT OBSERVED THAT ALL OF THE POLICEMEN IN THE VICINITY WERE ARMED WITH NIGHT STICKS, WHEREAS ON JULY 13, THEY HAD NO SUCH EQUIPMENT. IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT EXPECTED SOME DIFFICULTY OR WOULD BEHAVE WITH LESS RESTRAINT THAN PREVIOUSLY.

SOME WERE ANXIOUS TO DEMONSTRATE BUT DIDN'T WANT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADERSHIP. THE TEN OR SO PERSONS SLOWLY DRIFTED AWAY.