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ASSAULTING OF POLICE OFFICERS IN VICINITY OF RNA CONVENTION,
DETROIT, MARCH TWENTYNINE, SIXTY NINE, RM.

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RE DETROIT TELETYPES, MARCH THIRTY, SIXTYNINE, AND CINCINNATI
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TODAY, [REDACTED] (PROB) WAS INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY

[REDACTED] SOURCE STATED APPROXIMATELY THREE
HUNDRED PEOPLE ATTENDED MASS RALLY NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,
DETROIT, MARCH TWENTYNINE, LAST. RALLY ENDED ELEVEN THIRTY P.M.,
AND MANY PEOPLE DEPARTED CHURCH INCLUDING MILTON HENRY, ESCORTED
BY BLACK LEGION SECURITY GUARDS WITH RIFLES. AT APPROXIMATELY
ELEVEN FORTYFIVE P.M., SOURCE WHO WAS INSIDE CHURCH HEARD AP-
PROXIMATELY FIVE SHOTS FROM OUTSIDE CHURCH. NUMEROUS WOMEN AND
CHILDREN ENTERED MAIN ENTRANCE OF CHURCH WITH SECURITY GUARDS WHO

(U) KNELT DOWN AND POINTED THEIR WEAPONS TOWARD REAR OF CHURCH BUT
DID NOT FIRE. SOURCE KEPT INQUIRING AS TO "WHAT'S GOING ON QUEST."
[REDACTED] RNA, LOS ANGELES, OVER LOUD SPEAKER PLEADED
FOR EVERYONE TO BE CALM AND GO TO BASEMENT. [REDACTED] DESIRED TO
CALL POLICE TO REQUEST THEY NOT FIRE INTO CHURCH SINCE WOMEN AND
CHILDREN PRESENT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT HIS WIFE AND CHILD WHO WERE

ALSO IN CHURCH AND NOT OBSERVED TO HAVE FIRED AT POLICE.

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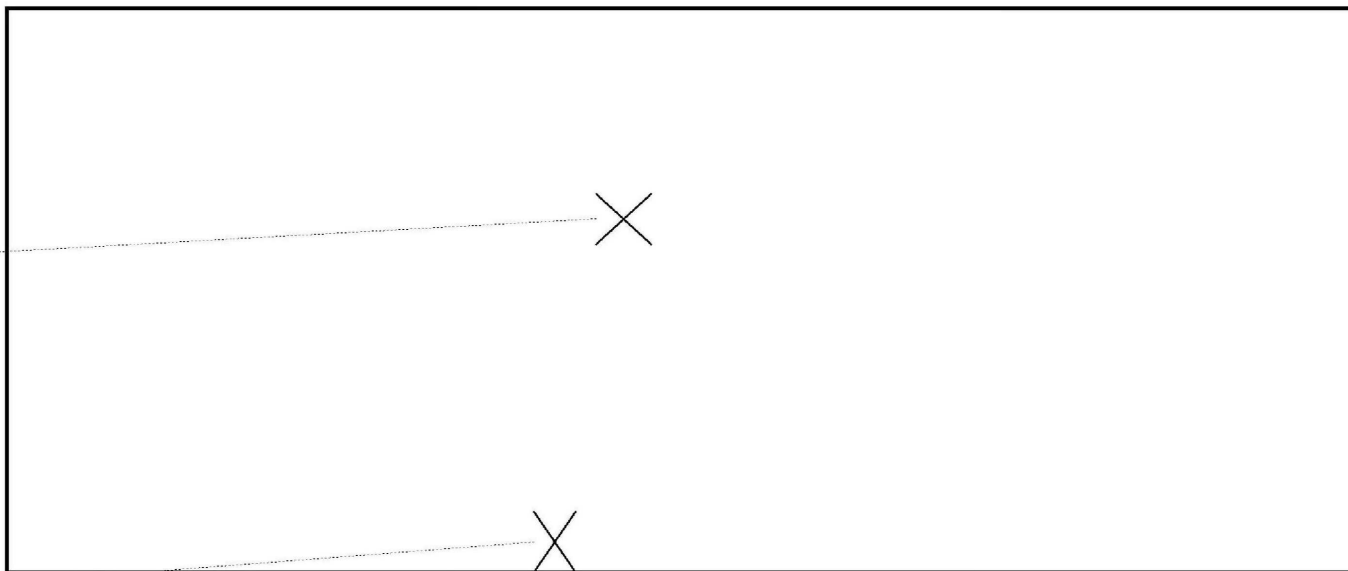
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APPROXIMATELY TEN-FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER FIRST SHOTS FIRED, DOZENS OF SHOTS WERE FIRED INTO CHURCH APPARENTLY BY POLICE, AND THOSE NOT ALREADY IN BASEMENT WENT THERE. u

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[REDACTED] OBSERVED A (FNU) [REDACTED] RAPIDLY FIRING AT POLICE OUTSIDE OF CHURCH. [REDACTED] INDICATED POLICE FIRED AT THEIR GROUP FIRST. ~~C~~

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[REDACTED] STATED POLICE FIRED FIRST. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS MALE PUERTO RICAN, EARLY TWENTIES, FIVE FEET SIX OR SEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE POUNDS, SLENDER, FAIR SKIN, BUSHY BLACK CURLY HAIR AND CLEAN SHAVEN.

[REDACTED] MEMBER OF BLACK LEGION IN NEW YORK, CURRENTLY A SCHOOL TEACHER AND WAS RECENTLY DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY HAVING SERVED IN VIETNAM. ~~C~~

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[redacted] RNA, [redacted] CONFIDENTIALLY TOLD

(U) SOURCE [redacted] [redacted]

(U) [redacted] NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, IN ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE [redacted]
GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THOSE SOURCE TALKED WITH WAS POLICE

FIRE FIRST. [redacted]

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[redacted] WAS INTERVIEWED BY DETROIT AGENT

(U) [redacted] WAS NOT AWARE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted] SOURCE
ADVISED AT NO TIME WAS VIOLENCE PLANNED OR DISCUSSED AT RALLY. [redacted]

NEW YORK OFFICE FURTHER IDENTIFY [redacted] AND FURNISH
[redacted] WITH PHOTOGRAPHS IF AVAILABLE TO DISPLAY TO [redacted]

(U) [redacted] (PROB) [redacted]

DETROIT DIVISION REVIEW ARREST RECORDS FOR ONE [redacted]

[redacted] AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THROUGH SOURCES. 4

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