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FROM DETROIT (157-NEW)

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ASSAULTING OF POLICE OFFICERS IN VICINITY OF REPUBLIC
OF NEW AFRICA (RNA) CONVENTION, DETROIT, MICH., MARCH
TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE; RM.

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SUMMARY TELETYPE OF EVENTS UP TO SIX PM, INSTANT DATE.
RE DETELS DATED THREE THIRTY SIXTYNINE.

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED THAT THE REPUBLIC OF NEW
AFRICA (RNA) HOLDING ITS SECOND NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CONVENTION
OF THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES, DETROIT, FROM MARCH TWENTYEIGHT
TO THIRTYTH AT THE C&B RADIO CLUB, ONE THREE THREE ZERO FIVE DEXTER,
DETROIT. MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS CONSULATES WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT
SAID CONVENTION. u

THE THREE TWENTYNINE SIXTYNINE EVENING SESSION OF RNA
CONVENTION WAS HELD IN THE NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, EIGHT FOUR
FIVE ZERO LINWOOD AVE., DETROIT. AS THE SESSION WAS ENDING AT
APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FORTYTWO PM, THREE TWENTYNINE SIXTYNINE,
A DETROIT PD SCOUT CAR MANNED BY OFFICERS MICHAEL CZAPSKI AND

REC-88 157-9079-46

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[Redacted Box] PROCEEDING NORTH ON LINWOOD AVE., OBSERVED A
GROUP OF NEGRO MALES STANDING IN FRONT OF CHURCH WITH RIFLES.

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OFFICERS STOPPED AND ALIT FROM SCOUT CAR, AND AS THEY APPROACHED GROUP, THEY WERE FIRED UPON. OFFICER CZAPSKI WAS KILLED AND OFFICER [REDACTED] WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. u

UPON ARRIVAL OF ADDITIONAL POLICE, THE CHURCH WAS ENTERED AND ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE PERSONS INSIDE CHURCH WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER. u

INSPECTOR [REDACTED] DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THAT OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER, ALL DISCHARGED ON THREE THIRTY SIXTYNINE ON APPEARANCE BEFORE RECORDERS COURT JUDGE GEORGE W. CROCKETT, JR.,

EXCEPT TWO: [REDACTED] NEGRO MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW YORK CITY ALSO FROM LINDEN, NEW JERSEY, REMANDED TO WAYNE COUNTY JAIL WITHOUT BOND PENDING HEARING APRIL ONE, NEXT, ON CHARGE OF CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON (CCW) - POSSESSION OF GAS EJECTION DEVICE; [REDACTED]

NEGRO MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, REMANDED TO WAYNE COUNTY JAIL WITHOUT BOND, PENDING PRELIMINARY HEARING APRIL ONE, NEXT, ON CHARGE CCW - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO MURDER.

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED GEORGE W. CROCKETT, JR., DEFENDED CARL WINTER, COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER, DURING THE TRIAL IN
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NINETEEN FORTYNINE OF ELEVEN NATIONAL CP LEADERS AND ON TEN
FOURTEEN NINETEEN FORTYNINE WAS FOUND GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF COURT
BECAUSE OF HIS Demeanor DURING TRIAL, CROCKETT WAS SENTENCED TO
THE CUSTODY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE U.S. FOR A PERIOD OF
FOUR MONTHS BY JUDGE HAROLD MEDINA. OTHER NLG v AG, 77 Civ. 999, (USDC, SDNY)

SOURCE ALSO ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

INSPECTOR [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DETROIT; [REDACTED]

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK; [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DETROIT; AND [REDACTED] FEMALE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW YORK, ALL NEGROES, WERE WOUNDED

AT EIGHT FOUR FIVE ZERO LINWOOD, AND TAKEN TO DETROIT GENERAL
HOSPITAL. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT NO CHARGES WERE PLACED AGAINST THESE
INDIVIDUALS.

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JUDGE CROCKETT HAS CHARGED WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR WILLIAM CAHALAN WITH CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR OBJECTING TO THOSE ARRESTED BEING RELEASED BEFORE BEING INTERVIEWED THOROUGHLY BY DETROIT PD. CROCKETT RELEASED INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED.

DETROIT POLICE CONFISCATED ONE SUB-MACHINE GUN, THREE SHOT GUNS, ONE RIFLE AND A THIRTYTWO CALIBRE HAND GUN FROM INSIDE THE NEW BETHEL CHURCH.

DETECTIVE SGT. [REDACTED] SIB DETROIT PD, ADVISED THAT NO PROPERTY DAMAGE, LOOTING OR FIRES HAVE RESULTED FROM THE SHOOTING.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT DETROIT IS PRESENTLY CALM AND QUIET.

ALL SOURCES CONTACTED AND POLICE SOURCES CONTACTED STATE THERE IS NO INDICATION AT ANY TIME DURING RNA CONVENTION THAT ANY SORT OF VIOLENCE WAS PLANNED. SOURCES ADVISED THAT THE KILLING OF THE DETROIT POLICE OFFICER WAS A SPONTANEOUS, INDEPENDENT ACT.

SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED BUAGENTS MARCH THIRTY, LAST, THAT

[REDACTED] (LNU), [REDACTED] NEW YORK, AND

[REDACTED] ALL RNA MEMBERS, WERE THE INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOT AT DETROIT

POLICE OFFICERS, KILLING ONE OFFICER AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDING ANOTHER.

[REDACTED] IS BELIEVED TO IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] MEMBER OF RNA, DETROIT. [REDACTED] (LNU) IS BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] FROM NEW YORK. IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

SOURCE ADVISED HE OBSERVED THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS IN FRONT OF THE NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, EIGHT FOUR FIVE ZERO LINWOOD AVENUE, DETROIT, CARRYING RIFLES. SOURCE ADVISED A POLICE OFFICER PULLED UP IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH AND AS OFFICERS WALKED TO ENTRANCE, THEY WERE MET BY A VOLLEY OF FIRE FROM THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS THEN RAN AROUND THE CORNER TO THE PHILADELPHIA ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH AND ENTERED THE CHURCH. SOURCE ADVISED THAT MANY PEOPLE WERE STANDING AT THE SIDE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH, AND WHEN THEY HEARD THE SHOOTING, THEY ALSO WENT BACK INTO THE CHURCH. SOURCE ADVISED ONCE INSIDE THE CHURCH, THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS BEGAN SHOOTING AT POLICE OFFICERS, WHO HAD ARRIVED ON THE SCENE, FROM WINDOWS OF THE CHURCH.

SOURCE STATED THAT [REDACTED] WITH A MACHINE GUN, AND ONE [REDACTED] WITH RIFLE, ALSO FIRED FROM CHURCH WINDOWS AT POLICE OFFICERS.

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[REDACTED] IS BELIEVED TO BE [REDACTED] IDENTITY OF

[REDACTED] IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

SOURCE STATED THAT UPON ENTERING CHURCH, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED, "NO POLICE WILL ENTER THIS

CHURCH." [REDACTED] THEN ORDERED ALL IN CHURCH TO LIE ON FLOOR AND FOR

THE SECURITY GUARD TO DEFEND AGAINST POLICE. IT WAS AT THIS TIME

THAT THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS BEGAN FIRING AT POLICE FROM WINDOWS

OF CHURCH.

SOURCE STATED THAT WHEN POLICE BROKE THROUGH SIDE DOOR OF

CHURCH, WHICH WAS LOCKED, WITH SHOTGUN BLASTS, SHOOTING BY

RNA STOPPED AND ABOVE INDIVIDUALS DROPPED WEAPONS ON FLOOR AND

MINGLED WITH CROWD.

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THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY THE SAC TO INSPECTOR

[REDACTED] DETROIT PD, ON MARCH THIRTY, LAST.

G-TWO AND SECRET SERVICE DETROIT ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCES UTILIZED ARE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PHOTOS ARE BEING OBTAINED FROM DETROIT PD AND WILL BE EXIBITED TO INFORMANTS TO EFFECT POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.

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