

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Administration Division
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
Citizen Complaint Bureau

Date June 26, 1970

To: John Amberger, Mayor's Assistant

Subject: FINAL REPORT ON BLACK PANTHER COMPLAINT OF DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT HARASSMENT

On June 1, 1970, a meeting was held in the Mayor's Office by Mr. John Amberger and Michael Glusac for the purpose of reporting our preliminary investigation of 24 complaints of harassment. Thomas Turner, President of AFL-CTO Council, and Paul Silvers of U.A.W. acted as spokesmen for a group representing themselves as the Michigan Committee Against Repression.

Our investigation revealed that the allegation of harassment was not substantiated even by early examination of police records, medical reports and court dispositions. As had been expected, the report was not accepted by the Black Panthers.

An attempt was made to interview the complainants, but there was no response. At the same time, some other information was secured by the Citizen Complaint Bureau to clarify portions of first investigation.

ITEM 7 - The letter from Thomas Turner Commissioner Patrick V. Murphy received and assigned to Chief Inspector Anthony Bertoni. Although the letter was evidently lost, the answer could only have reported the same as our investigation; the alleged conversation could not be established without other witnesses.

ITEM 11 - Case was heard by a jury who found the defendants not guilty.

ITEM 17 - None of the persons identified in complaint were among the 15 persons arrested and released from the general vicinity of Woodward from State to Grand River.

ITEM 24 - Case was heard by Referee Joseph Finley and dismissed for "Insufficient Evidence due to a reasonable doubt". However, it would be interesting to note that James Pita stated he called the officers pigs and stepped on and kicked at their feet.

Inspector William [Signature]