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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Nelson

From: Mr. Wilson

Subject: The following information was obtained during an interview with three members of the Citizens Complaint Bureau of the Detroit Police Department. The interviewees were Inspector Heffernan, who heads the Bureau, Lieutenant Owens, who is the number two man of the Bureau, and Reginald Turner, a Negro patrolman and one of the investigators.

The Citizens Complaint Bureau was established within the Detroit Police Department in May, 1961. All of its members are police officers. The Chief of the Bureau is Inspector Heffernan, white.

The number two man is Lieutenant ^{William} John Owens, a white, and the number three man is Sergeant Jason, a Negro. There are 15 patrolman investigators, seven of whom are white, eight of whom are Negro.

The present size of the Bureau staff represents an increase of four or five people over the pre-July disorder.

Bureau Staff. The Bureau is primarily an investigatory body, but it also has some small public relations functions. Its primary function is to investigate complaints of police misconduct brought by individuals or sent to the mayor or police commissioner, or referred to the Bureau by numerous other agencies, such as the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, the NAACP, the Urban League, or any other body. In its public relations function, the members of the Bureau spend a good bit of time talking to community groups and participating in meetings at the various precinct houses around the city. We were ~~at~~