

OFFICE OF THE POLICE DIRECTOR

NEWARK NEW JERSEY

MEMORANDUM

June 19, 1967.

TO: Oliver Lofton  
Legal Services Project

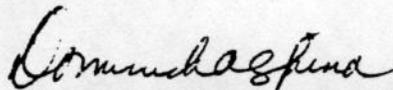
FROM: Dominick A. Spina  
Police Director

SUBJECT: Attached Report

Enclosed herewith is a report submitted by Deputy Chief John L. Redden of the Newark Police Department, as the result of an interview with Mr. Harry Reichenstein, City Clerk.

The second paragraph relates to you. I sincerely do not believe that you participated in this kind of conference.

I thought you might be interested in how rumors can sometimes spread. Also read paragraph 2, page 2.



Dominick A. Spina  
Police Director.

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City Clerk Reichenstein gave the following information to Deputy Chief of Police John L. Redden, at 12:30 Noon, June 12, 1967:

The City Clerk received telephone call from informant saying he was in Washington because large sums of money were paid over to Area Boards 2 and 3 which money is being spent by Robert Curvin and used to induce a group called the Black Panthers from California to come here. This group are permitted to carry guns. He questioned whether or not our laws would prohibit this but a fellow by the name of Lofton who was with them and who recently became a member of the Board of Directors of U. C. C. said if they are not concealed they can carry guns. They decided they would carry unloaded guns for the purpose of intimidating people. Lofton advised the group they can legally carry guns that are not concealed.

The group that was present when this was discussed was Lofton, Eulis Ward, Mel.. Roundtree, a Mrs. Epperson, Dawkins, Harris, a man named Will Cash, Thomas Hayden and Duke Moore, Sr. (This meeting was held in Newark and this advice was given in Newark within the past eight to ten days.)

The informant heard considerable of this discussion and his purpose in going to Washington was to relate it to two subcommittees who are now supposedly engaged in studying this matter.

The informant told of a meeting recently held in Hopewell Baptist Church where a Marie Gonzalez said "If the Puerto Rican and Spanish speaking people don't get some money pretty quick, we will show them what trouble real is." One Jessie Allen was delegated to go to <sup>New York</sup> Newark to talk with the Anti-Poverty Head in New York, a man named Jackson, who in turn delegated a man named Wingate to come to Newark and help the Spanish and Negro population to revolt on a date tentatively set as June 27.

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Wingate is to sit with Colonel Hassan, Harris and Richardson who are the three who will organize the so-called revolt. Richardson is to contact the Puerto Rican and Spanish people for a representative and will then form a committee of five.

Lofton and his staff are going to have weekly briefings on the legal rights of these people who are working on all of these plans to make sure that the police will not be able to arrest them on any charge. These briefings will be in area headquarters.

Vicious literature calling upon the blacks to militantly move against the whites in the City of Newark is being distributed by the Area Boards, particularly Area Boards 2 and 3.

Item 1. Jackson, the New York Anti-Poverty Head, has vowed to give the planning group in Newark their whole layout for a protest similar to the one recently used by the Negroes and Puerto Rican groups in New York City.

Item 2. The U. C. C. has voted to turn over to Area Groups 2 and 3 large sums of money which can be spent without accounting therefor.

Item 3. The informant stated that petitions in sufficient number have been circulated and signed for the recall of Councilmen Turner and West. They had first included Gordon and Bernstein and then decided to show their independence that they were punishing only their own and dropped the two white Councilmen. To include the whites would bring out a large white vote not politically advisable.

Item 4. In another move they (Colonel Hassan, Harris and Richardson and some Spanish speaking and Puerto Ricans) have taken over from one Raffaello the move to solicit petitions for a change in the form of government and by this union they now have double the number of petitions legally required and are checking them against County registration lists.

Item 5. This same committee plans to present a petition to remove Mayor Addonizio from office based on several charges. Our informant was able to give us three namely, discrimination, approval of the medical college site and the abandonment of his open door policy. He could not recall the other alleged charges.