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DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORT ON CASE INVESTIGATED FOR WARRANT RECOMMENDATION

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Homicide File 7182

August 2, 1967

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COMPLAINT NUMBER

Detectives Chas. Schlachter & Robt. Smith

ASSIGNED TO

OFFENSE

Murder (Dec. Fred Temple, 18/M/N,
Unknown Man #106, of 10865 Mackay).

COMPLAINANT

Det. Insp. Albert Schwaller

Homicide Bureau

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DEFENDANT

PATR. ROBERT PAILLE, 32/W, 13th Precinct - D.P.D.

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PATR. DAVID SENAK, 23/W, 13th Precinct - D.P.D.

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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Date: July 26, 1967

Time: Between 12:30 AM and 2:00 AM

Location: 8301 Woodward Avenue, Algiers Manor House

At 2:00 AM, Scouts 13-1, 13-2 and 13-7, received a radio run to 8301 Woodward Avenue, "at the Algiers Motel, check for dead persons". On arrival, the officers observed three (3) Negro men, apparently dead. Unknown Man #104, later identified as Aubrey Pollard, was found lying on the floor at the foot-end of the bed in Apt. #A-3.

Unknown Man #106, later identified as Fred Temple, was found lying on his back next to the west wall with his head propped against the side of this bed, also in Apt. #A-3.

Unknown Man #105, later identified as Carl Cooper, was found lying on his stomach in Apt. #A-2, on the floor near the entrance. An open pocket knife was observed lying near his left hand.

A.W.C.M.E. Dr. Edward Triesman was notified and ordered the bodies removed to the Wayne County Morgue.

On July 26, 1967, an autopsy was performed on the body of Fred Temple by A.W.C.M.E. Dr. Clara Raven, who gave the cause of death as shotgun wounds of the chest and abdomen; Autopsy File #5677. A shotgun slug and wadding were recovered from the body by Dr. Raven.

Investigation and interrogation of the following witnesses disclosed that Michael Clark, 18/M/N, 5561 Oregon, shared Apt. A-14 with Carl Cooper on the third floor of the Algiers Manor House. Michael Clark stated that on Wednesday, July 26, 1967, at approximately 12:30AM-1:00 AM, he was in Apt. A-14 with Carl Cooper, Aubrey Pollard, Lee Forsythe, James Sortor, and two White girls later identified as Karen Malloy, 18/F/W, and Juli Hysell, 18/F/W. Clark stated he looked out the rear window of Apt. A-14 and observed a State Police officer standing near the alley holding a shotgun. He stated the officer fired a shot through the window. Clark stated he heard no shots fired until this shot came through the window. He stated all the occupants hit the floor and crawled out into the hallway on the third floor. / (Witnesses advised)

Pollard and Sortor concealed themselves in the linen closet of this hallway. Forsythe, Cooper, and the two White girls started down the stairs, when Clark stated there was a lot of shooting and glass breaking. He heard someone yell from downstairs, "he's dead", and also heard someone yell, "everyone come down".

Clark stated that he, Pollard, and Sortor went downstairs to the second floor where they were told by some soldiers and State Police officers to keep going down to the first floor. Clark stated that when he got to the bottom of the stairs on the first floor, he observed Cooper lying on the floor in front of the doorway of Apt. #A-3.

Clark stated that the soldiers and State Police ordered him and the others to stand, facing the east wall in the downstairs lobby, with their hands over their heads. Clark said he was the third person in line from the entrance of Apt. #A-2. Forsythe was next to the entrance of Apt. #A-2, and a Negro male was between them. Another Negro male was on his right side. Sortor was to the right of the fountain and another Negro male next to him. The two White girls were on the end, next to the entrance.

Clark stated the soldiers and State Police officers kept yelling, "who was shooting", and "who had the gun". He stated he believed that a State Police officer threw a knife to the floor where he was standing and that the officer ordered him to pick it up. When he refused, the officer beat him and threatened to shoot him. Clark then reached down and picked up the knife and dropped it when told to do so.

Clark stated the officer then ordered Pollard to pick up the knife and saw an officer take Forsythe into Apt. #A-4 and could hear him beat Forsythe. The officer brought Forsythe out, returned him to the line, and then took Sortor into Apt. #A-4. Sortor was also beaten. The same officer then brought Sortor out of the room and took Clark into Apt. #A-4. The officer placed a pistol to Clark's head and asked Clark, "who had the gun".

This officer told a soldier to shoot him and then made Clark lie on the floor in Apt. #A-4. The soldier fired his rifle and ordered Clark to be quiet. The soldier then left the room. Clark then heard the soldier tell the others at the wall that Clark was dead. Clark then heard someone take Pollard into Apt. #A-2 and heard Pollard yell, "don't shoot, don't shoot". He then heard a gunshot.

Clark heard someone in the hall say they should leave. A soldier came in Apt. #A-4 and told Clark to follow the others out the back door. Clark stated he went through Apt. A-2 and out the rear door of Apt. A-5. On the way out, he observed Carl Cooper lying inside Apt. A-2 at the entrance door. Clark saw Pollard lying further in and to the right of Cooper's body.

Clark stated he overheard Sortor tell a police officer that Clark had the pistol. When Clark was questioned, he denied having a pistol because three days previous, he had given the pistol to his brother-in-law.

Clark denied firing any shots Tuesday, evening, July 25, 1967, or the early morning hours of Wednesday, July 26, 1967. Clark stated he did not know who fired any shots inside the motel.

Clark said that in the lobby of the motel, he observed at least two State Police officers, a Negro officer who looked like a private guard, and a large man who wore a World War 1 type helmet. Clark claimed he knew the officers were State Police officers because they wore patches on their shoulders. Clark stated he also saw several soldiers in the lobby. Clark does not recall seeing any Detroit Police officers.

At 1:00 PM, July 29, 1967, Clark and his Step-Father, Elias Cooper, met Detectives Schlachter and Smith at the Algiers Manor Motel and he pointed out the locations in the room where he observed Cooper and Pollard lying.

Synopsis of statement taken from
Lee Forsythe, 19/M/N.

Leo Forsythe, 19/M/N, 8733 Arcadia, stated he checked into the Algiers Manor Motel on July 8, 1967, and was given Apt. #A-5 on the first floor. The primary entrance to Apt. A-5 is from the rear. Apt. A-5 can also be entered by going through Apt A-2.

Forsythe stated that on Wednesday, July 26, 1967, between midnight and 1:00 AM, Pollard and Sortor were in his room. The back door to Apt. A-5 was open, and also the connecting door between Apt. A-5 and Apt. A-2 was open. Forsythe looked out the rear door and saw a blue police car parked on Euclid, facing east toward Woodward; it was not a Detroit Police car. A police officer ordered Forsythe to close the door, which Forsythe did. Forsythe could not identify the officer as a State Police or Detroit Police officer. At this time, Pollard and Sortor had gone upstairs. Forsythe stated he then walked out of his apartment, through Apt. A-2, and up the main stairs. As Forsythe approached the second floor, he heard several shots and glass breaking on the third floor. He continued on to the third floor where he met Carl Cooper and observed Pollard, Sortor, Clark and two White girls lying on the floor. Forsythe and the two White girls went to the 2nd floor where Forsythe saw the girls enter the first room at the top of the stairs on the second floor. Forsythe stated he did not know who occupied the room. Forsythe entered Room A-9 through the door which had already been forced. Forsythe then heard several shots fired on the second floor. A Detroit Police officer came in and ordered Forsythe to go to the first floor. Forsythe stated he believed he was the last person to go down the stairs and ordered to face the east wall.

As Forsythe entered the lobby, he observed Cooper lying just inside Room A-2, and stated he stood next to the entrance of Room A-2. When he was lined up against the wall, Forsythe stated he did not know the person on his right, however, Clark was next, then Sortor, then Pollard, and then an unknown person, and then the two White girls.

At this time, several officers and soldiers asked the persons at the wall who had the guns, and who was doing the shooting. The officers and soldiers beat the people lined up against the wall with their rifle butts and sticks. A Detroit Police officer pointed to Carl Cooper on the floor and said to Forsythe, "you didn't see anything". Forsythe answered, "I see a dead man", and the officer then struck him on the forehead with a pistol. This same officer took Forsythe into Room A-4 and asked about who had the guns and struck him across the back and chest. Forsythe was then returned to the wall.

Forsythe described the group who assaulted him and his friends as six (6) soldiers, three (3) officers either Detroit or State Police, and a Negro private guard who wore a blue whirt and trousers and carried a rifle and sidearm. Forsythe described the private guard as dark complected and 200 lbs. in weight. Forsythe stated he saw the guard the day before when the police raided the motel.

Forsythe stated he thinks the officers took the rest of the people into Room A-4 but he could not see them because he was facing the wall. Forsythe stated he did not hear any shots fired from the time he entered Room A-4 until he heard shots fired outside and some of the soldiers ran outside.

Forsythe stated he did not hear any shots fired and did not know whether anyone had been shot or killed in Room A-4. Forsythe stated he heard Pollard yell, "don't shoot", and a door slam, Forsythe believes in Room A-3. A few seconds later, Forsythe heard a shot fired.

Someone told them to go and Forsythe, Clark, Sortor, and a fellow who had been staying in Room A-3, left through Room A-2 and out Room A-5. They stepped around Cooper's body on the way through Room A-2. Forsythe said the two White girls returned to the main motel.

Forsythe claimed he heard no shots fired from the motel before the police and soldiers arrived. Forsythe did not witness anyone shot or killed. Forsythe stated that earlier in the day, he saw Cooper with a blank pistol, but did not see him fire it. Forsythe stated that the only people he knew at the motel were Cooper, Clark, Pollard, Karen and Juli.

Synopsis of statement taken from James Sortor.

James Sortor stated that on July 25, 1967, at about 6:00 PM, he was visiting a friend, Lee Forsythe, in Apt. A-5 of the Algiers Motel. Several friends visited the apartment during the evening and left about 10:00 PM. Carl Cooper, Aubrey Pollard, Lee Forsythe and Sortor remained in the apartment. About 10:20 PM, two White girls visited Cooper, and Forsythe. Pollard and Sortor watched T.V. Shortly, Carl Cooper, Lee Forsythe and the two girls went to Michael Clark's apartment, Number 14.

About a half hour later, Michael Clark and Carl Cooper ran into Forsythe's apartment and said someone is shooting outside. Sortor didn't hear any shooting. Michael Clark and Carl Cooper returned to Room 14 and he started cooking hot dogs.

As Sortor stood by the stove, he heard a shot from outside and then closed the back door. As he did so, a bullet came into the apartment. Sortor told Pollard that he was going upstairs. Pollard said, "why are they shooting in here", and both ran up to Room 14 on the third floor and joined Clark, Cooper, Forsythe and the two girls. They looked out the windows and saw police officers in the back courtyard, creeping around the wall. The officers started shooting into the apartment (A-14).

At this time, Cooper, Forsythe and the two girls ran downstairs. Bullets were coming into the apartment. Sortor said he saw no one with a gun. Pollard and Sortor hid in the closets and Clark laid on the floor. The shooting outside stopped and then started again on the first floor.

Pollard and Sortor left the closets and heard someone walking up the stairs. Both called out that they were on the third floor, that they hadn't done anything, and don't shoot. More shooting was heard on the second floor. They continued to call out not to shoot. An officer came up the stairs, told them to put their hands up, and ordered them to the first floor where they were lined up against the wall.

Sortor states he saw about ten (10) City Police officers and Army men in the building. They seemed to be looking for a gun and struck them with their rifles while asking about the gun. There were about nine (9) people lined up against the wall.

Sortor states that as he came down the stairs, he saw Carl Cooper lying in a pool of blood in Room A-2 near the doorway.

The officers took several of them, one by one, into other rooms. Sortor was about the fifth one and states he was kicked and beaten and returned to the line. The officers threatened to shoot some of the people in the line if the gun was not found. An officer forced Sortor to accompany him while he searched Apts. 5 and 14, and another apartment with a fire escape, for the gun. Sortor was returned to the first floor, put back into line, and heard officers again threaten to shoot a couple of them. Clark and an unknown man were taken into Room A-4, shot were heard, and the officers returned saying, "we killed those two".

Pollard was then taken out of the line and into Room 3. A shot was heard and an officer returned saying, "that one didn't kick". Shooting was then heard down the street and some of the officers ran outside. The officers remaining asked us several questions regarding where we were going when they let us go. An officer opened Room A-4 and Clark and the other man came out. An officer told us we could leave and to put our hands over our heads so other police would know we had been stopped before. The two girls went out the front door because they had to return to their apartment for clothing. The officers had pulled their clothes off and all they had on were their panties.

Forsythe, Clark, Sortor and three (3) other guys left together, walking north on Woodward.

Sortor did not see anyone get shot.

Synopsis of statement taken from
Robert Lee Green, 26/M/N.

Robert Lee Green, 26/M/N, 127 Mechanic, Apt. B, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, stated he went to bed around 8:00 PM, Tuesday, July 25, 1967, in his room, A-7, on the second floor at the Algiers Motel Annex. He was awakened between Midnight and 2:00 AM by two girls, Juli and Karen, whom he had met at the motel the previous Sunday. They were screaming and knocking at the door, asking him to let them in. At that time, he heard gunfire on the first and third floor. He opened the door, admitted the girls, turned on the lights and left the door open.

About a minute later, a police officer came through the open door and fired a shotgun blast through the clothes closet door and the bathroom. The officer then ordered the trio downstairs. Upon approaching the first floor, Green observed a Negro male, later determined to be Carl Cooper, lying on the floor in the doorway of Room A-2. A National Guard Warrant Officer was at the foot of the stairs.

In the lobby were approximately eight (8) police officers and three (3) National Guardsmen. One of them ordered Green, the two girls and four (4) other Negro males to stand, spread-eagled, with their faces to the wall. All of the persons against the wall were then beaten with rifle butts and black-jacks.

The police officers then took the two men who had been staying on the third floor, one of them determined to be Michael Clark, into Room A-2. Green could hear the officers beating him, demanding to know who had the gun. Then another boy was taken to Room A-4. Green heard the officers beat him and bring him back out. The officers then took the two girls into Room A-4, and Green then heard the girls scream; Green was then called in and saw that Juli was bleeding about the forehead, a mattress on the floor was bloody, and Karen's clothing had been torn. Green was questioned as to his relationship with the girls and they were then ordered back to face the wall.

A police officer then threw a knife on the floor and told one of the boys to pick it up. The boy picked it up and then dropped it.

The Warrant Officer who had been standing at the foot of the stairs said, "let me take charge". He grabbed a boy and took him into Room A-4. A shot was fired, apparently into the ceiling to scare him. The Warrant Officer came out and grabbed another boy and took him into Room A-3. Then a shot was heard and the Warrant Officer returned saying, "that Nigger didn't even kick".

At that time, additional firing was heard outside and several of the police officers and the Warrant Officer left, leaving two (2) police officers.

The remaining group, three (3) men and two (2) girls, were then ordered out. The girls, Juli and Karen, left by the front door and Green, in company with two (2) other of the Negro males, left through Room A-2 where the dead body of Carl Cooper was.

Green did not know any of the other tenants of the building, with the exception of Juli and Karen.

On August 2, 1967, a show-up was conducted from Green on the 9th floor of Police Headquarters against Detroit police officers and National Guardsmen. Green was unable to identify any Detroit Police officers, but did identify a National Guardsman who was later cleared by alibi.

Synopsis of statement taken from
Karen Malloy, 18/F/W, 1086 Bryden,
Columbus, Ohio.

Karen Malloy stated that she and Juli Hysell registered at the Algiers Manor Motel on Friday, July 21, 1967, and stayed in Apt. #A-12. On July 23, 1967, the two girls moved into the Algiers Motel proper.

About 1:00 AM, July 26, 1967, Karen Malloy stated she and Juli Hysell went to Apt. #A-2 in the Manor with Michael Clark, Lee Forsythe, Carl Cooper, Fred Temple and Aubrey Pollard. (The witness knew these men by their first names only).

Malloy stated they had something to eat then she, Juli Hysell, Michael Clark, Carl Cooper and Lee Forsythe went to Apt. #A-14 on the third floor to listen to records. While in the room, Carl Cooper pulled a pistol out from under the bed. Cooper and Forsythe were playing with it. They had blanks in it and Cooper shot it twice. Then Carl Cooper and Lee Forsythe left the room and returned to Room A-2. In about three minutes, Carl returned with Aubrey Pollard and Fred Temple who had remained in Room A-2.

Malloy stated a shot then came through the window and everyone got on the floor. Malloy stated she did not know who fired the shot, but she figured it was a policeman because she saw a Detroit Police car parked on Euclid, north of the manor.

Malloy stated the group all crawled out of the room and she and Juli went to the second floor and into Room A-7, which was occupied by Robert Green. While in Room A-7, Malloy stated she heard more shots, then she heard the police walking up the stairs. Robert Green opened the door and told the girls to sit still. The soldiers continued past the room and went up to the third floor, to Apt. A-14, where Malloy heard the policemen knocking and banging things around. She then heard the policemen coming down the stairs and Robert Green shouted, "don't shoot". A policeman came to the door and fired a shot into the room. Malloy, Hysell and Green had their hands up and the policeman fired a rifle or shotgun through the closet door, then shot through the wall into the bathroom. Two more policemen entered and knocked Malloy, Hysell and Green to the floor. The policemen ordered them to their feet and pushed them down the stairs. While she was going down the stairs, Malloy stated she saw Carl Cooper lying in Room A-2, with blood on him. Six (6) or seven (7) policemen in the lobby ordered Malloy and her associates to place their hands against the east wall of the lobby.

Malloy stated that while they were all lined against the wall, the policeman who first entered Room A-7, walked up and down the line hitting the people in the ribs and asking who had the gun and who was the sniper.

Malloy stated the officers took other people from the wall into the rooms and questioned them. She stated the policemen took Michael Clark into Room A-3; she heard a shot and she believed the police killed Michael Clark. At about this time, ten (10) soldiers entered.

Malloy stated she heard an unidentified officer offer a knife to one of the men against the wall and threaten to kill him if he refused to defend himself. She stated she heard a shot and heard the man being taken into Room A-3.

Malloy was taken into Room A-4 twice, and questioned. She had her dress torn by the policeman who first entered Room A-7.

Malloy stated that during the whole event, she saw no one shot.

Synopsis of statement taken from Juli Hysell, 18/F/W, 4903 Kresge Dr., Columbus, Ohio

Juli Hysell stated that she and her girlfriend, Karen Malloy, had been staying at the Algiers Motel since July 22, 1967. The girls met Michael Clark and Carl Cooper about two (2) weeks previous, during a stay at the Manor Annex of the Algiers.

About midnight, Tuesday, July 25, 1967, both girls visited Carl Cooper in his apartment (A-2), in the manor house, where they saw Lee Forsythe and two other Negro fellows that Juli did not know. After eating a hotdog, the girls went to Michael Clark's apartment (A-14), in company with Cooper, Forsythe and the two unknown Negro men, where they visited with Michael Clark.

During this time, Carl Cooper fired a gold and silver blank pistol toward Lee Forsythe; Lee ran out as though frightened. Carl ran out the door and returned in a minute or so.

Carl looked out the window and said, "the police are out there." Clark looked out and also saw the police. Suddenly, a bullet came through the window and everyone crawled out of the room. Hysell and Malloy went to the second floor and were admitted to Room A-7 by Robert Green. The girls had met Green a couple of days earlier. The girls told Green there was shooting going on, and he told them to sit on the bed and put their hands up. Green opened the entrance door. In a few minutes, a police officer came in the room carrying a rifle or shotgun. He was 6', 190, white, looking wild. The policeman shot through the closet and asked if anyone was in the closet or bathroom. As these police officers then entered. One of them ordered Green,

Malloy and Hysell to stand up with their hands up. The first officer who entered the room, knocked Hysell down with the rifle butt and another officer knocked Karen Malloy and Robert Green down. Hysell got up and the same officer knocked her down again. Hysell got up bleeding from the forehead and the officers pushed her, Karen and Green down the stairs to the first floor, and lined them against a wall, facing Woodward, in the hallway.

The officer asked who did the shooting and who had the gun. They took Michael Clark into a room and fired a shot and made Hysell believe Clark was dead.

Hysell, Malloy and Green were taken into A-4 where Hysell saw an Army man and a Civil Defense man. The Civil Defense man told her she should have her head fixed. The three were sent back to the wall.

While at the wall, Hysell heard three or four shots fired. She does not know what rooms. Hysell was finally told to leave. She left with Karen Malloy through the front door, accompanied by a police officer and an Army man, who escorted them to room #2 in the motel proper.

Hysell did not see Carl Cooper in room A-2.

On August 1, Hysell viewed soldiers in a police showup and she did not recognize any that were present at the motel. On July 31, at 10:18 PM, Hysell viewed police officers in a showup and saw one man who looked familiar, but she does not know from where.

Hysell only heard the shots fired by Carl Cooper before the police came.

Synopsis of statement taken from
Roderick Davis, 20/M/N, 13881 Maine

Roderick Davis stated that on July 23, 1967 he registered into room A-3 at the Algiers Manor Motel. On Wednesday, 7-26-67, at about 1:00 AM, Davis stated he was in room A-3 with Calvin Reed and Fred Temple, and he heard several shots fired from the roof of the motel, followed by more shooting and windows breaking.

Cleveland Reed was on the telephone talking to his girlfriend, Glenda Tucker, 15/F, when someone forced the apartment door and two or three soldiers came in and struck them with their rifle butts and ordered them to line up, facing the east wall in the lobby. Davis stated that the soldiers repeatedly asked, "Who has the gun?" struck and threatened to kill him. Davis stated that he heard one of the men lined up at the wall say that he was with two or three other fellows upstairs who had a blank or air pistol.

While standing at the wall, Davis stated he heard two shots upstairs. Davis stated a soldier threw a knife to the floor and ordered one of the men to pick it up and cut him. The soldier stated that if he didn't, he would kill him anyway. Davis stated the fellow dropped the knife and, at this time, he heard a shot fired and heard the fellow drop to the floor. One of the

soldiers ordered Davis into Room A-4 and told him to lay on his stomach, and the soldier shot into the floor. Another fellow was lying on the floor next to Davis. At this time Davis heard shooting on the outside and all the soldiers ran out, and in about five minutes they returned and ordered Davis and the others to walk out the back way. Temple and another fellow asked permission to get their shoes. Davis and Reed walked through Apartment A-2 and out the rear door of Apartment A-5. Davis stated the only people he knew at the motel were Reed and Temple. He did not witness anyone shoot anyone. Davis stated he did not see any police officers, only soldiers and National Guardsmen. Davis stated that on the way out he saw a fellow lying on the floor in Room A-2. Davis states that before the shooting started and before the soldiers came into the building, the entrance door into Apartment A-3 was standing open and he saw three fellows run upstairs, heard shots fired, and then observed the same three fellows run downstairs, and heard shots fired from A-2 or from the vicinity of Virginia Park. Davis stated he believed the fellows had handguns as he did not see any rifles. Davis received first aid for his injuries at the St. Francis Hospital.

Synopsis of statement taken from
Cleveland Reed, 18/M/N, 18081 Anglin

Reed states that he was staying with Davis and Fred Temple in Room A-3, first floor, of the Algiers Manor Hotel. On Wednesday, 7-26-67, at about 1:00 AM, he was talking to his girlfriend, Glenda Tucker, when all of a sudden he heard gun shot from the roof of the motel over the motel. He stated there were five or six shots, and he laid the phone down and all three hit the floor. Reed stated he heard what sounded like someone returning the gunfire. A few minutes later someone kicked the door in and three policemen entered. He didn't know if they were Detroit police officers or not. He stated that he saw some Detroit police officers there and a lot of Army men. Reed stated the police officers struck them with their rifle butts and ordered them out into the hallway, and to stand facing the east wall. He said there were about nine people, including two White girls. He heard police officers and soldiers ask who had the gun, and one of the fellows at the wall said to another fellow, "Tell them who had the gun; Carl is dead." These fellows then told the officers who had the guns. Reed stated he heard someone take Davis into Apt. A-4 and heard a shot fired. At this time he heard some shots fired in the vicinity of Second and Virginia Park, and a lot of the officers left at this time. Some State police officers came (they wore patches on their shoulder) and told us we could go. Reed heard Temple ask if he could go to his room and get his shoes. He never saw Temple again.

Reed stated he did not witness anyone get shot. On the way out through Room A-2, Reed observed a fellow lying on the floor inside the room. He stated he saw no one in the motel with a gun, other than the police.

Synopsis of Statement made by
Lieutenant Gerald Hallmark,
Assigned to #13 Precinct

On July 31, 1967, Lt. Hallmark, reported to the Homicide Bureau in company with the following officers: Patrs. Paul Rehn, Edward Riley, Gerald Kiss, and William Jones. Patrs. Ronald August, David Senek, and Robert Paille, also reported to the Homicide Bureau, for the purpose of being questioned regarding their activities on Wednesday, July 26, at the Algiers Manor Motel. Lt. Hallmark reported that at approximately 2:00 PM, Patr. Ronald August asked if he could speak to him in private and they stepped into a corridor just outside the Homicide Bureau office where Patr. August stated he had shot one of the men at the Algiers Motel and asked if he could get his original statement back. "A few minutes later Patr. Paille approached Lt. Hallmark and stated "I shot one of the other men." Lt. Hallmark asked Patr. Paille if he knew who shot the third man and he replied "No". Lt. Hallmark then asked Patr. Paille what part Patr. Senak had in the shooting, he answered, "We shot almost simultaneously at the man."

Synopsis of Statement taken from
Patrolman Ronald August,
Assigned to #13 Precinct

Patr. Ronald August was questioned by Lt. Elmer Reed, Det. Sgt. Clifton Casey, and Det. Robert Everett of the Homicide Bureau. He stated that on July 25th, 1967, he was working from Noon to Midnight at the 13th Precinct and was assigned to task force 2 which consisted of two Patrolman and 2 Army men in the back seat, and three Jeeps containing 12-15 Army personnel. August stated that on July 26, about 12:25AM he received a radio run to Woodward & Euclid that the Army was under heavy fire. On arriving at the scene, August stated they left their Scout car on Woodward Avenue and took cover on Woodward Avenue behind a brick wall, a gateway to Virginia Park. August stated he observed Army personnel at Virginia Park and Woodward at the Algiers Motel. August stated he approached the Algiers Manor and entered from the Virginia Park side. He observed a negro man who was wounded, lying on the right side of the lobby and saw another wounded Negro man to the left of the lobby just past the stairway, he was in a sitting position. August stated he went upstairs and looked in all the rooms and found no one and no weapons. He stated he returned downstairs, went outside, walked around the Manor house and found no weapons. August stated he then returned to Woodward Avenue and brought his Scout car to the Virginia Park entrance to the Motel. August stated he then called over the police radio stating that he had wounded men and prisoners. He then returned and entered the Manor House and saw people standing against the wall. August stated he then took two white girls into the first room to the left of this hall as you enter from the Virginia Park entrance and questioned them about the shooting from upstairs. He stated that they had heard shots but did not know who had been shooting at the officers. August stated that the girls told him that

they had been with a negro man who had just been discharged from the Army and thought his name was Green. August called Green into the room where he had the girls and Green informed August that he had been with the girls since last Friday. August stated that he observed the girl with red hair, later identified as Juli Hysell, had suffered a laceration to the head. He told her as soon as help arrived she could be taken to the hospital for treatment. August then told the two white girls and Green to go back to the lobby and join the rest of the people against the wall. He also told them that as soon as a wagon arrived they would be conveyed to the station or a hospital. At this time, August stated that one of the negro men at the wall requested to see an officer in another room. August stated he did not know the identity of the negro man. At this point, Lt. Elmer Reed, showed August the photograph of Aubrey Pollard lying in Room 3-A. The photograph was taken by Police photographers before the body had been removed from the scene. August stated that the body in the photograph was the man who requested to see an officer in another room. Photograph initialed "E.R.". August states he then took the man into the room, left of the lobby and the man informed August that he did not know who had been shooting at the officers and he pleaded to let he and his friends go. August informed him that everyone would be taken to the station when transportation arrived. August then stated that the man asked if he was going to be shot, August answered "no", stating he had never shot a man in his life and he had no reason to shoot him. The man then grabbed August's shotgun and pushed him to the bed. August screamed, "Get Back". August stated they then both stood up and the man let go of the gun. August pulled the trigger, but the gun did not fire because the safety was "on". August stated he then released the safety and the man reached for the shotgun again and August pushed him away and fired one shot. August believes that the blast struck him in the right side. August stated he did not want to shoot the man but the man wanted the gun and wouldn't let go. August stated that the wagon never arrived. At this time, Attorney Norman Lippitt entered the room and requested that the interrogation cease.

Synopsis of Statement taken from
Patrolman Robert Norman Paille
Assigned to #13 Precinct

Patr. Robert Norman Paille 32/W/M wrote a statement at the Homicide Bureau on July 31, 1967, he stated that on July 26, 1967 he was assigned to Scout Car 13-11 and Task Force #2, he was accompanied by Patr. Ronald August and David Senak. He stated that on Wednesday July 26, 1967, about 12:15AM they received a radio run to Woodward & Euclid, that "Army was under heavy fire." Patr. Paille stated he was in the last Jeep which was one of three(3) jeeps, following a Scout car.

Upon arriving at the scene Patr. Paille observed that everyone had taken cover, he hid behind a jeep. Patr. Paille saw men rushing the Motel Manor and he followed, entering through a door at N.E. corner of the Motel. Paille stated he saw a body lying on the floor. He then rushed to the second and third floors and assisted in searching for snipers and guns. Paille then returned to the first floor and heard some of the Guardsmen say there was shooting down the street. He investigated and found no one.

Paille said he thought he saw some State Police officers at this time.

Paille then returned to the Motel and was told by his fellow officers that a wagon had been called to pick up the bodies. Paille said that at this time, part of their convoy had left for another trouble area. Paille said that he and his two fellow officers then left the scene.

On July 31, 1967, at 1:30PM, Det. Sgt. Clifton Casey then asked Paille how many bodies he had seen in the building. Paille answered one dead in a room in the NE corner of the building and one dead in the room on the first floor on the North side of the building. Casey asked, when you left the building where were the other occupants of the building. Paille answered they were lined up against the wall, approximately four (4) men and two (2) females. Casey asked, what were you armed with. Paille answered a 30-30, a 357 mag, and a service revolver. At this time Paille told Lt. Hallmark that "he shot one of the other men." on the same date at 4PM Det. Sgt. Casey attempted to question Paille further. Paille requested that he be allowed to consult an attorney before answering any more questions.

Synopsis of Statement taken from
Patrolman David Senak
Assigned to #13 Precinct

On July 31, 1967, at 4:10PM, Det. Lt. Alfred Pare advised Patr. Senak of his constitutional rights and Senak made the following statement.
"On Wednesday, July 26, 1967, I reported for duty at 12 Noon and was assigned to Task Force #2 comprised of Patr. Paille, Patr. August and myself, together with about 12 to 15 National Guardsman. We had one Scout car (Myself and Patr. August) along with two guardsman) and three jeeps. Two jeeps contained all guardsmen and the last jeep contained guardsmen and Patr. Paille. At 12:15AM we received a radio run to assist guardsmen at Euclid and Woodward "Guardsmen under fire." We were at Woodward and Cameron and proceeded to the scene." Quest: What did you see when you arrived at the scene of the run? Ans: "I saw local, State Police and other guardsman advancing on the Manor from Virginia Park. Quest: Were these officers and guardsmen shooting at the manor? Ans: "Yes". Quest: Do you know if there were any shots coming from the Manor? Ans: "Not for sure" Quest: where did you park your vehicles? Ans: " On Woodward Avenue in front of the island at Virginia Park." Quest: Could you see other police vehicles or U.S. Army jeeps? Ans: "I saw some State Police cars on Euclid at Woodward." and jeeps all around the area." Quest: After you got out of your vehicles what did you do? Ans: "We separated and went toward the back of the Manor House. I took cover by the edge of the main part of the motel. I believe State Police broke open the rear door of the Manor House and then I watched the roof of the Manor House as I approached the back door and went in." Quest: Where did you go when you went into the Manor House? Ans "I went to the second floor with another police officer (white and in uniform) and a guardsman." Quest: What kind of weapon did you have? Ans: "an 8MM mauser (my own)" Quest: Did you try to gain entrance to all the rooms? Ans: "Yes all but one". Quest: How did you get into that room? Stop, 4:53 PM, Attorney Norman Lippitt entered and questioning ceased.

Synopsis of Statement taken from
Patrolman Paul Rehn
Assigned to #13 Precinct

Patr. Paul Rehn, #13, stated that on July 26, 1967 at approximately 12:15AM, while assigned to Task Force #4, Car 2, he went to the area of Woodward and Euclid. As he got out of his Scout Car, he was told that shots had been fired from the Manor House of the Algiers Motel. Patr. Rehn stated he positioned himself at a car wash West of Woodward on Euclid and heard several more shots fired. Rehn stated he saw Detroit Police, State Police, National Guards and private guards on the rear porch of the manor house and there was more shooting, and all the officers went inside. Rehn stated he followed the officers in and observed a negro male laying face down in the room apparently dead. Patr. Rehn stated he then went into the main hall and observed 4 or 5 negro men and two white females standing facing the wall. At this time he met Patr. Kiss coming down the stairs who said unit #4 was leaving. Patr. Rehn stated he observed several National Guardsmen and a private guard in the hall and left by the rear door and returned to his unit. At this time, Det. James Cowie asked Rehn if he went into apartment A-3 and he replied, "No". Det. Cowie asked about the private guard and Patr. Rehn replied he was negro and there were approximately 5 National Guardsmen present. Patr. Rehn stated he did not fire his weapon while in the manor house.

Synopsis of Statement taken from
Patrolman Gerald Kiss
Assigned to #13 Precinct

Patr. Gerald Kiss 28/W/M, #13 Precinct, stated that on July 26th, 1967 at approximately 12:45AM, while assigned to Task Force #4, the Task Force was stopped by a private guard at Woodward & Euclid and told by the guard that he had heard shots and saw two men enter the rear of the Algiers Manor House. Patr. Kiss stated he left the patrol car and approached the Manor house and observed other officers, both Detroit Police and State Troopers, also taking cover. Patr. Kiss stated he, along with other officers, advanced to the rear door of the Manor House and heard several more shots but couldn't determine if they came from inside or outside the Manor House. Patr. Kiss stated he entered the Manor House through the rear door and was the first person to enter. He went to the front of the room and looked out into the hallway and saw a negro male laying face down in a pool of blood. Patr. Kiss stated he approached the man and then heard voices on the second floor and went up a stairway where he met 3-4 negro males and two (2) white females coming down. Patr. Kiss stated he approached the top of the stairway and heard more voices saying, "We're up here" and the persons (2 negro males) came down and he checked them for weapons and ordered them to the first floor. Patr. Kiss stated other officers were present and were checking rooms and he returned back to the first floor where he observed the two negro men he saw on the third floor standing against the wall with the others. At this time, Patr. Kiss was approached by a State Police Corporal who asked if he had shot anyone and he replied that he had not and the Corporal replied that the Task force should resume patrol as everything appeared secure. Patr. Kiss stated there were other Police officers and guardsmen present who were around the prisoners and he and the State Police Corporal left the scene. Patr. Kiss stated he did not see a National Warrant officer on the premises.

Synopsis of Statement made by
Patrolman Edward Riley
Assigned to #13 Precinct

On July 26, 1967 at 12:45AM while assigned to Kiefer unit 4 with Patr. Kiss and State Police Officers and lead officer manned by Patr. Jones and three (3) State Police officers. Riley stopped at Woodward and Euclid and was informed by a private guard that there were snipers in the Algiers Manor Motel. Riley and Kiss ran to the rear of the Manor Motel and took shelter behind a vehicle. Patr. Kiss yelled to the snipers to come out but received no response. Patr. Riley then went to his Scout Car and intended to use the loud speaker. While at the Scout Car talking to a State Trooper, Riley heard a volley of shots and then someone yelled that it was all clear. Patr. Riley, Kiss and Jones then returned to their patrol. They asked each other if anyone had fired and they said no, so they proceeded on their patrol. Riley was questioned by Det. James Cowie. Quest: Did you go into the building? Ans: "No" Quest: Did you see a guard warrant officer there? Ans: "No"

Synopsis of Statement taken from
Patr. William S. Jones
Assigned to #13 Precinct

Patr. William S. Jones stated that on July 26, around 12:45AM, while assigned to Task Force #4 an "All unit" radio message was received saying "Snipers at Woodward and Euclid." Patr. Jones stated he, on arrival, observed two (2) private guards crouched behind a car on the N.W. corner of Euclid and Woodward looking toward the Algiers Manor house. One of the private guards said 3 shots had been fired by two (2) negroes. One wearing a yellow shirt who ran into the rear of the Algiers Manor. Patr. Jones stated he observed a negro male wearing a yellow banlon shirt come out of the alley with his hands raised saying, "Don't shoot" and stated to Patr. Jones that he had been playing chess at the Motel and was on his way home. (Patr. Jones thinks he gave an address of 121 W. Euclid) Patr. Jones turned him over to several National Guardsmen and went to the Manor house and entered via the rear door. As he approached the door he heard a series of shots coming from inside the building. Patr. Jones stated he observed a negro male laying on the floor in the bedroom obviously dead. At this time, he heard someone say everything was under control and he turned and went back out the rear door as other officers were inside. Patr. Jones stated he did not fire any shots, and as the other officers returned, they resumed their patrol.

Synopsis of Statement made by
Corporal Hubert C. Pasema, 5th Dist.,
Hqds of Michigan State Police at
Paw Paw Post

On July 26, 1967, Corp. Pasema was the Sqd. Leader of Sqd. 36 also known as Kiefer 4.

Corp. Pasema states that a radio call was received from the State Police radio that there was a sniper. Their Police Vehicle was driven by Patr. William Jones of the 13th Precinct. Patr. Jones informed Corp. Pasema that they were at the sniper location.

Corp. Pasema states that at the scene he observed National Guardsmen and a couple of men he assumed were Civil Defense men. One of the men advised Corp. Pasema that a sniper was in the vicinity of alley rear of a car wash. Corp. Pasema states all of his squad then left the vehicle except one officer to watch the patrol car.

Corp. Pasema states he observed an unknown negro male about 20 yrs old coming from the alley next to the car wash, his hands above his head, holding sun glasses. Negro man was searched and informed Pasema he had just left an apartment where he had been playing chess and was on his way home which was four houses from the car wash.

Corp. Pasema states that while talking to this unknown negro man he heard shots fired from the rear of the car wash. The negro man was left in custody of Trooper Stanley Lutz.

Corp. Pasema proceeded to the rear of the car wash and observed some one shooting out the flood light because it was exposing the officers. Pasema then took a position behind a cement trash burner located in the alley after learning that the sniper was in the apartment house behind the car wash. Pasema states that he heard 4 shots fired from inside the apartment house. About the same time he observed State Police Trooper Archie Davies and a couple of Detroit Police officers approaching and entering the rear door, Pasema advised them to stay away as there may be Police officers inside. Pasema states a Detroit Police officer ran to the front of the building and returned stating that Police officers were inside. Trooper Davies and Detroit Police officers then entered the building and immediately he heard shots fired on the right side of the building inside. He saw a red flash from through the venetian blind.

Pasema states shortly then after Trooper Davies and Detroit Police officer Jones came out of the house they told him two (2) had been shot.

Pasema then entered the house through the rear door, he saw a man lying on the floor in a pool of blood.

As Pasema entered the hallway, he observed 4 or 5 negro men and two white girls against the wall, Detroit Police were searching them.

Pasema then left and asked the members of his sqd. if they had fired any shots, they said no.

Pasema stated he was carrying a 30 cal. Carbine and had fired 3 shots at a street light near the car wash.

Synopsis of Statement taken from
Michigan State Trooper Archie D. Davies
Badge 266, Assigned Squad 36

Trooper Davies stated he was part of Squad 36, riding in the first car, vehicle #5010, on July 26, 1967. Trooper Davies stated that on arrival he was informed that the sniper fire was coming from the vicinity of the Manor House. Trooper Davies stated he approached the Manor House from the North side via a car wash and observed a negro male taken into custody by other officers. This person was wearing a yellow shirt and in his late teens. Trooper Davies stated he fired 4-5 shots at a light in the rear of the car wash and the light went out and he then advanced to the Northwest corner of the Manor house where he observed other officers in the front of the house. Davies stated he went to the Northeast porch, in the rear of the building, and opened the door and at this time he heard 4-5 shots and was unable to determine where they came from and at this time an officer came around the building and asked if he had shot and he stated he had not. Davies stated he then entered the room, checked it, and then into an adjoining room where he observed a negro male laying on the floor, face down, obviously dead. Davies stated he heard shooting from an adjoining room and entered it and met a uniformed officer coming out, he believes a Detroit Police officer, who had his revolver in his hand pointed up. Davies observed empty cartridges falling to the floor. Davies stated he next observed two negro men in the corridor and he went out and searched them for weapons. Davies stated that he heard shooting on the upper floors at this time and observed a uniformed officer come down the stairs with a shotgun and go out the front door. Davies stated he then searched the bedrooms on the East side of the building and found nothing. Davies stated he then went to a rear room on the northeast side where he found a negro bleeding badly, but still alive. Davies stated he was going for an ambulance and went into the lobby where he observed approximately 7 persons lined up against the wall. Davies stated he watched for a minute or so and then left the Manor House via the back door. Davies stated he notified another trooper, R. Mickelson, to call for an ambulance. Davies stated he did not see anyone shoot any person.

Synopsis of Statement taken from
Warrant Officer Theodore Thomas,
National Guard

On Tuesday July 25, 1967, Warrant Officer Thomas was assigned to security around the Great Lakes Building, 8401 Woodward, the northwest corner of Woodward at Euclid with a detail of 4 guardsmen, Sgt. Paul Gerard, Specialist #5, Thomas Kelly, PFC Wayne Henson and PFC Robert Seaglan. Some time around midnight Tuesday July 25, 1967 W/O Thomas heard about 3 shots, which sounded like two were from small caliber and one from a larger caliber fire arm, from the direction of the Motel Annex. Warrant officer Thomas immediately called the "High Command" police number reporting same. Warrant officer Thomas, in company with PFC Seaglan were joined by a private watchman Melvin Dismukes, who was guarding another building at Woodward and Euclid and the two approached the annex from Euclid, at this time the Michigan State Police were arriving. The group began shooting in the direction of the Annex and several alley lights and lights around the Annex were shot out.

The state police then forced entry to the building, while Warrant officer Thomas and PFC Seaglan waited outside. After entry had been gained, Thomas heard a great amount of shooting inside the building.

Shortly, a policeman came from the area of the building and when asked how many had been shot he stated 3-4. Then another officer came from the building and said radio for an ambulance, one is dead and one is still kicking. In the meantime, a negro man, who was apprehended coming through the alley rear of the Motel, when the police arrived and being held by PFC Seaglan, was released when the police did not want to take him prisoner.

Warrant Officer Thomas then returned to the Great Lakes building and called the Battalion Commander, Lt. Colonel Dryden, informing him of the incident and reported no National Guard Casualties. He was referred to the Sgt. Major Kazup, who requested Warrant Officer Thomas to check the Annex and see what the situation was.

In company with PFC Henson, Warrant Officer Thomas entered the front door, saw private watchman Dismukes, several Army personnel (About 5) and two Detroit Police officers, (One of the Detroit officers he recognized from an earlier incident) and 5 or 6 Negro men and 2 white girls lined up facing the wall on the east side of the lobby. One of the officers were beating one of the negro men over the head with a pistol and then a blackjack. One of the girls was already bloody. The officers were demanding to know where the gun was.

Warrant Officer Thomas looked in room A-2 and saw a negro man whom he had seen on the street earlier in the night lying in the doorway apparently dead. In room A-3 was another negro man propped up by the bed. He also appeared to be dead. He saw no one else in the room. Warrant Officer Thomas in company with private watchman Dismukes searched Room A-4 but found no weapons except a knife which was not confiscated.

Thomas and Dismukes searched the second floor found no weapons, and about that time firing broke out down the street and the Army troops and Guardsmen left. Two Detroit officers remained.

Then one of the Detroit officers pulled the "big man" out of the line took him into A-4 pointed a shotgun toward the wall and fired attempting to scare the others in the line who could not see. This man was made to remain in the room and the officer came back out.

Then this officer (he was wearing a white Detroit Police helmet & fair complexion) asked Thomas if he wanted to kill one.

Thomas said yes and took one of the men into A-4 and fired a rifle shot into the ceiling, forcing this man to remain in the room.

Then the first officer asked the officer with the OCD type helmet (who was dark complexion w/m) do you want to kill one now. He said yes and the first officer gave the shotgun to the second officer who took a negro youth from the line into room A-3, where dead body was already. A shot rang out and Thomas thought he saw the man fall with a thud. He did not hear any struggle previously.

Warrant officer Thomas was then asked to escort the girls to the Algiers Motel next door, as he was leaving he was joined by private watchmen Dismukes and PFC Henson. Henson had remained by the front door during the incident and Thomas is unsure where Dismukes was during the incident.

Warrant Officer Thomas took no further action until later when he saw Detroit Police Homicide Detectives at the scene and inquired how many people were dead. The Detective said, three and Thomas states there was so much confusion he didn't get a chance to discuss the incident with the Detectives at the scene.

Synopsis of Statement of PFC Wayne Henson
20/W/M National Guard, Home address
20479 Riopelle, Detroit

On July 25, 1967, Henson was one of the members of Warrant officer Thomas' squad on duty at Great Lakes building, Euclid and Woodward on the roof when he heard 2 or 3 shots. He and Specialist 5th grade, Thomas Kelly, ducked down to determine where shooting was coming from and to avoid being hit.

In a few minutes police cars arrived on Euclid and Woodward and other police cars arrived on Virginia Park near the Manor annex. The cars appeared to be Detroit Police officers.

Henson and Kelly then went to the main floor of the building and met Warrant officer Thomas who told them that he had just reported to his Commanding Officer and was instructed to go to the Annex, enter and determine the casualties. (The shooting had already stopped then) Henson accompanied Warrant Officer Thomas and Kelly remained at the Great Lakes building to protect their weapons on the roof.

PFC Henson and Warrant Officer Thomas entered through the front door. Henson advancing inside only about 3 feet. Warrant Officer Thomas talked with a patrolman who showed him where the bodies were. Henson did not look.

Henson observed 6mm and 2 white females lined up facing the wall and 4-5 airborne police watching them. One of the patrolmen was asking where the weapon was and hitting the male prisoners with his black jack.

Suddenly there was firing from down the street on Virginia Park and Henson and a couple of the airborne military policeman ran out to investigate but were met by other National Guardsmen who said it was all clear down the street. Warrant officer Thomas had remained at the Annex.

On returning to the annex Warrant officer Thomas was leaving with the two white girls. He and private watchman Dismukes escorted them to their rooms in the Algiers.

Henson described the officer who was doing the interrogation and using his blackjack as M/W/20-30/5'9-5'10, wearing a white helmet with a decal on it.

Synopsis of Statement of private
watchman, Melvin Dismukes, 24/M/W

On July 26, 1967 sometime around midnight Dismukes was on duty for the United Patrol assigned to the J & R Drug Store and the Lindy Supermarket on Woodward at Euclid. Dismukes stated he was standing in front of the Great lakes life insurance building, Woodward near Euclid, talking with a Warrant officer from the National Guard when he heard a shot from the direction of the manor house of the Algiers Motel. The Warrant officer called the police and then they both shot out the street light at Woodward & Euclid. More shots came from the roof of the Manor house. The state police arrived and parked on Euclid and Woodward, the Detroit Police and National Guard parked in front on Woodward. Dismukes stated there was lots of shooting in front and in back of the Manor house and someone yelled it was OK to come in. Dismukes stated he and the National Guardsmen entered the Manor house in company with the Warrant officer, via the rear door, which was open. He stated that he observed a n/m lying face down with his head toward the door his hands were spread out and a knife was under his left hand.

Dismukes stated he and the Warrant Officer then went into the back room and saw a second Negro male in a crouched position, as if he had slipped off the bed. He was dressed in light colored gray clothing. This man was obviously dead. Dismukes stated there was only one dead man in the room at that time, and he and the officers searched the room for weapons, finding none.

Dismukes stated he observed six (6) men and two (2) White girls lined up in the lobby with their faces to the wall, and he did not hear any shooting while inside the Manor House. Dismukes stated he did not see any State Police while he was in the Manor House and found no weapons while searching.

Dismukes stated that shooting began down the street and he left the building to investigate. On his return to the Manor House, he saw five (5) Negro males and two (2) White girls come out of the Manor House. Dismukes stated that he, the Warrant Officer and a P.F.C., took the girls to the Manor Motel office. Dismukes stated that one of the persons lined up in the lobby was a soldier who had just been discharged from the Army.

Synopsis of statement taken from
Clara Gilmore, 28/F/N, 65 Mt. Vernon.

On Wednesday, July 26, 1967, about 1:00 AM, Clara Gilmore was on duty as the night clerk at the Algiers Motel, when she heard several shots fired from the Algiers Manor in the rear of the motel office on Woodward.

A few minutes later, she saw an Army jeep and three or four police cars park on the west side of Woodward in front of the office. She does not know if the officers were State or City police. She saw several soldiers behind the brick wall on Woodward at Virginia Park; also some were behind trees. She heard several shots fired then.

After the shooting stopped, a girl called and Clara Gilmore answered the phone at the switchboard. The girl asked if anyone had been shot. She said she had been talking to her boyfriend, Cleveland Reed, in Room A-3. Miss Gilmore picked up the phone to A-3 and the line was open. She listened and heard someone yell, "get your hands up". A few seconds later, someone yelled, "watch out, he's got the back of the gun", then she heard several shots. She then pulled the plug. Clara Gilmore stated a Negro guard from the Hendrix was on duty with her at the Motel.

Clara Gilmore stated that one of the Hendrix guards found three (3) bodies in the Motel Manor and that she called the Wayne County Morgue.

She gave the registration to a Negro guard for Room A-10 in the Motel Manor. The guard had stripes on his arm.

Synopsis of statement taken from
Private Guard Fletcher Williams, 48/M/N,
employed by Hendrix Patrol Service.

Fletcher Williams stated that on July 25, 1967, around 10:00 PM, he was on duty at the Algiers Motel, 8301 Woodward Avenue. Williams stated he was assigned to patrol the motel on foot and he was dressed in his uniform, but had no weapon.

Williams stated that around 1:30 AM, July 26, 1967, he was standing in the doorway of the main lobby when he heard three or four shots north of the building, and two or three shots south of the building. There were no police officers or National Guardsmen around that he could see, but the shots drew the attention of the State Police who were patrolling on Woodward.

Later, several jeeps with Guardsmen arrived and they all scattered around the motel. Later, a private officer, a Negro male, with a patch on his sleeve came in and stated, "State Patrol". He asked the clerk about some of the occupants, saying some fellows had been killed. Williams stated that Clara, the switchboard operator, received a call from Room A-3 and noticed that the connection was still made. She listened and heard a lot of noise and a gunshot. Williams stated that Clara handed him the receiver and he listened. He heard noise but no shots or conversation.

Williams stated a soldier came into the lobby bleeding, saying a police officer had hit him. Williams stated the soldier asked what was being done about the guys who got killed - that there were three dead men in the Annex.

Williams stated he and several others (Hendrix Guards), went back to the Manor and observed two bodies in Room A-3, and one body in Room A-2. Williams stated that Mr. Hendrix looked in the billfold of one of the dead men for identification but didn't find any and returned the billfold.

Williams stated he remembered seeing a knife near the hand of the dead man in Room A-2. Williams also stated he talked with a Negro girl in the motel and asked her if the guys in the Manor House had guns. She said "yes", "they have starter pistols".

Synopsis of statement taken from
Glenda Evone Tucker, 15/F/N, of
10292 Delmar.

Glenda Tucker stated she has known Cleveland Reed for about a year; she also knows Roderick Davis.

She met the fellows because they belonged to a singing group called the "Dramatics". She belonged to a singing group known as the "Fabulettts".

On Tuesday, July 25, 1967, at about 11:15 PM, she called the Algiers Motel and asked for the "Dramatics" room; she was connected with Room A-3. She stated that Fred Temple answered the phone and she asked to speak to Reed.

They talked for a while and Reed asked if she heard shots. She said yes, she heard a lot of shots over the phone. Reed said the shooting was in back by the alley. Reed said, "wait a minute", that he wanted to put on his trousers. She did not hear any shooting from inside the building.

She hung up when Reed failed to return to the phone and called back to the motel clerk. The clerk told her there was trouble in that part of the motel and she could not connect her.

Synopsis of statement taken from
Lawanda J. Schettler, 40/F/W, of
150 W. Euclid.

At 11:30 PM, July 31, 1967, Lawanda Schettler called the Homicide Bureau and stated she had information regarding the Algiers Motel shootings.

Detectives Edward Hay and Robert Hislop interviewed Lawanda Schettler in her home at 12:30 AM, August 1, 1967.

She stated that shortly after midnight, early Wednesday morning, she parked her car in front of and across the street from the Manor House Motel. She started towards the side door of a house across the street from the Manor. She intended to get some beer at this house.

As she was walking to the side door, she saw two (2) Negro men carrying shotguns or rifles, walk up the front steps of the Manor House. Two white girls were sitting on the front porch. They both got up and stepped aside, as if frightened. She heard the door open with a loud noise, as if kicked open, and then heard a loud voice saying, "man, you held out on us". This statement was immediately followed by several shots from inside the Manor House.

Lawanda Schettler ran to her car and went home.

Synopsis of statement taken from
Frank Amermon, 33/M/W, of 59 Seward,
Apt. #426.

Frank Amermon stated he heard gunshots and saw flashes from the vicinity of the Algier Motel before police officers arrived.

Synopsis of statement taken from
Earl Whitney, 53/M/W, 23 Virginia Park.

Earl Whitney states that on July 26, 1967, about 12:30 AM, the National Guard and three police cars stopped at Woodward and Virginia Park.

Whitney heard a lot of shots fired from the vicinity of the first house at the rear of the Algiers Motel, he thought they were fired from inside.

Whitney observed National Guardsmen fire from behind the brick wall at Woodward. He observed the National Guardsmen and police enter and heard more shooting.

Synopsis of statement taken from
Willie Harris, 36/M/N, 47 W. Euclid.

Willie Harris states that on Tuesday night, July 25, 1967, does not know what time, he heard a shot fired in the rear of his home. Harris investigated and observed a Negro man standing on the lower left rear porch of the Algiers Manor Motel, and saw the man fire a shot in the direction of Woodward and Euclid; it appeared that the man had a revolver.

Harris stated that after the second shot, he observed a man who looked like a private guard, fire a shot at the Manor Motel. Harris heard several shots after this. He described the Negro man as wearing a yellow shirt and dark trousers.

Synopsis of statement taken from
Minnie Moore, 19/F/N, 61 W. Euclid, #1.

Minnie Moore stated that on Tuesday, July 25, 1967, about 11:50 PM, she observed a Negro man come out of the rear of the Algiers Manor carrying a rifle or shotgun; a Negro woman was there too. She observed the Negro man aim and fire two shots in the direction of Woodward and Euclid. He fired about two minutes apart. She had seen two soldiers on that corner earlier.

Investigation by Dets. Schlachter and Smith revealed that there are two marks on the rear of the gas station located on the southwest corner of Woodward and Euclid. The marks appear to have been caused by the ricochet of bullets.