

REPORT ON METHODOLOGY FROM ~~THE~~ THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC  
SERVICES TO THE EXESUSTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF COORDINATOR.

Sir: We are pleased to report that our methodology was second to none and first by ~~XXX~~ FAR. (RAF spelled backwards.)

We engaged in investigations in~~XXX~~ the following cities: Detroit, Grand Rapids, Newark, Plainfield, Elizabeth, Englewood, Jersey City, New Brunswick, Old Taylor, and Cambridge, Md.~~X~~ Our vast ~~XXXXX~~ and FAR-flung minions, often drunk but always sober and alert, spent 1,635 man-hours plus a few women hours conspiring to investigate the cities.

My staff consisted of six research analysts, two of whom were bums, but all of whom were noble. Two were females. Two were Negroes. As this represents a reasonable cross-section of the population, you may see that it ensured the accuracy of our data. We engaged in three trips to Newark and three to Detroit -- why, you will have to inquire of my research analysts.

We established a Computer-Data processing system, which it was necessary to discard when we discovered the computer Dated but did not process.

You may mention, if you care to, sir, that I was personally involved -- on the scene of two of the three major riots, Los Angeles and Detroit, and that I have been devoting myself to research into these problems for the past 4½ years.

Data on the cities were derived from the Office of Strategic Research, and have been checked by them for accuracy.

We have utilized numerous documents provided ~~M~~ by city administrations and ~~MM~~ departments, and I point with especial pride to such items as Fire Department Logs, Police Department Chronologies, Army Task Force reports, and other documents of doubtful accuracy but tremendous impressiveness.

We have received documents from quasi-official sources such as the Newark Legal Services project, in which citizens swore about their experiences with the police. We have interviewed men in the street, men over the street, and men under the street to obtain the benefit of their experiences. We have talked to plain clothes police officers. We hornswoogled the Pentagon into allowing us to interview The General and his aides who were in Detroit. We have solicited expert opinion / such as on phases of the fires and the destruction they caused.

We have deposed and disposed.

We have checked and rechecked for accuracy, and discovered that occasionally we were right, and frequently those who have made changes in our manuscript without consulting us were wrong.

We have utilized FBI reports, hearings before Committees, reports from Universities, arrest data, court data, and verified stories in newspapers and magazines.

If you are desirous of further sources, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Yours truly,

X s/ Robert Conot