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The place, Memphis, Tennessee, the time (illegible) and for (illegible) the march of non-violence in (illegible) the sanitation workers for higher wages and seeking compensations. But (illegible) of the (illegible) reported by looters of the march, young (illegible) fifty some marchers turned the march into violence.

On April 1, 1968, I interviewed a man by the name of Mr. X. The name has been changed to protect the innocent.

Mr. X stated first of all his reason why the (illegible) occurred, “fellows were sitting around drinking wine and bear while waiting for the march to began [sic]. (Illegible) the time between 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., the fellows began to talk about looting stores and most of all how they would be dressed and how much money could be made if they hit certain stores like (illegible), pawn shops. And liquor stores”.

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Mr. X said, “I had the intentions of just marching peacefully. But after a couple of fellows and myself heard that the march was being turned around at Beale and Third, we decided to do something. So, about 12:05 p.m., we broke the windows out of a liquor store on the corner of Fernando, right off of Beale. Upon leaving, I had secured about (illegible) and three pints of liquor”.

Mr. X also stated why they did break in the liquor store. He stated that, “the idea was to hurt the businessmen so that they would in turn get on Mayor Loeb’s back and give the sanitation workers what they are asking for”.

My personal feelings toward the march is that, asking as they stick to non-violence they

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might face (illegible) something. They should keep a lot of the youngsters out of the march or to the un- (illegible) part of some and not all. I think that the marchers should be more organized than they are at the present time. Because of the violence brought on by the marchers, the mayor is just becoming more and more rebellious towards the sanitation workers I do not like the mayor myself, not only for this reason but on the present issue as a man in thinking of the past(illegible) and the compensation received by the families and also the type of work in which they do. We should consider this and give into the wants and needs of these people. The only thing I hate is that the people cannot hurt him in any kind of way.

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