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“The Memphis Riot”

On Thursday March 28, three hours after the riot in Memphis had started my sister and I went out to look for an apartment for her in our car. After we started to come home, we went up Lauderdale by Booker T. Washington High School, we stop [sic] in front of Pic’s Furniture Co. for a yield sign. While we were waiting for these cars to pass, I saw three bucks thrown into the Pic’s Furniture window. A few minutes later I saw teenagers running into the store looting. I then drove away.

A few minutes later we went to Hall’s Burger Bar on Gaither where we saw a car load up guys who had been drinking because they said they had just broke [sic] into a whiskey store. They said that they also broke into Lansky Bro’s. and stole some silk and wool material and they also---

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---said that they were going to burn Memphis down.

That following Monday when I went to school, a student in my class said that he broke into some whiskey stores and that he and some other guys took over the march from Dr. Martin L. King. He said that the yhad this planned for a long time, he said that they had planned to get into the heart of Main Street and just tear it up. This student also said that after the troops leave [sic] the riot was going to start all over again.

So in conclusion, I don’t think the riot really help because those that started the riot really didn’t care about the sanitation workers at all. If they did, I don’t believe—

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---they would have started the riot. And also after actual hearing about the other people taking over the march from Dr. King, I really believe he didn’t have any part in the riot.

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