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For years bitterness had been building within many Memphis Negroes over what they consider unequal treatment they receive from whites. Their houses are consider [sic] inferior to whites, their opportunities less (illegible) because of the color of their skin.

The riots brought out much of the bitterness that had been suppressed by the Negroes. From this time the riots began the black and white citizens of Memphis were under constant tension and fear. While fear was in the atmosphere, there are parts of incidents occurring during and after the riots. There were also rumors going around such as two predominately all Negroes high school were (illegible) Melrose and sanitation. Other incident that occurred were, many of my friends were receiving phone calls from who were trying to (illegible) many of the stolen items that had been looting during the riots. Once incident that happen [sic] was a friend of mine, Carl called and tried to sell one of the color televisions he had looted to my mother.

After the rioting the looting had occurred National Guardsmen arrive in the city and a five o'clock curfew was placed on the city.

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During the curfew, Kenny a friend, left his house only to make a short call, because of this he was pick [sic] up by the policeman, taken down to police headquarters, finger printed and arrested for leaving the house to make a phone call. These are only two of the incidents that occurred during the week of the riots.

No one really knew why these riots occurred and no one really knew why the people reacted the way they did during the riot, this probably what many white people and some negroes would say if they never had a taste of poverty, also if they have experience [sic] discrimination, prejudice or police brutality like many Negroes have experience [sic]. There is no real answer for the cause of riots, but they all stem from a suppressed group of human beings who are poor and sick in body and spirit, alas their minds have been twisted until the only thing they have left to speak for them are their emotions. These emotions that speaks for the people, usually speaks influence and this is what happen [sic] on March 28, 1968, a riot.

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