

City of Detroit

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TO: JAMES BUSH

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FROM: FIELD STAFF

SUBJECT: CONCEPTUAL MODEL FOR TENSION CONTROL

IT WAS DECIDED THAT A FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE MODEL FOR TENSION CONTROL WOULD BE AN EXPLORATION OF THE SOURCES OF TENSION PRODUCING INCIDENTS. THE FOLLOWING SOURCES WERE DISCUSSED: OVERCROWDED HOUSING, UNEMPLOYMENT, PARKS AND PICNIC AREAS (INFORMAL GATHERINGS), PUBLIC EVENTS (SPORTING, MUSICAL, PARADES, MEETINGS, FORUMS, DEMONSTRATIONS, ETC.) TEENAGERS, POLICE, WEATHER, DRINKING, ESCALATION OF ARGUMENTS AND/OR FIGHTS, A COMBINATION OF ANY OF THESE.

A SECOND STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE MODEL IS DEFINING SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT TENSION PRODUCING INCIDENTS: CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS, CHURCHES AND MINISTERS, POLICE DEPARTMENT, (CCB, SIB, W.D., PRECINCTS), NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS, COMMON COUNCIL, MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEWSPAPERS AND PEOPLE IN GENERAL.

NEXT, EFFECTIVE LINES OF COMMUNICATION MUST BE ESTABLISHED BY THE CCR WITH THESE SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

- (A) A LETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO ALL GROUPS ON FILE WITH ACCOMPANYING CCR LITERATURE. INCLUDED IN THE LETTER WOULD BE A FORM FOR EACH GROUP OR ORGANIZATION TO SEND US THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF ITS OFFICIALS. THIS WOULD BE A MEANS OF FINDING OUT IF OUR LETTER HAS BEEN REACHED AND WILL PROVIDE US WITH CONTACTS.
- (B) THE NEWSPAPERS SHOULD CARRY A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON THE CCR AND ITS ACTIVITIES.
- (C) THE FIELD DIVISION SHOULD PREPARE A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO BE MAILED TO COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS GIVING ITS REACTIONS TO THE PRESENT STATUS OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND ALSO INCLUDING FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS.
- (D) WHENEVER DEEMED NECESSARY, MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD WITH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PROBLEM SOLVING WHICH WON'T INVOLVE TENSION PRODUCING SITUATIONS.