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## Description:

R Log of MPO

Radio Scan on 4/8/68

from 9<sup>20</sup>/A to 4<sup>25</sup>/P

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9:20 Crowd of 400 at Staging area

9:30 Mrs. King ~~is~~ Grounded in Atlanta

10<sup>00</sup> Capt. Ray advised N.G. Units ~~not~~ not stationed  
at Shopping Centers

10<sup>00</sup> Approx 6000

10<sup>30</sup> Crowd 80% Color 20% White

10<sup>30</sup> PD monitoring citizens band radio

10<sup>31</sup> Much talk of violence (rumors)

10<sup>35</sup> Mrs. King grounded in Birmingham

11<sup>00</sup> Mrs. King's plane is near arrival

11<sup>00</sup> Parade has started - temporary stop  
front of temple

11<sup>00</sup> Line of march extending across

11<sup>00</sup> ~~Ave~~ Danny Thomas. - wild guess is  
rough estimate 10,000

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11<sup>14</sup> Barricades removed - Walter Reuther at head of March.

11<sup>17</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Clavige - Colored male w/ red sh. hanging out window

11<sup>18</sup> Parade moving on. - Helicopter.

11<sup>22</sup> Colored male on 30<sup>th</sup> Floor 100 N. Main had out window. - Kitchen help - has been moved

11<sup>26</sup> Several windows open 6<sup>1/2</sup> & 7<sup>1/2</sup> floor - Shrine Blg.

11<sup>27</sup> Crowd estimated at 7000 - 8000 - copier.

11<sup>28</sup> Traffic on Danny Thomas in good shape

11<sup>29</sup> Parade at Mulberry & Linden.

11<sup>30</sup> " " Main & " - every thing OK

11<sup>31</sup> Mrs King's escort going to Clavige for Mason Temple

11<sup>32</sup> Pontiac across Danny Thomas - orderly & no trouble

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- 11<sup>44</sup> Gray ad 30-40 colored males on expressway  
Shrubbery workers.
- 11<sup>35</sup> Two <sup>PD</sup> men left at airport to guard plane.
- 11<sup>36</sup> Window at Claridge open - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from  
South side.
- 11<sup>38</sup> Crump West of Lathan - Group behind Bea  
Alinement?
- 11<sup>39</sup> Main & Madison - Gray in street trying to  
look at parade
- 11<sup>40</sup> Parade now at Main & Beale
- 11<sup>41</sup> Mrs. King going to head of parade. rather t.  
Mason Temple.
- 11<sup>43</sup> Falls Blg - Open windows on S. side -  
pros in there.
- 11<sup>44</sup> Mrs. King & Abernathy in same car.
- 11<sup>48</sup> King at Crump & Georgia

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11<sup>45</sup> King going to Main & Beale  
11<sup>51</sup> " do 3<sup>rd</sup> & Crump

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King in front of Riverton.

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" E on Beale from Riverside

12<sup>00</sup> Mrs King in march - will remain there until it reaches Gayoso - Then will pull out & go by car to City Hall.

12<sup>10</sup> Several whites agitating several colored males at Lowerstein

12<sup>11</sup> Mrs. King now going to march all the way to City Hall.

12<sup>13</sup> Dr. Spock just joined parade

12<sup>14</sup> Male white armed w/ pistol - 295 madison on top - YMCA

12<sup>16</sup> People on sidewalks marching w/ parade

12<sup>18</sup> Size estimate - 8000

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- 12<sup>20</sup> No one on job at YMCA
- 12<sup>21</sup> Escapee from Baptist Psycho Unit  
M, W, 69 yrs old
- 12<sup>22</sup> March at Madison & Main
- 12<sup>23</sup> Fire on Hamilton
- 12<sup>24</sup> March at Main & N. Court
- 12<sup>25</sup> March stopped at Hernando w/ 5 or 6 blocks  
of people tightly grouped.
- 12<sup>26</sup> Ambulance picked up young N, M inside  
Claybourne Temple - no incident
- 12<sup>27</sup> Boys breaking windows - Grocery on Mississippi
- 12<sup>28</sup> Copter estimate - 14,000
- 12<sup>29</sup> Porter & Williams - Colored male throwing  
Bottles at cars
- 12<sup>30</sup> Escapee from Psycho has been returned

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Southern

Males picking up rocks

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Decatur

Throwing bottles

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Florida & Desoto - Looking whisky store

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White hucklers in alley at Main & Union.

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Throwing rocks

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Main & Bayou - Some Invaders are holding up  
Group - March officials left to handle it.

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Miss. & McLemore - alarm

3055 Calvert - male colored shooting shotgun

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End of march dragging

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End of march - N on Hernando from Porter

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End of march - W on Linden

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One officer chasing 3-4 subjects N  
of 3055 Calvert

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- 1<sup>7</sup> Madison & Danny Thomas - ?
- 1<sup>8</sup> Accidental wounding of one of troopers.
- 1<sup>9</sup> Spectators are complaining about open windows.  
Claridge - N side
- 1<sup>21</sup> End of road at Main & Beale
- 1<sup>24</sup> " " " cleared " & Union
- 1<sup>31</sup> Capt. Ray advised Justice Dept called on his  
line advising about 20 colored men at end  
of parade wearing T-shirts w/ Black power  
slogans on them.
- 1<sup>43</sup> Subject acting suspiciously, apprehended in 1968  
Malibu - 4Dr Silver in color. Miss. License - had  
been hanging around Court House.
- 1<sup>46</sup> Main & Monroe - 20 invaders in group.
- 1<sup>51</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> { Pear - group of colored males
- 1<sup>55</sup> Threatening phone call to Minimum security  
Blg.

- 2<sup>00</sup> Shooting at Summer & National, new Fire House  
including Light Blue Brick
- 2<sup>1</sup> W, M wanted for A&B
- 2<sup>2</sup> Four young W, M in light Blue Brick  
near Summer & National. - ck for suspicious.
- 2<sup>3</sup> Black power boys are marshals of crowd
- 2<sup>4</sup> After Abernathy's speech, he & Mrs. King  
will leave for airport.
- 2<sup>5</sup> 4th & Beale, large & crowd throwing  
firecrackers
- 2<sup>6</sup> Ambulance in front of speaker's stand.
- 2<sup>7</sup> Jackson & McLean - shot fired at Viking  
Van Trailer.
- 2<sup>8</sup> 1811
- 2<sup>9</sup> ~~1811~~ Farrington - Youngsters looting gas  
grocery store
- 2<sup>10</sup> Copter over 1811 - doesn't see anything

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- 2<sup>53</sup> - 2350. Memphis, Florida, Congress Co. - Five Ala.
- 3<sup>56</sup> - Mrs. King has left speakers stand.
- 3<sup>57</sup> - Abernathy still at stand - PD unit waiting for him until he is ready.
- 3<sup>58</sup> - Mrs. King at I-55 & Crump
- 3<sup>59</sup> 1607 Madison W, M, passed counterfeit \$20 bill, young man.
- 3<sup>60</sup> Mrs. King at I-240 & I-255
- 3<sup>61</sup> Getting ready to start marching back.
- 3<sup>62</sup> Breaking up at City Hall.
- 3<sup>63</sup> S on Second from Poplar.
- 3<sup>64</sup> Danny Thomas at Crump. First - not much do.
- 3<sup>65</sup> End formed at Main & Adams.
- 3<sup>66</sup> Abernathy in Gray Limousine - apparently headed for airport on Rivertide

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3<sup>55</sup> Run of parade at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Adams.

4<sup>01</sup> PD have met Abernathy & will stay w/ him until he is airborne.

4<sup>02</sup> Row by row count by PD totaled 19,000 marchers.

4<sup>05</sup> End of

4<sup>06</sup> Parade past 2<sup>nd</sup> & Gayoso.

4<sup>07</sup> " " " & Beale

4<sup>11</sup> March breaking up - people milling around

4<sup>12</sup> End of parade at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Linden

4<sup>14</sup> Traffic being allowed on march streets

4<sup>18</sup> Milling around on demands - breaking into small groups and leaving - The parade is over

4<sup>20</sup> 300 still milling in front of church - no trouble

4<sup>25</sup> still milling and L.L. down.