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INTERVIEW WITH DICK GREGORY

(DICK GREGORY WAS DISCUSSING THE BLACK POWER CONVENTION)

GREGORY: "Martin Luther King was represented, Whitney Young was represented, the Urban League was there, the NAACP was there. But, I chose not to let nobody represent me. I decided to go myself, and if you talk to anybody you know in the CIA, they'll tell you one thing, 'Thank God Dick Gregory was there,' cause a lot of things could have happened that didn't happen because I was there. But, what they didn't tell you is Bell Telephone gave us, at the Black Power Convention, all of our telephones free. They didn't tell you that.

Everybody says, 'Why go to the Black Power.' I have never advocated that all white folks should be out of the movement. CORE did, and yet and still the Ford Foundation gave them a hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. Why? Cause the white man upstairs got to quite lying to himself. He know what goin' on in this country, and all at once he has to try to find some means to understand it and lead it in the right path or get himself in the right path.

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GREGORY: "In order to lead the Negroes in this country you got to have just two policies: you have to be militant against the system, but humble. And most of our Negro leaders have been whupped down to being just humble."

CANNON: "Are you including Martin Luther King in this?"

GREGORY: "Martin Luther King is humble. When Martin Luther King comes to this town a couple weeks ago and he says Chicago has made some progress in the--in the area of housing in any other city in America, and two weeks later, he received a grant of almost \$200,000 from the Poverty Program, and I know darn well you can't get no money from the Poverty Program without going through Massah Daley, baby. It just don't sound right. That's what we talkin' about."

CANNON: "Well, it sounds like to me you're accusing Martin

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GREGORY: "I'm accusing Martin Luther King of being humble and not militant."

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GREGORY: "You see, we keep talkin' about when these riots break out people was killed by sniper fire. Man, these people was killed by the police and the National Guard. If you send them in, they went in to kill people, why do we have to lie about it? And the proof to it is, how do snipers only be able to kill Negroes and can't kill the police? How do you shoot that bad when you're shooting at only one man?..."

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CANNON: "Well, I think some policemen have been killed, but I want to get back to..."

GREGORY: "No, no, what I'm saying is this here, that every-- when--when we get the complete total of fifty people killed, by 80 of them was killed by snipers fire and all I'm saying to America, is understand if a sniper is shootin' this good, he would be gettin' more cops."

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GREGORY: "Chicago is one of the most viciously controlled politically towns. And these politicians probably sittin' home at night thinkin' they's slick and sly because it really haven't blown up into somethin' bag. No, they have to thank the non-violent movement that came out here and marched, that came out here and demonstrated, I got to go to jail, they put \$5,000 bond on me. I flew all the way back from San Francisco for Chicago for a solid month in 1965 and said when I did it that Chicago would not have a riot. And I flew back for thirty one days, which was 4,000 miles a day. Then you pick up the papers a couple weeks ago and you see where American Airlines is suin' Dick Gregory and everybody calls my house and says, 'Well brother, we didn't know you was in bad.' So what? There was not a riot in Chicago that year. Now who--who--who had the most to lose? I lost--I owed American Airlines \$8,000. In Detroit today they said it's a billion dollars loss/ I will sacrifice \$8,000."

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I get five days notice on my rent, Dick Gregory has no business gettin' five days notice on his rent. I have a schedule over here in my pocket. I could show you, where startin' in September to the end of next year, I do a half of million dollars worth of lectures on college campuses, but, I'm broke now. Why? Because I left the summer open, not because I couldn't get work, but because I have to be where people can get to me."

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GREGORY: "Christmas eve some kids called me, and I tell everybody my phone's tapped so they won't be exposin' themselves. 'Come on by the house.' Christmas eve there was supposed to be a dynamitin' of a Jewel Store on 39th and South Park. Now, again don't take my record, go back and check again, because they al-

ready tried to dynamite it once and they missed and burned the factory down next door. I came out and I said 'Brothers, let me ride with you.'

Now, you know what Dick Gregory's doin' on Christmas Eve? I got five black kids, baby, and I'm up tight on Christmas. I had everything I wanted this Christmas. And I said let me go with you, because I know I can't tell the brother standin' in my house with wall-to-wall carpet what he should do. And I got in that car and I go--I went out. Now, I didn't know if the politicians was trickin' me to get me in a car with dynamite or what. But I didn't care, because there comes a time in life when you don't try to impress people, only to inform people.

We got out to the store and I found out what they wanted to do. This store is a new store that was built, and I give a warning to the people here now. If you're going to build a store in a Negro neighborhood, please don't build it and don't put no windows in it. You see, a lotta white folks is gettin' hip now, they know there's gonna be riots, so they don't put windows in the store. This will make a Negro blow up your store quick, believe me. I went out and the way I averted it up to then, I didn't try to stop it altogether because I didn't know if I could or not. I said, 'Brother, if I gave you this store right now un this neighborhood that could go up in a riot, would you want me to give it to you with windows or without? And when the brother said, 'without.' that's the only thing that cooled him down.

Now, I wish I knew someone in this town that I could go to and say, 'Baby, tell these white folks don't put brick buildings up with no windows because it's aggravating to brother.' Now, can you imagine what the headlines would have looked like had Dick Gregory been caught in a car with dynamite?"

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(GREGORY WAS DISCUSSING HIS ARREST LAST YEAR AFTER BEING IN A PARK AFTER DARK)

GREGORY: "Now after all this met hit, now I go down, one of the richest cities in the world, they can afford to lose sixty million dollars durin' the railroad strike and I got to pay this city of Chicago a hundred dollars in the park. And they knew I went to the park because they got my telephone tapped. They keep it tapped twenty four hours a day, they knew I was goin' in the park, they knew what I was doin' in the park, they knew what I was doin' in the park, and all at once I got to Women's Court and who do they show up? The goon, Elrod for a little light violation."

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GREGORY: "Now, I ask this question. How many white folks that's listenin' to me been out in parks in Chicago, the law says the park closes at eleven o'clock and open back up at four, how many white folks been in the park after eleven o'clock, and didn't have anything happen to them? Now, I'm not askin' you to write a letter in, I'm just sayin' understand what's goin' on. It's a

Why tell me that the park can open up at four o'clock in the morn-
in' which means that a minute after four I can come in which is
still dark. They got a highway runnin' through Washington Park,
you got to go through Washington Park to go home. The bus runs
through Washington Park, how's the park closed? Plus they haven't
got no signs up sayin' when the parks closed.

So, I went out, it cost me a hundred dollars, it goes out
all over the country, and the first thing happens is Time Magazine
calls me and they say 'we fixin' to go with a story,' and it just
so happens I ran across an ethical cat with this old monster mag-
azine. I say, 'Baby, out of all the beautiful things I done in
this country which I know you were sure of, you never run anything
in the Time Magazine, now you think you got a negative and you
gonna run it from coast to coast, I say, go ahead and run it but
you better check it out.'

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GREGORY: "If you get the--the Life Magazine, this weeks' is-
sue, of the seven year old--twelve year old kid, layin' on the
front of the ground, gunned down. Now the interestin' thing a-
bout it, if this had-a been a white kid layin' down there where
all colored cops went in, at least they would've asked for an in-
vestigation to do nothin' but to cool white folks down. They won't
even give us enough respect to ask for an investigation."

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GREGORY: "And you must have somebody out there that can
sympathize with the rioters. Because of all them wasn't lootin'.
And if you get a man that got six kids that was out on the street
lookin' for his son, and the cop arrest him and the next thing
you know they got him downtown takin' pictures of him with a tele-
vision in his lap, you might have the man that's gonna burn your
town down

Because, you see, the way communications is set up today
in this country it is totally impossible for--to mastermind a re-
volution. The CIA can listen to you five blocks away. They can
go anywhere and hear everything you do. Telephone or not. The
Negro have to work too hard, really, to plot a revolution.

Can you imagine puttin' an honest Negro in jail and makin'
him mad and the white power structure feedin' him three meals a
day, seein' to it he gets eight hours of sleep. For two years
in jail this man will lay there and plot one of the damdest rev-
olutions in the history of the world."

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CANNON: "Dick, there were a couple of things you wanted to
read, some specific things. We're talking about keeping Chicago
cool. You've got some specific concrete proposals to do just
that, so I think now is a good time to get to them."

GREGORY: "You see, the Black Power Convention, as far as everybody that's close to me know, is don' research, was sponsored by the CIA.."

CANNON: "The what?"

GREGORY: "The CIA."

CANNON: "The Black Power Conference was sponsored by the CIA. You mean the CIA is behind--is behind Rap Brown and behind Stokely Carmichael?"

GREGORY: "Lemme tell you something. I would hope-- it was the only sign of hope. I looked at two signs of hope in this country in the last few days. Had I been on this show and you asked me three days ago where we was goin', to be honest with you, I would have said I don't think we can save it. I think the country can be saved now, because when we went out and demonstrated non-violently we made white foks mad. Today what's goin' on in Detroit is makin' them scared."

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GREGORY: "So, I feel if you want to stop these riots, now everybody sits up and says the communist are involved. Now, if the communist are involved, and J. Edgar Hoover, says he knows, why don't they arrest them? Otherwise you giving the Civil Rights Movement no protection and givin' the communists all the protection. If you know who they are go put'em in jail. And if you can't do that expose them."

CANNON: "But, Martin Luther King and some of the other Negro leaders have made clear distinctions between what's happening in Detroit and what's happened in Newark and the Civil Rights Movement. You don't make this..."

GREGORY: "No. What I'm sayin' is Martin Luther King is talkin' about his non-violent movement, the non-violent cats in Detroit that followed him is in bed. Now, you got to go and get somebody that's throwin' them bricks who represents them. And what I'm trying to say, the CIA could really do us a great service, because there's no other country in the history of the world that's been responsible for overthrowin' (SEVERAL WORDS LOST). They should take white CIA agents and pay them to dress up like Negroes and go into the ghetto. You see we pay FBI agents to join the communist party to keep this country from bein' overthrown from without. Now, we should pay white boys, because white folks don't take our word for it, to dress up like Negroes and go down into that ghetto because this country's about to be overthrown from within."

In todays Sun-Times, if you read it, you would've seen an article that said the Federal Government, mindful of riots of the last few summers, had expected street violence this summer. But, they never told us that, did they? They made everybody think it

was a surprise. It--it upset an early warning system with community relations service, the Justice Department, the FBI, the attorney-general, police communications. And it goes on--now we never knew that the war department was involved in this. They had their war machinery set up. But, it said it was upset. You know why it was upset? Cause they tappin' cats phones like Dick Gregory and Stokley Carmichael and Martin Luther King, who don't know where the cat's goin' to throw the brick. And they been tappin' the wrong phones. And the day they decide to get down there because they can't tap that ghetto cats phone, nine times out of ten he ain't got a phone. And then they'll start understandin' these things. Be honest, that's all I say."

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CALLER: "In regard to your comments about the press and how it fails to tell the truth, there's one thing I was wondering about. In the assassination plot and the Negro leaders that they were supposed to have discovered that ran, I was wondering if there is any truth to this and -- uh -- I know, I would like your comment on the ability to discover this at the same time they can't find out who bombed the churches in Birmingham and so on."

GREGORY: "Okay. Let me say this. If you are a Negro and the C.I.A. really think I'm up to revolutionary tactics, and they hire a Negro -- first they hire a white C.I.A. agent to come by my house and spy on me, and if he finds out that Dick Gregory is honest and not doing anything wrong he goes back to Washington and he reports that. As a white boy they tell him LBJ will be in Philadelphia in eighteen months, you go there as security and lay around with the hippies and check it out for us. But, if a Negro comes to my house as a C.I.A. agent, and he really finds out I'm not doing anything, he knows when he goes back they haven't got another job for him, 'cause they're not going to send him to help protect the President. So, he has to write up a false report in order to keep his job. And he keeps on writing these false reports, 'Yeah, Dick Gregory's little baby looked like she had something strange, it was a couple of people kept runnin' in and out the house, I think you better check him out.' Now he promotes his job a little bit longer. And they do this. They come as your friend and hire them, and your friends have to lie.

"Now go back to the time Malcolm X got assassinated. Now, if you remember, the month before Malcolm got assassinated, it was big headlines all over the world that they caught these Negroes getting ready to blow up the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Bell. I been-colored all my life and never heard a Negro talk about the Statue of Liberty or the Liberty Bell, it's cracked anyway. So, now, they -- they -- when Malcolm was gunned down, you remember, if you don't, go back and check the papers the next day, that the Negroes attacked the guy with a double-barreled shotgun. Shot him in the leg. Remember that?"

The police grabbed him outside and checked him before the Negroes killed him."

CALLER: "That's right."

GREGORY: "This man has never been heard of since. And the police have him. So..."

CANNON: "Now wait a minute, wait a minute. In all seriousness, this man was brought to trial and he was given life in prison."

GREGORY: "No, no, no, no, the Negro. No, I saw it. All you got to do is go check it. Go look up his name. Go check it. Now, as a Negro revolutionist, you worry about your sponsors and I worry about where that gun is. And so we go in and we check and we find out, and we -- and every militant Negro in America and all the rest of the Negroes know that this was a direct hit by the C.I.A. or somebody in the government. Now wait a minute..."

CANNON: "Do you know -- or do you suspect or do you have the truth?"

GREGORY: "No, we don't suspect. WE have the proof. But, now, just like we have the proof that the C.I.A. and the F.B.I. will take Negro leaders, they'll get them in a situation with a woman. They'll take pictures of them and they'll use this against them to blackmail them and we are so aggravated over the Negro leaders who've been caught in this position and don't have guts enough to get out of the Civil Rights Movement, because you just keep lying to white folks. Go on out and tell them. The F.B.I. can come in my house or catch me in a hotel room doing anything they want to do. What they gonna run the films on? N.B.C.? And my wife know better, and when -- unless these guys stand up and have guts and tell the F.B.I. and all the rest of them to go to tell with all them old negative prints and things, then we might can run a decent legitimate movement."

"Now, back to this here. Now, the same incident happened now. Before Malcolm got gunned down, it was a incident where they arrested some Negroes. Now, all at once we come up and they say R.A.M. was getting ready to assassinate, they say it was a list of twelve people, right?"

CANNON: "Right."

GREGORY: "They released two names on the list, right?"

CANNON: "Um-hum."

GREGORY: "Now, if you're important enough to be on that list why didn't they release the whole list? I'll tell you why, because if I get gunned down in the morning and J. Edgar Hoover says, 'Dick Gregory was on the list, and the F.B.I. talked to Dick Gregory and he did not want no protection,' I'm

dead, you understand?"

CANNON: "Um-hum."

GREGORY: "And everybody believes that old right-winged --- well, I won't call him what he is."

CANNON: "No, let's not go that far."

GREGORY: "but, this is what I'm saying, and now when you -- I'm very aggravated of the people that's been gunned down, the people that's scared to talk because they don't know where the gun is, and when America realizes that the C.I.A. are planting Negroes in this Movement and they do it legitimately, like if all of us are colored sitting in a room, I work for the C.I.A. and I say, 'Baby, Whitey ain't googood, lets kill him, baby.' And then I go out and buy the guns. But I'm promotin' this, and this is what thappened there in New York, when they were going to blow up the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Bell. You remember they found the dynamite that the white girl had bringing it across the border from Canada?"

CANNON: "Right."

GREGORY: "We haven't heard no more of that. And if you go to the library and get the New York Times and check the trial, after the cat was going to talk, they ended up, the judge gave them twenty years in jail. Right?"

CANNON: "Yeah."

GREGORY: "But go and pull the paper from the library and read what the judge said. He said 'Twenty years in jail,' but since none of you had a record before,' and this was the payoff, 'We gonna send you to jail for three months.' Remember that?"

CANNON: "Um-hum."

GREGORY: "And if your behavior is good, we're goin' to let you out. That was the deal. Cause them cats was getting ready to blow the whistle. And I say why don't the F.B.I. expose those other names on the list and this is why we've been acting the way we've been acting since this thing done happened. Because everybody believes that this man is honest and fair and decent. But J. Edgar Hoover can't bust no Minute Men. And if he and look, the ten most wanted men on the F.B.I. cr-ok list, man, they ain't nothin' but a bunch of baby-sittin' cats. He ain't never busted the Syndicate. He ain't never busted none of them heavyweights. But, the minute we get involved out here in this thing, you look around, he's coming in leveling with you and doing this and doing that."

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GREGORY: "I've always wondered why the Negroes in the Civil Rights movement kept on talking about Negroes being non-violent, like we had an exclusive on it. Why should ~~have~~ been telling white folks to be non-violent, too, because white folks felt like they was cut out. Now, white folks say, 'Did you write a letter in to the National Rifle Club that came out with that newsletter' or-- did you hear about it, telling white folks to arm themselves? And this hurt me for one reason, because millions of white folks all over this country are buying guns now, putting them in their homes, telling their wives we're getting these guns for these Negroes. And what they fail to realize, this cat been comin' home for twenty years, every Friday after playing poken with the boys, drunk, whipping his wife. But, he got a gun in the house now, and the gun don't say 'Niggers only,' and in six months time the white homicide rates gonna go up so high because you -- and I don't know why Hoover didn't do a report on this.

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"They know how many guns being sold. Man, you got over ten million guns sold in this country in the last five months. And white folks is buying them 'cause they scared. But what about if you was a white man and you brought a gun to your house showing it to your son, how to use it, and one day your son wreck the car, or got him some LSD, and you walk in the house, slap him, and he get that gun that you told him to protect himself with from the Negroes and blow your brains out. This is a concern to me. But long as Speck is a white boy and he can jump up and kill eight white women, then have a riot in jail and they call it a 'breakfast tantrum' -- are you out yo' mind?"

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GREGORY: "And I tell the people that live in the area of 61st and Woodlawn, where the Blackstone Rangers used to hang out at that grocery store all summer, the night the riots was goin' on you never found the Blackstone Rangers. Why? 'Cause they had orders to get off the street.

"A juvenile gang is a sickness, the cat lost his identity, so he joins a gang. The minute the gang get more than twenty cats in it he lose his identity again. But they kept tellin' us in this town that the Blackstone Rangers have something like -- oh -- 1500 guys, which meant they was payin' 50¢ a week dues, which meant that that's \$700, so it made a lot of people think that they was legitimately gettin' that money. But nobody in Chicago has ever, ever, ever walked down the street and seen over thirty cats standin' on a corner together. The Blackstone Rangers have never met with over thirty cats, and if you don't believe I know get this month's issue of Esquire, where four months ago a guy was doin' an interview with me, and you'll read in there where I got with the Blackstone Rangers 'aause they came to me and told me where the money was coming from.

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"And it's a very simple thing. You see, last year had Dr. Martin Luther King been hit, baby, and somebody yelled 'Mighty Blackstone Rangers' nobody would've dared believe they didn't do it. Don't nobody go out and snatch a pocketbook or shoot somebody and yell 'Mighty Blackstone Rangers.' A juvenile gang, and don't take my word, go back to the Federal Crime Commission, juvenile gangs have never shot up on porches and killed ~~women~~ and kids like they was doin' here. And if somebody gets the political muscle together and force Washington to come in here and do a tremendous study, because it might be goin' on in other towns.

"You see, it's a new thing goin' now, niggers get mad about urban renewal, so the white folks downtown done found out that if you create juvenile gangs and scare the people they'll automatically move out the neighborhood. And urban renewal is a big thing for Woodlawn area, baby. And a lot of people now -- but I tell you the proof of the puddin' on the Blackstone Rangers, I coulda wiped them out in one night. All I had to do was go out on the Gold Coast and throw a brick at a rich white woman and yell 'Mighty Blackstone Rangers,' and they'd-a had all them punks put in jail in five minutes time.

McP "And I defy any of you out there to force Washington to come in here and hold an investigation. Are you outa your mind? You think the number one most political -- political tyrant in the world's gonna put up with some nigger juvenile gang, man? This Daley'd run the Syndicate outa town if he decided they had to go. But all at once they tell us they can't do nothin'. And the police know this, and if one cop -- if some company would just put up fifty thousand dollars for a cop to come through and tell the truth and do the research, I knew Orlando Wilson was goin', I just didn't want to use it on my campaign, because I didn't want to get dirty.

"Those two Negro prostitutes that was found dead last January and they found out the police carried them bodies out there, and when the papers start runnin' an investigation on it they went and got some Syndicate cats to make like they was impersonatin' law enforcement officers, but this was a multi-million dollar thing they had goin' on here in this town, where the prostitutes would meet a white man downtown, the colored broads would take him to a hotel, and the white detectives would come in and shake him down and make him sign checks, and when them two girls was goin' to testify -- and if you don't believe it ask Moynahan(?) who's so damn controlled by -- by the -- the Syndicate-controlled political machine that he couldn't even do the investigation. And I tell you people that's gettin' ready to go and testify in this corrupt town, you ain't gonna do nothin' but die, baby, 'cause these cats is tellin' them where you are. And these two girls came up dead, again, don't take my word for it.

"I'm surprised somebody like Sears and Roebuck haven't had enough sense to go out and do an independent study like the steel companies been doin' on this town, here. And let me tell you somethin', Sears and Roe -- I saved you at the Black Power Convention, because they was gonna boycott all your stores, simply because that -- that Allstate Insurance that works for -- that runs Sears and Roebuck, don't treat Negroes right, sometimes they won't even insure them. And I saved them from that, not because I have any like for them, because I got a friend at SEars and Roebuck, but mainly because the ghetto brother who's throwin' the bricks can't relate with Sears and Roebuck. But SEars and Roebuck better do some research and find out what's hapnin', because if this town go up in smoke, baby, they gonna burn your joint down to the ground. They done already told me they gonna do that.

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"And I think you people in business here oughta get together, because the riots last year in this town has kept a lotta white folks out of this town that was gonna spend big dough, and a lot of conventions. And the best thing happened for McCormick Place, I'm just sorry that guy got killed over there, and the city officials oughta give his widow a whole lots of money, because McCormick Place couldn't pay that note, baby, when conventions was cancelled out, and all at once it burns out burned down.

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"If you business people, I don't care if you like niggers or not, if you understand when a riot hits your town you gona lose money, then you better band together. It's real cute now when y'all sit downtown and just worry about that little Jew who you don't like anyway gettin' burned out, baby. But these cats is comin' on downtown, and there's a whole mess of white folks that's notinomin' and spendin' this money simply because of the riots last year. And I think you ought to get together and investigate this thing. Because the politicians, they made a political deal in the last Democrat and Republican election. They knew they'd throw Wante~~r~~ out down the drain, but you nuts out there don't know this, and you business people know they threwed the man out down the drain, and if you would just take time and say, 'Baby, damn the political machine, I got to save this town so we all won't starve to death,' there'd be a lot of things that would come out."

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GREGORY: "They have a list in Washington D.C. of every town that is a potential blowup town. They know this. But, I tell you one thing. Not only should the F.B.I. tap them phones in the ghetto they ought to start tapping some of the polices phones too and they might be able to avert a riot."

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GREGORY: "And I tell you what, if you go and get Newsweek Magazine, and go and get Time Magazine, for the last three years, they been coming out with a special riot issue. And on

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the front page they got a colored cat with a brick talkin' about 'I hate Whitey.' And also they list some towns that's on the hot list that the colored cats and the Civil Rights Movement don't know about. And I think somebody ought to go and tell Newsweek and Time Magazine -- Drew Pearson just predicted last Sunday -- did you hear Drew Pearson predict that Watts was gonna blow up? And we're just gettin' to the point now that when Negro and media white folks come out and tell you what's hapnin', we're always worried about what's gonna blow up. Baby, sittin' here tonight is not gonna do this. We blame Black Power and Stokely Carmichael, but when Watts blew up we never heard of Black Power nor Stokely Carmichael."

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CALLER: "Say, I happen to work for the telephone company, and I get down in the Negro area quite a bit. And how come they have barbed wires and three or four locks on their doors? Don't they trust each other?"

GREGORY: "No, it's very hard to trust a man when you're living in overcrowded conditions..In Watts, in Los Angeles, the area per population, is 7.5 people per..."

CALLER: "I'm not talking about Watts, I'm talking about Chicago."

GREGORY: "Wait, brother, if I can explain it to you. I wasn't talkin' about the phone company..."

CALLER: "Wait a second Dick, you've been rantin' and raving, and personally I don't think you like the white people. As a matter of fact, I know you don't."

GREGORY: "You have your right to have your own opinion."

CALLER: "Aw, listen, Dick, you formed my opinion."

GREGORY: "Well, that's good, too."

CALLER: "Listen, you watch the television, you watch the riots, the wrecks, carryin' televisions away in Detroit there, and then you get up there and rant and rave, why the -- why the mayor of Chicago's done more for the Negroes than -- than -- than any mayor..."

GREGORY: "Well that's why they got locks on their doors, The Man gave them so much money they scared you telephone pole climbers gonna steal it. Thank you very much."

CALLER: "Yeah, that's it, hang up."

GREGORY: "I'm not hangin' up, brother."

CALLER: "Yeah, well listen to what I'm sayin'."

CANNON: "All right, wait a minute, let me jump in here, I'm

the arbitrator and the referee of this show, let's not accuse Dick of ranting and raving, I think you're heading in that direction yourself..."

(VOICES OVERLAP)

CALLER: "You're always buttin' in."

CANNON: "I can hear you. I'm not butting in."

CALLER: "You're always buttin' in, you're always on the other side."

CANNON: "I'm not butting in, I'm not on nobody's -- anybody's side..."

(VOICES OVER-LAP)

CANNON: "I'm going to give you five seconds to keep quiet and ask your question. You've gotta be polite. All right."

CALLER: "I want to give my opinion."

CANNON: "All right. Don't accuse him of ranting and raving if you're gonna rant and rave yourself."

CALLER: "If you were on this side of the radio you'd hear the same thing."

CANNON: "Go ahead."

CALLER: "Dick?"

GREGORY: "Yes?"

CALLER: "This here -- what's this here, carrying television, you know that two stores are out of business? Do you know that they have no insurance for this? Do you know that this is putting Negroes and whites out of work?"

GREGORY: "That's right, I know that."

CALLER: "You know that. What do you think about it?"

GREGORY: "Well, I tell you, I have the same feelin's about that that I had when I was in London and you had the tornado in Chicago in the white neighborhood and they had to bring the National Guard out to keep white folks from lootin' after that great nature disaster! I feel the same way about that as I did about people lootin' and when the sherriff Woods had to come out and tell his men to shoot to kill because white people was goin' into them areas stealin', lootin' peoples houses and lootin' stores, I feel the same way about both of them, sir."

CALLER: "Dick I respect you personally, I think you're a great comedian, but if you want to be the God of the Negro

people and take over Martin Luther King's job, and take over everybody else's job, this is apparently what you're trying to say..."

GREGORY: "I'm not, I am a..."

CALLER: "You're tryin' to be a God."

GREGORY: "Oh, no, no, no."

CALLER: "Oh yes, you are."

GREGORY: "I am a follower of right, and a leader of none."

CALLER: "You're a -- yeah, that sounds..."

GREGORY: "And you talk on them phones every day you come closer to heaven than I do, brother, not me. I am not tryin' to be no one. Period."

CALLER: "Then what're you -- what're you knockin' Martin Luther King for?"

GREGORY: "I have not knocked Martin Luther King at all, brother."

CALLER: "Every time you talk about the hot, hot summer, and every time you talk about a city or a town, figurin' that youve given the word and they're gonna start a riot, like Detroit, that's the most disgusting thing in this country I've ever..."

GREGORY: "Brother..."

CALLER: "Let me just say this. Listen, if you were back in Africa..."

GREGORY: "(CHUCKLES)"

CALLER: "If you were back in Africa you wouldn't be (UNCLEAR)."

GREGORY: "That's right."

CALLER: "You're in this country. You're in the greatest country, the United States..."

GREGORY: "That's right."

CALLER: "And I'm not a flag-waver, either -- either."

GREGORY: "Okay, now, lemme say somethin'. The outfit you work for, which is A.T. & T., is one of the most vicious monsters now they..."

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GREGORY: "Wait a minute, I listened to you, brother. Get somebody to go and look at the Senator Morelands(?) report from Missouri, that said A.T. & T. personally tapped 36 million long distance phone calls last year, with federal agencies in the room, and they wasn't tappin' ours, baby, they was tappin' white business people. So don't start tellin' me when you work for that vicious monster that -- that's the pulse of freedom, they are tappin' it. And I guess you don't know nothin' about that, do you? But when we start talkin' about riotin', find out what that vicious company of yours is doin'."

CALLER: "I'm no executive, but let me tell you something. They give plenty of white people work, and more and more and more Negroes are working there, so what's your beef against them?"

GREGORY: "My beef against them is they hired every Negro in America, baby, and tapped 36 million long distance..."

CALLER: "What has that got to do with you and me?" I'm no -- I'm no communist, I don't care."

GREGORY: "Okay, brother."

CALLER: "No, I'm just askin' you a question."

GREGORY: "The United States Constitution do not permit tapping of phones. And it's a very bad thing. And if the people..."

CALLER: "Dick, I have never been asked to tap a phone. I never heard of..."

CANNON: "I think we're getting a little bit far afield, no honestly, now wait a minute. The man works for the telephone company, he hasn't tapped..."

GREGORY: "I didn't say he has."

CANNON: "I know, but we're getting too far afield..."

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CANNON: "I don't know how we got to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company anyhow."

CALLER: "Let me finish, we're talking about something entirely different. Listen, you got a bunch of people down there, there's a lot of good Negroes, but I'm not gonna say that some of my best friends are, because I don't use that cliche. But there's a lotta decent Negroes, and they're suffering because of these Amazons and these animals that if they were in Africa they wouldn't have anything to eat and they wouldn't have no -- ah -- care from the government that -- that -- those checks, getting those checks every week."

GREGORY: "Uh-huh."

CANNON: "Okay, thank you very much for the call, we have to move along."

GREGORY: "I was just fixin' to make a deal with him. I was just fixin' to tell him that if he would come to Detroit with me in the mornin' and try to stop the white folks from lootin' I'd try to stop the colored folks from lootin'."