

# DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date August 11, 1970

To: [REDACTED] - Intelligence Division

Subject: REPORT FROM SOURCE # [REDACTED]

On August 11, 1970, Detective [REDACTED] received the following information from Source # [REDACTED]

On Wednesday, August 5, 1970, Source attended the R.N.A. Meeting of the RICHARD HENRY faction, at 7:30 p.m., at 5055 Lemay, St. Margarite Marys Church.

EDWIN TALIAFERRO (Chokwe Lumumba) was the chairman.

Those identified were:

RICHARD HENRY (Imari)  
LUCIEN TALIAFERRO III (Arki)  
Sister Itari

BETTY AVON  
JACKIE FIELDS  
MARION THURMAN  
JAMES FORD  
JAMES WILLIAMS  
WILLIE FLOYD  
Plus eleven strangers

CHAIRMAN TALIAFERRO opened the meeting, but stalled around until RICHARD HENRY arrived. He opened by asking for money. He stated that money is needed badly before the 16th of August, so a payment can be made on the land in Mississippi, and the R.N.A. can then move from New Orleans, Louisiana.

He also stated the R.N.A. Office in New Orleans had been attacked, but those in command repulsed the attack without injury. He did not identify the attackers.

RICHARD HENRY then spoke of a conversation between himself and HUEY NEWTON. He is attempting to obtain the support of the Black Panther Party. Also, to have the B.P.P. maintain security for the R.N.A. in New Orleans and the new location in Mississippi. He alleged that NEWTON is going to contact other Black organizations and explain the mutual advantages.

HENRY then announced that he had been invited to speak at the PAN-AFRICAN CONGRESS MEETING on August 6, 1970, at 7:30 p.m. at 8711 E. FOREST.