

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967 1033

Any specific charges which may be brought against any individuals in our employ will be courteously received and thoroughly investigated, but I must, on the instructions of the Executive Committee, decline to honor your request for a "written report" of personnel activities "off the job."

Very truly yours,

OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH, INC.,
WILLIAM R. PURSELL,
Executive Director.

Mr. Sorrell advised that on May 13, 1967, he visited a Durham polling place during the municipal general election. While there he engaged a young lady in conversation. On the seat of her car were a number of political brochures captioned "The Durham Committee on Negro Affairs respectfully recommends the following:" (Copy of the brochure attached to this report).

According to Mr. Sorrell, the young lady told him that she was a student at the University of North Carolina and that students from that University and Duke University had been recruited by Operation Breakthrough employees to transport Durham residents to the polls.

On June 2, 1967, Mr. E. B. Cranford, Jr., 312 Watts Street, Durham, North Carolina, was interviewed and he furnished the following signed statement:

To whom it may concern:

"I have furnished the following information to John R. Buckley, who identified himself to me as an Investigator, Education and Labor Committee, U.S. House of Representatives. No promises or inducements were made to me and I will be willing to testify at any type hearing or proceeding regarding the information furnished.

"On Saturday, May 13, 1967, the day of the Durham, North Carolina, municipal elections, I made observations at several polling places in Durham, North Carolina, between the approximate hours 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Included were the Whitted School, the Bragtown School, the Forest Hills Club House and the Lakewood School.

"During the day I took several pictures of activities in the vicinity of the polling place. I have identified, marked, and furnished eight photos to Mr. Buckley. In these photos are vehicles and drivers that I observed on several occasions transporting different groups of people to the polls.

"I have marked a yellow political brochure, size approximately 3' x 10' captioned 'The Durham Committee on Negro Affairs respectfully recommends the following.' This brochure illustrated the voting lever in the vote position for candidates for Mayor and City Aldermen. Of the people transported in the vehicles in the photos mentioned above, I observed that approximately fifty per cent carried yellow slips of paper approximately 3' x 10' when they left the cars. These slips resembled the political brochure I have described.

"I certify the above is a true and accurate statement to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

"E. B. CRANFORD, Jr.,
"Durham, N.C.

"Witnessed: John R. Buckley, Minority Chief Investigator, Education and Labor Committee, U.S. House of Representatives."

On June 2, 1967, Mr. Joseph Bernard High, 219 North Dillard Street, Durham, North Carolina, advised that on April 1, 8, and 15, 1967, he served as an observer at Durham polling places during voter registration activity. He furnished the affidavit which had been prepared previously:

"AFFIDAVIT

"Durham County, N.C.

"Joseph High, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

"That he is a resident of Durham County, North Carolina; that during the month of April, 1967, he personally observed a 1965 Ford bearing North Carolina license number ET-4280 transporting Negro citizens of Durham County to the voting polls, for the purpose of registration as a voter in Durham County and the City of Durham.

"JOSEPH HIGH, *Affiant.*