

1 whether the sound was ping -- ping -- ping, or  
 2 was it ping, ping, ping, fast? Were the sounds  
 3 rapid, close together, or was it ping, like one

4 at a time?

5 THE WITNESS: The first thing I heard was a  
 6 zing. After that I can't quite remember but the

7 thing was a little more fresh in my mind when I

8 gave the statement downtown. Actually I have been  
 9 trying to forget it.

10 MR. LEUCHTER: You don't recall that question  
 11 might ever have been asked in terms of the

12 rapidity, how close together the noises were,

13 whether they were spaced apart one shot at a time  
 14 or whether there was a burst of shooting?

15 THE WITNESS: I remember hearing that zing  
 16 and I heard so much shooting.

17 CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Anything else, gentlemen?

18 Thank you very much.

19 (Witness excused)

20 There was a sign "Soul Brother" but not on.  
 21 Whereupon,

22 BOW WOO WONG

23 called as a witness, first duly sworn, testified as follows:

24 CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Thank you, Mr. Wong for

25 coming here.

1 Q Why do you think EXAMINATION this sign on your  
2 window? By Mr. Fortunato:

3 Q Can you give us your home address?

4 A 49 South Orange Avenue, Newark. or property on the

5 first. Q And can you give us your business address? Is it  
6 at 49 South Orange Avenue?

7 A Yes, sir. member about when the riot was in terms

8 of. Q How long have you been in business at that  
9 address? No, I can't remember what day.

10 A Fifty-nine, 1959, I have been at this store.

11 store. Q You were at that address at the time of the  
12 disorder in Newark this past July? window.

13 A Yes, sir. ill us about when this happened? What

14 day? Q Can you relate to us what you did in order to  
15 protect your property? Did you put any signs on your  
16 window? Was that Saturday late evening?

17 A No, not. Somebody put soap. between one and two

18 o'clock. Q You did not put a sign on your window "Soul  
19 Brother"? So that would be between one and two o'clock on

20 Sunday. A There was a sign "Soul Brother" but not me. Some  
21 body did it. brother July 1968?

22 Q Did somebody put a sign on your window?

23 A Yes. ing in the back watching TV. after the riot

24 Q Do you know who that someone else was?

25 A No. the back. Day 1968.

1 Q Why do you think they put this sign on your  
2 window?

3 A I don't know.

4 Q Was there any damage done to your property on the  
5 first night of the riot?

6 A First night, no.

7 Q Do you remember about when the riot was in terms  
8 of the date in July?

9 A No, I can't remember what day.

10 Q Was your property damaged during the riot, your  
11 store?

12 A Got three shots in the window.

13 Q Can you tell us about when this happened? What  
14 day? Was it on a Friday or Saturday?

15 A Saturday.

16 Q Was that Saturday late evening?

17 A In the morning sometime, between one and two  
18 o'clock. That was Sunday though, in the morning.

19 Q So that would be between one and two o'clock on  
20 Sunday?

21 A Yes.

22 Q What were you doing at that time?

23 A Sitting in the back watching TV.

24 Q Sitting where, in your store?

25 A In the back.

1 Q Do you have an apartment behind the place in the  
2 store where you carry on business?

3 A I got a TV set in my apartment on the second floor.

4 Q So you were on the second floor and the store is  
5 on the first floor?

6 A Yes. Were there any damage to your store?

7 Q Can you tell us what happened?

8 A Just heard the shot and a jeep noise. That is all.

9 Q You heard a shot. What did you do when you heard  
10 the shot?

11 A Laid on the floor.

12 Q Did you look out the window?

13 A I don't know how long after the noise, the shot  
14 noise and the jeep go by, and then about fifteen-twenty  
15 minutes I laid there. I don't know how long. I look at  
16 the window and see a couple of holes.

17 Q How did you know the noise outside was the sound  
18 of a jeep?

19 A I heard it all night long, the jeep.

20 Q From having heard it before you are able to tell  
21 that this was another jeep sound?

22 A Yes. I awake about another half hour.

23 Q How long did you stay on the floor after you heard  
24 the shot?

25 A I don't know how long.

1 Q Five minutes? Ten minutes? Can you say?

2 Jeep A About five.

3 Q Did you inspect the damage? Did you see the  
4 damage? Was there any damage to your apartment?

5 A The apartment, no.

6 move. Q Was there any damage to your store?

7 A No damage except the three shots, except the three  
8 holes in the window. Not damage.

9 Q How many holes were there?

10 A Three.

11 Q Did you recover the bullets?

12 A Yes, I have some.

13 Q Do you have the bullets?

14 A No. Somebody come and I give it away.

15 Q What did you do then? After you saw the bullet  
16 holes in the window, did you go outside?

17 A No, inside the store.

18 Q You went downstairs in the store and you saw the  
19 bullet holes. Then what did you do?

20 A Go to sleep.

21 Q Were you awakened again?

22 A Yes, I awake about another half hour.

23 Q What woke you up?

24 A The jeep noise and couple of shots.

25 Q What did you do?

1 A I stay on the bed, looking out the window. I see  
2 jeep parking on the corner of the street.

3 Q When you saw the jeep parked on the corner of the  
4 street, were the people in the jeep?

5 A No, I not see good, but I laid in bed. I didn't  
6 move. Q I just see the jeep in there.

7 first Q: Was there anyone in the jeep?

8 A I don't know anybody in the jeep or not.

9 Q Was there anybody standing by the jeep?

10 second A: Yes, somebody standing there.

11 Q Was that person in uniform or not?

12 A In uniform.

13 Q But you did not see that person fire any firearm?

14 A No, I didn't see any firing at that time. I see  
15 somebody standing pointing the rifle across the house. My  
16 front store. Across the street I mean.

17 Q Did you see anybody shooting?

18 A No shooting.

19 Q Just pointing of the rifle?

20 incident A: Yes. I heard holler to come out, but noise.

21 Q Did you then go down the stairs to inspect for  
22 any further damage in the store, in your laundry?

23 come A: What time?

24 Q The second time.

25 A No. did that come about? Did you call them?

1 Q Going back to the first time, when you went down  
2 at the laundry to examine the damage --

3 A Not down the laundry; still in the laundry.

4 Q Pardon.

5 A Still in the laundry.

6 Q Did you examine the number of bullet holes the  
7 first time?

8 A The first time, two.

9 Q Did you examine the number of bullet holes the  
10 second time?

11 A No. This morning I get up, then I found three.

12 Q There were three bullet holes at that time?

13 A Yes.

14 MR. GIBBONS: Did you find the bullets?

15 THE WITNESS: Inside store. Got one near  
16 the side of the door in the wood. I took it out.

17 A couple in the ground and --

18 By Mr. Fortunato: No, I never see anybody taking

19 Q Did you give a statement to anyone regarding this  
20 incident? Were you asked to sign what we call an affidavit?

21 A No. The window, didn't you?

22 Q Did anyone from the Newark Legal Services Project  
23 come to talk with you?

24 A Yes. MR. MEYER: What damage, if any, occurred

25 Q How did that come about? Did you call them?

1 A No, I never called. The case?

2 Q Someone came and spoke with you? What time?

3 A Yes. Have any damages? Did you have to repair

4 Q And he asked you what damage had been done to  
5 your laundry? THE WITNESS: The window.

6 A Yes. MR. MEYNER: Did you sustain an injury?

7 MR. FORTUNATO: No questions. The case?

8 CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Any questions, gentlemen?

9 MR. LEUCHTER: Was the window smashed in or  
10 just bullet holes? Did you look it and you got them

11 THE WITNESS: Just bullet holes.

12 JUDGE WACHENFELD: Did you see who fired the  
13 bullets? CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Any other questions? Thank

14 you, THE WITNESS: No.

15 MR. MEYNER: Did you at anytime during the  
16 riots see any policemen or people in uniform firing  
17 bullets?

18 THE WITNESS: No, I never see nobody firing

19 bullets. called as witness, first day sworn, testified as follows:

20 MR. MEYNER: But during the riots you looked  
21 out the window, didn't you?

22 THE WITNESS: Once in a while I go look out  
23 the window, but I never see anything.

24 MR. MEYNER: What damage, if any, occurred

25 to your place? address of Mr. Wong's laundry



1 establishment? THE WITNESS: The cost?

2 A Yes, MR. MEYNER: Your business, what damage? Did

3 Q you have any damages? Did you have to repair

4 A something?

5 Q THE WITNESS: The window.

6 A Three MR. MEYNER: Did you continue in business

7 Q during the time of the riots during the day?

8 A I have THE WITNESS: Yes. I closed earlier.

9 Q MR. MEYNER: But during the day people came

10 A in with laundry and you took it and you gave them

11 Q their laundry?

12 occupation? THE WITNESS: Yes.

13 A Wait CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Any other questions? Thank

14 Q you, Mr. Wong.

15 riot in terms of law enforcement officials. (Witness excused)

16 A You mean the National Guard?

17 Whereupon, you tell us.

18 A National OLIVIA MC RIMMON  
19 called as a witness, first duly sworn, testified as follows:

20 CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Thank you for coming here.

21 riding in cars. EXAMINATION

22 By Mr. Fortunato:

23 Q Your home address?

24 A 49 South Orange Avenue.

25 Q And is that the address of Mr. Wong's laundry