

Referring Below are <sup>two</sup> ~~reports~~ of activities reports of the A.P.

Conversation with Robert Slayton --Feb. 16, 1966

1. Mr. Slayton pointed out one of Shaffer's houses on the corner of Haynes and Mitchell where a man ~~XXXX~~ with two sons moved out last Friday night. He said that the empty rooms were being cleaned up as though someone would be moving in. This house has been condemned and it is strictly against the law for Shaffer to rent ~~XXXXX~~ it after it has been vacated. omit

2. Mr. Slayton talked about the community. He ~~xxxx~~ said that there are only a handful, five or six who are with the movement. The others are all pulling against it. Which means that there are, in his view, 400-500 people against and only five with.

They say ~~they~~ that we (the movement) want to get them on the outs with Mr. Shaffer. That we weren't doing nothing but messing up. That Shaffer's been good to us, gets us out of jail and lends us money. That we don't know what we're doing.

Mr. Slayton: Shaffer owns these ~~xxx~~ raggedy houses all over the city or knows people who owns them and these people fear getting on his bad side. They fear ~~the worst~~ worst than anything the possibility of ending out in the street. As long as they're not on the outs with Shaffer they can always be assured some housing as they see it. And if they want to move to Lightning or to the Fourth Ward they can get a house from Shaffer and need not pay rent right away, that is he will let them move in on credit. And this security is very important to people who are very poor and are always faced with having no money and no place to live.

They don't care what happens, they are going to stay with Shaffer. ~~xxx~~ Want to stay connected with him so they can move from one side of town to another. Want to be on his good side so they can move into another place if need be ~~xxxxxx~~ even when they don't have the money immediately.

Slayton and his wife say everyone is talking against the movement. There is a rumor that Shaffer told Mrs. Lucille Middlebrooks (who is known to own a 38) to kill Williams.

People everywhere are talking against Williams and anyone who stands with him. They are listening for any information they can pick up and report back to Shaffer in order to show him they are on his side. People won't even talk to people from EOA or the Housing Authority because they ~~xxx~~ identify them with the movement and don't want ~~xxx~~ ~~xxx~~ Shaffer to know that they have anything to do with the movement. Shaffer is going around constantly talking to people, intimidating them, warning them not to have anything to do with anyone in the movement.

~~Mrx~~ Slayton says Mrs. Williams next door to him said that Shaffer told me not to let anyone in my house and I'm not going to let anyone in my house. (She had attended first meeting at Williams' house and was speaking loudly against paying rent but then Shaffer apparently got to her. (Also Josie Williams'