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Sgt. Chapman was assigned to Patrol in April of 1968. In the evening of April 8, Monday, Mayor Coughlin called him at home & told him that trouble was expected the next day & that he & Sgt. Charles Leman would be assigned to a helicopter to cruise the city. Since both Chapman & Leman, the pilot, were in the army reserves they had, or rather, took use of an army helicopter. They left Fairfax field at 7 am & ~~arrived~~ landed at the 27th St. Station to pick up an adapter for the walkie-talkie radio which Chapman took on the helicopter.

First, the Chopper headed toward East High to check out the situation there. It was quiet there & then circled over Central Sr. where they could see swarms of kids around the school. It sometime after 8 by now - Chapman isn't sure of the exact time. As the copter circled & watched from above Central they saw a police car become completely surrounded by kids. They called into the dispatcher to send ~~into~~ help into the area since they couldn't see ~~what~~ how the policemen were

Surviving. Soon they noticed the groups splitting into 2 segments, one going south on Indiana & the other going west on Lenwood. The copter followed the group on Indiana to about 43 or 44 where about 100 kids tried to take over a bus. The driver wouldn't open the door, the kids pressed up around the bus, but the driver was finally able to ease away.

The copter left the Indiana group to check on the Lenwood marchers who were now at about Woodland.

Back with the Indiana group, they had now reached Brush Creek.

The Lenwood group was now at 31 + Paseo.

When the copter <sup>next</sup> checked back with the southbound group, the entourage ~~had~~ <sup>was</sup> considerably reduced in number. This was the last contact which the copter had with this group; they were at Woodland + 47<sup>th</sup>.

The copter now stayed with the group at 19 + Vine, then followed

it to City Hall. They did not happen~~ed~~ to see where the 1st gas was thrown. One problem was that the copter had to return to Fairfax every hour & 15 minutes for gas.

After noon, the ~~caravan~~ <sup>copter</sup> followed the car caravans around the city. It is Chapman's personal opinion that the obvious trailing of the caravans prevented burning & looting from spreading to "the other parts of our city." Proof offered is the caravan which headed to the landing, circled the landing & headed back North.

Also, in the afternoon ~~the~~ while following caravans, the men in the copter saw a man break a store window & make off with a TV. Chapman radioed to a police car about the looting & directed the police to the man in the green shirt who had done the looting. When the case came up in court, the owner of the Countryview Market, 58 + Swope Parkway, testified that he was considering the TV a gift