## **Commission Absolves** Rap From Riot Blame

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--H. Rap Brown did not incite the Cambridge (Md.) disturbances last summer, according to a report said to have been written by the President's Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. Instead, overzealous policemen were blamed for stirring up the

The report--cited by Brown's attorneys in their defense of the SNCC chairman--is characteristic of the commission's tendency to gloss over black nationalist activities, while bearing down on police malpractices.

According to the report, an incident in which Brown was struck by a ricocheting pellet fired by a white sheriff's deputy--not the chairman's

speech itself--initiated the violence.

Brown's talk was called "unequivocally militant, radical, and revolutionary," but that apparently wasn't enough to stir up any trouble.

His attorneys said they would use the unpublished staff report as ammunition in an effort to get a federal injunction prohibiting Maryland's prosecution of their client.

He is charged in Cambridge with arson and

inciting to arson and to riot.

William M. Kinstler, Brown's chief attorney, said he would subpoena the persons who prepared the report to testify in Brown's BE-HALF in Baltimore Federal Court in a hearing on the injunction.

The report allegedly claimed that the white power structure refused to consider Negro grievances on housing, police, education and employment and poverty programs, which heightened tensions within the Negro commun-

Described as a "staff memorandum" not intended for publication, the report went on to say that the Cambridge disturbance wasn't a

riot.
''If we accept widespread mass violence as one of the definitive characteristics of a riot, the term seems inappropriate to the events in Cambridge," the report said.

What has come to be known as the Cambridge riot was in fact a low-level civil disturbance," according to the report.

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Seek Action Against Judge For Racial Slurs

WASHINGTON - (NPI) -- An eight-year prison term imposed by a judge who made racial remarks has been reduced to three years by an eight-judge panel.

Prince George's (Md.) County Circuit Judge William B. Bowie had sentenced Mrs. Ella Mae Brown to eight years in prison after she was convicted of slaying her common-law husband.

In sentencing her, the judge reportedly lec-tured her about "Negroes and the use of guns." He later was quoted as saying: "If they (Negroes) want to live like animals, let them stay in a pen." Another remark attributed to him: "It is just a pure fact of life that Negroes and-

knives go together."
Chief Judge J. Dudley of the Seventh Judicial circuit read the judicial review panel's order without comment. The Maryland Bar Association is studying the case, in the wake of demands that the judge be removed from the

