I. Reality

A. “On the spot”

1. Fox: Shepard Smith: 100s huddled under freeway, organized, sharing,

no violence. Lots of anger.

2. Geraldo: no violence at Convention center, no food, no water

3. Scarboro: no violence, no food, no water, no help

B. Oops! We made a mistake!

1. LA Times:

a. no roving gangs

b. no wide ranging looting

c, no murders at the Superdome

2. NY Times: four violent deaths citywide during entire

period

3. Knight-Ridder

a. not one confirmed sniping.

b. Air Force, Coast Guard, Homeland Security,

Air National Guard

4. New Orleans SWAT team official reported

a. entered convention center only once

b. saw no weapons, no reports of rape or murder

c. no water, no food

5. WP: Official National Guard report: no violence at the convention center

C. Consequences

1. Delay in relief efforts

2. violence confirmed:

a. police in white suburb turned back people trying to flee by firing over their heads.

b. violence confirmed: white vigilantes shooting black people