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## FOREWORD

THE volume which you are about to read represents the results of research undertaken to satisfy requirements at the graduate school level at the University of Chicago. Subsumed originally under the title "Negro Main Street of a Contemporary Urban Community," the specifics of the study remain unaltered but are here presented in line with the broad scope of currently emphasized social phenomena within the southern part of the United States.

The ideas here assembled have grown out of a keen interest in, questful understanding of, and much sought after explanations for the diverse and differentiated urban behavior patterns. Where these have revolved around racial or ethnic groups observation, both structured and unstructured, has usually given evidence of variant forms of behavior within the city, and hence suggested lines of inquiry for community study. Although additional lines of inquiry have been suggested by the student sit-in movement and its counterpart, the freedom rides, the time sequence involved in their development places them outside the confines of the present study. However, because their apparent impact upon the forces here analyzed is of immediate concern, brief consideration is given of them in Appendix One.

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