

MALCOLM X GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT
AND FREEDOM ARCHIVES PRESENT:

WE WILL SHOOT BACK

Armed Resistance in the Mississippi Freedom Movement

with Georgia State University Professor and Author

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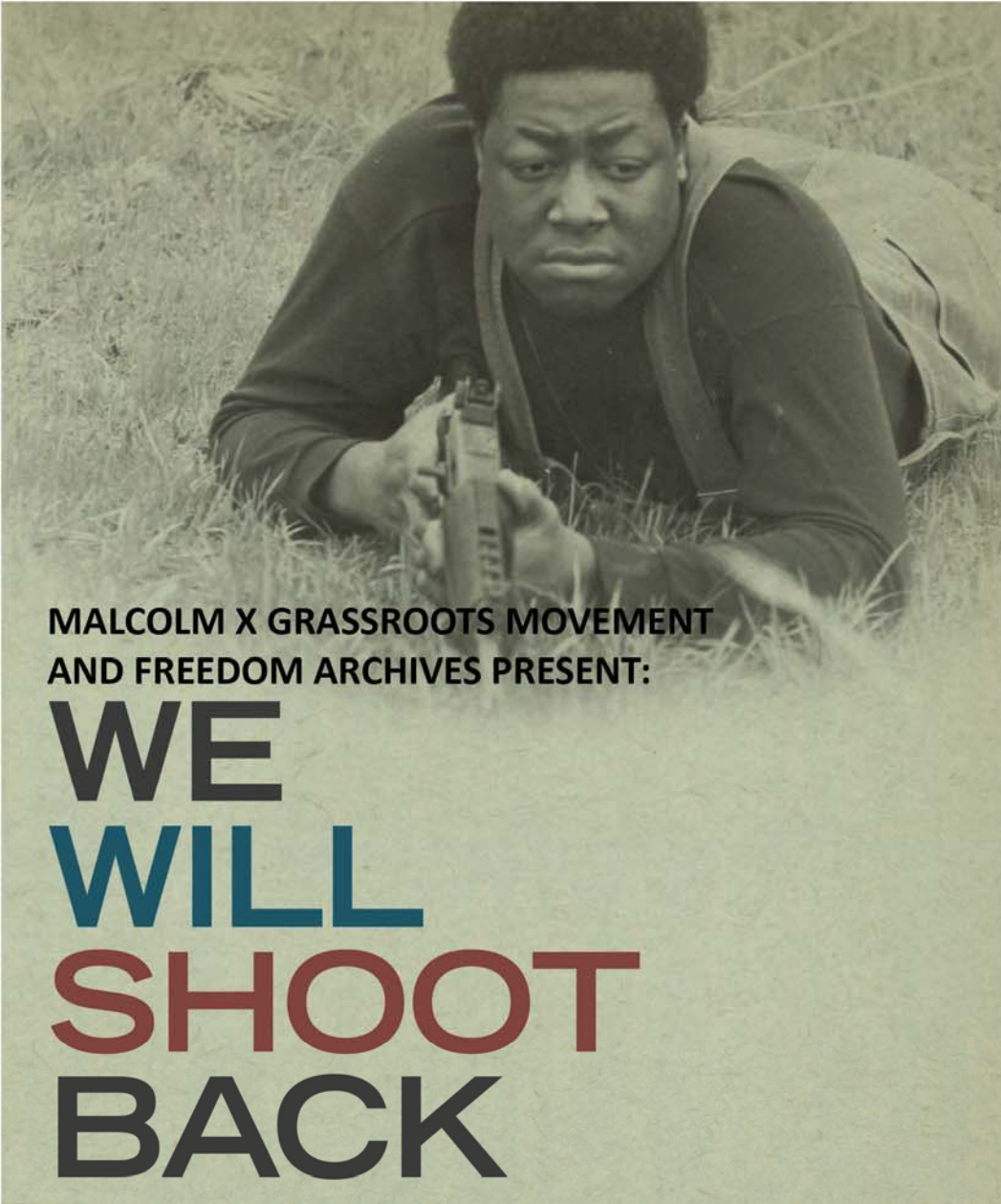
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