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“WHERE ARE the protesters?” [asked](#) several accounts on Twitter early Monday morning, after most Washingtonians had gone to bed and the Web-waves had quieted. Using the hashtag #DCblackout, they claimed that communications downtown had been blocked to cover up police violence. Then came a series of suspicious missives in identical language declaring that all was well — spurring more concern among observers that something fishy really was afoot.

The entire thing was [a ploy](#), carried out through fraudulent accounts and designed, it appears, to instill panic.

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