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Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd
2615 Loring
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Dear Mrs. Lloyd:

Before I left for a conference on the 11th I received your request with reference to the editorial which was presented on KOGO the first week in October, and asking my reactions about the content of it.

I first want to thank you for sending me the request and state that while the board of CIC will be receiving a report from the staff within the next week which will outline all of the things that CIC has been doing in this regard during the last 20 months or so there are a few things I would like to add at this point.

First of all the figures in the editorial are completely in error. Secondly, and more important, perhaps, are the implication of those statistics and this too will be dealt with in our report. But back to the statistics for a moment.

I do not know how the statistics were obtained in the editorial, although it is implied that they are from the Police Department. But I do know that they are very misleading and perhaps imply "Law and Order". It is this implication along with the erroneous statistics that are the concerns of many people who are equally bothered about the editorial.

You may feel free to quote CIC as having indicated to you via official letter that the editorial was in error on the statistics of CIC's complaints, and on any other aspect that is covered in this letter.

In a nutshell we should be dealing with all of these aspects in our report. Hope this has helped you some.

Yours very truly,

Carrol W. Waymon

Mr. Carrol W. Waymon
Executive Director

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Room 502

October 30, 1968

Citizen's Interracial Committee
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Dear Mr. Waymon:

The television editorial given by Clayton Brace created an unfavorable impression towards CIC. We are concerned as to what statements might or might not have been based on fact or partial fact. We wish to know your point of view in this matter.

Sincerely,

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A KOGO EDITORIAL

POLICE BRUTALITY

We hear a lot of gripes these days about police brutality in San Diego. If we're to believe certain critics, our local police have been guilty of hundreds of cases of brutality.

Now...how much of such talk is based on fact, and how much is fiction? Here are the statistics, just released by Chief of Police Roed:

In the 15-month period ending in mid-September, the San Diego Police Department received 261 complaints alleging misconduct by officers. These ranged from allegations of rudeness to charges of false imprisonment. Ninety-one percent of these complaints were made directly to the department.

The Citizens Interracial Committee, for some time, has made a big thing of police brutality. The charge is made regularly by its officials, and at Dialogue sessions run by the CIC.

Remember, now, there were 261 complaints officially logged. Of these, only 13 came from the CIC...yet the CIC is supposed to function as the clearing house for such matters.

The department's Internal Investigations Unit checked into every one of the 261 complaints. Their investigative procedures can stand the most rigorous examination, and not the slightest shadow of suspicion has ever been cast on their methods by any responsible source. In these 261 cases, the police department found supportive evidence in 45 which led to disciplining of the officers involved. As for the 13 complaints from the CIC, 11 were found lacking in supportive evidence.

Now, that's one side of the coin. Here's the other: in that same 15-month period, San Diego police officers made some 72,000 arrests. In the same period, they also issued 381,000 moving-violation citations and warnings, conducted some 200,000 field interrogations and contacted more than 200,000 witnesses.

That's a total of more than 800,000 contacts between officers and citizens. In each contact, the potential existed for misconduct by an officer, and for a citizen's complaint. Yet, only 261 complaints were filed, in more than 800,000 cases. And of these a mere 45 produced sufficient evidence to justify discipline.

That's excellent performance by any standard. And we think it's time to set the record straight. The image of the police officer has suffered needless damage in recent months, thanks largely to irresonsible charges based more on emotion than on fact.

It is self-evident that society cannot survive without a well-disciplined, dedicated police force. It is also self-evident that such a force cannot itself survive without the strong backing of an informed public.

Starting this moment, let's give our police the firm and unrestricted support they need...and deserve.

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