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Dear Friend:

Recently the nation has been startled by the activities of Negroes in Harlem, Rochester, Boston, etc. On July 27, 1964, ANVIL was informed that the same situation was about to take place in Newark on July 29, 1964. Our preliminary investigations proved that the information was correct and a race riot was being planned for that coming Wednesday. Immediately we sent telegrams to the ten (10) Negro leaders in the City requesting that they meet with us and the Mayor. We notified the Mayor and the police. We advised the Mayor to step in and help us.

Not only did the Mayor cooperate, but he notified an additional fifty (50) people to be present at the meeting and he tried to help in any way he could. ANVIL had a detailed plan of action to that meeting and passed out copies of that plan to the Mayor, the police, the clergy, etc. I am happy to say that most of the plan was followed, and the riot was prevented. For some reason, the newspapers, radio, etc. refused to acknowledge the fact that ANVIL had any part in this effort, and credit was given to everyone else but ANVIL. This is not important, the important thing is that the riot was prevented, and the few skirmishes that took place were broken up almost immediately.

Now we are in the after phase. What can we do to prevent this from happening again? ANVIL has given another plan of action to the Mayor. This is known as the ANVIL Counseling Center which will be set up in the heart of the Central Ward. Please read the attached sheet and see what the Center has to offer, then make your decision as to whether or not you will help us.

Respectfully yours,

Francis L. Warren
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