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The Honorable Hugh J. Addonizio
Mayor of Newark
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mayor Addonizio:

The Executive Committee of the United Community Corporation which has a membership over 10,000 people, met at a regularly scheduled meeting on July 13, 1967. It was the unanimous sense of the Executive Committee that there are very serious and emergent charges of misconduct by the police of this city. Therefore, the Executive Committee has the following resolutions to assist in dealing with the present crisis:

1. The Executive Committee urges the immediate suspension, without pay, of the two officers, Patrolmen John De Simone and Vito Pantrelli, involved in the alledged beating of the Newark cab driver, John William Smith.
2. The Executive Committee requests from the Mayor of Newark and the Director of the Police Department that those citizens that come forward and bring charges of police brutality against any members of the police department not be charged with false swearing should their complaints not result in an indictment by the grand jury or other departmental disciplinary action.
3. The Executive Committee urges that the Mayor use his influence and join us in asking the County Prosecutor to convene a special grand jury to conduct an investigation of charges made against members of the Police Department.
4. The Executive Committee recommends that the Administrative Personnel in the 4th Precinct be composed of Negro officers during the duration of the crisis and that qualified Negro officers be elevated to leadership positions in the police department immediately.

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The Executive Committee of the UCC is deeply concerned and we urge the Mayor to take at least these first steps outlined above in an attempt to channel the crisis into a constructive direction.

Very truly yours,

Timothy Still
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President

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